

SECTION VI: Appendices

Appendix VI: Guidelines for Coaching Gymkhana

Photocopy as needed. One copy should be given to the coach; a signed copy should be retained by the organizer.

Penalties for violating these coaching guidelines will be assessed by the discipline ground jury and/or overall ground jury under the rules governing unauthorized assistance. Any coach not adhering to the rules set forth below may be removed from their position for the duration of the phase and/or competition.

Coaches are recommended for Gymkhana Rallies and Championships. There may be one or more coaches per team; the organizer or ring steward may limit the number of coaches in a warm-up area at any given time.

Agreement:

By signing this form, you:

- Agree to be familiar with and observe all USPC By-Laws, Policies and competition rules.
- Agree to be governed by Horse Management guidelines as expected of competitors, including appropriate attire, footwear and conduct.
- Agree to adhere to the USPC Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Policies in all your actions and decisions.
- Agree to conduct yourself in a fair and courteous manner.

Coaches Must:

- Attend any official coaches briefings.
- Be familiar with, understand and comply with the current USPC discipline and Horse Management rules.
- Be aware of the welfare of horse and rider.
- Wear identification provided by the organizer during the competition times.
- Follow all discipline coach parameters outlined in the discipline rulebook.
- Assist competitors in learning and understanding all rules pertinent to the competition.
- Help any Pony Club competitor who asks for help or who is present without a coach.

Coaches Must Not:

- Enter the barn except during authorized visiting times.
- Interfere with the immediate care of the mount under penalty of elimination of the competitor.

- Give lessons in the warm up area.
- Be the organizer, and member of the organizing committee or any other official of the competition.
- Be a team chaperone.

Coaching Duties:

- Warming-up competitors for competition in the designated warm-up areas only. In addition, a coach may lead a competitor's mount into the arena area.
- Coaches may observe but not participate in (unless requested), soundness checks or horse inspections.
- Meet with the team to discuss ride times, planning and how to best utilize the coach within the team.

Communications between coaches and competitors:

- Coaches may communicate with the competitors during the official briefing and any subsequent briefings as required by the organizer and in the warm-up area prior to and following the competitors ride.
- Coaches may accompany competitors during their ride, arena inspection, course walks or any other subsequent times competition areas are open for warm-up, during which they may give advice and coach.

Competitors who wish to coach while competing:

Championships competitors who are 18 years of age as of January 1 of the competition year may coach other members recognizing that:

- No scheduling changes will be made to accommodate coaching /riding times.
- Care of mount and other competitor responsibilities take precedence over coaching.

Please list the competitors/teams whom you are coaching:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

All phase coaches must sign that they have read this sheet:

I have read and agree to follow the USPC Gymkhana Rulebook and above guidelines for coaching.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Team (Region) _____

Coach Cell Phone Number _____ Coach Email _____