



BCLM Rally Frequently Asked Questions 2024

Please read the BCLM and National Rally rules and follow them to make this a fun and fair competition for everyone. At any time, if you have questions, PLEASE ask your Rally Rep or the Rally Chair.

What is the cost of Rally?

Rally is all inclusive for participants (camping, stabling, meals, competition). Fees are **TBD** and will be posted here shortly – for reference, last year's fees were \$300 per BCLM participant and \$350 for non-BCLM participants.

What does the Rally schedule typically look like?

Wednesday: Stables set up day (optional, no horses unless paying for additional day)

Thursday: Horses arrive & finish setup, Opening ceremonies, Stable Management ABC judging (D/HM feedback only), Captains/Riders Meeting with TD, Evening Social (Mug Up)

Friday: Trot-up, Dressage, Stable Management, Captains Quiz & Group Game, Mug Up

Saturday: Cross country, Stable Management, Grooms Round, Mug Up

Sunday: Trot-up, Stadium jumping, closing ceremonies & tear down

What are the additional fun activities for this year?

- To celebrate the Paris 2024 events, this year's theme is the **Olympics**. Teams are encouraged to dress in theme/team colours for the opening ceremonies and incorporate/decorate the stable area (tack room/stall chart/feed chart/etc) in this theme as you'd like. There will be a Best Decoration Award presented!
- Team skits are also back again for one evening's entertainment during Mug Up (hot chocolate gathering). Added points towards overall team awards will be earned!
- Swimming / playing in the creek is back for a relaxing afternoon activity on Saturday. Bring your swimsuit and water shoes/sandals help too.
 - Swimming is allowed during **designated** days/times with a lifeguard on duty.
 - A supervisor must accompany each group along the dyke and stay at the swimming hole
 - Pinnies are to be worn along the dyke – only remove them to swim.

What is does 'Set up' consist of?

- Setting up of stalls, tack and feed rooms may occur any time after 12pm on Wednesday. Teams must use assigned stalls.
- Horses to arrive on Thursday, if you need to bring your horse on Wednesday fill out that form on your Entry and pay stall fee to BCLM rally. Note if you ride your horse on Wednesday must pay for a MREC day pass and are only allowed to use the warm-up ring.

How do I get my entry package (numbers, pinny, etc.)?

- Show office opens Thursday at 10:00am.
- Branch Rally Reps will bring passports for their branch members along with completed facility waivers.
- Team Packages will only be distributed once paperwork is complete, and passports handed in.



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- Packages include: 1 pinny per participant, official programs, rider numbers, course maps, additional information and complimentary Rally t-shirts!
- Packages are required to be picked up before the Opening ceremonies as each participant is required to wear their pinny.

When does Rally officially begin? What happens?

- Opening ceremonies are at 2:00pm on Thursday.
- Each team will be gathered in team/theme colours for a parade of participants. No horses attend the ceremonies.

As a participant, where can (or cannot) I be?

- Members are to be at rally from Thursday Opening ceremonies till end of rally teardown and may not leave the grounds without special permission from the Rally Chair.
- **No one is to walk the XC alone** – there are bears and general public on the back trails!
- Members are not to go out onto cross country field or dyke in the late evenings due to bear activity.
- Lights-out is at 9:30pm each night. Members are not to use office washroom or be by stalls after this time.
- The MREC Restaurant/Lounge is out of bounds to all competitors during Rally.

How does the judging work?

- Participants can be judged at all times during rally - points are deducted if judges notice anything amiss.
- All team members must always have their pinnies on so that officials know who everyone is.
- Stable Management (SM) judging occurs at specific times at the stable area.
- Riders are judged for their various ridden portions of the competition, and the rider's stable management score also affects their placing.
- The team is also judged on certain aspects such as trot-up and cool out procedures.

Who can help participants at Rally?

- Rally is meant for participants to showcase their horsemanship learnings in a safe, team-based environment. Participants are the "sole" caregivers for their team's horses.
- Teams are able to get assistance with setup and take down (i.e. before and after the competition) of their stabling area.
- Once Rally officially begins, instruction or assistance during the competition is not allowed in the stabling and riding areas except from fellow competitors, judges, coaches and rally officials.
- For rider's safety, a ring steward will be at each warm-up phase and a coach will be available for course walks. The intent of the Ring Stewards is to support safety of the competition and Coaches will be able to advise on questions asked by participants.
 - Other coaches are allowed, however, must be insured (same as requirements for teaching PC sessions) and be willing to support during any safety issues and/or questions asked by any participant.
 - Captains are allowed to support team members during competition. It is highly recommended that each Rider meet with their regular riding instructor and Captain to ensure an appropriate warm-up plan is in place for the Rider and their horse/pony.



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What should I pack?

A weekend competition means a lot of things to bring for you, your team, and your horses! See the **Rally Equipment & Stable Management Setup** list on the [BCLM Rally webpage](#).

What equipment and stable management items do I need to know?

- Review **Rally Equipment & Stable Management Setup** list [BCLM Rally webpage](#) for required items.
- For tack room:
 - Thursday night SM - only need dressage tack (saddle, bridle)
 - Friday night SM – need dressage and cross country tack (saddle, bridle)
 - Saturday night SM – need cross country and stadium tack (saddle, bridle)
 - All saddle pads and splint boots used need to remain in tack or feed room for the weekend.

What signage do I need to create?

Horse charts or posters are required to be created by each participant to share some information about themselves and either the horse/pony brought to Rally or another mount back at home. Themes can be incorporated!

Each team needs to have some posters/charts created to help share information about themselves and their horses/ponies.

- **Team Poster** – includes info on team such as team name, entry numbers and pictures about your team. Gets posted in your tack room.
- **Horse/Rider Poster** – 1 per horse/pony; gets posted on the stall door. Must include:
 - Rider name, age, PC level
 - Team number and name
 - Horse breed, height, gender, colour, age, division level competing, usual temperature, pulse, respirations
 - Usual Farrier name & phone #, usual Vet name & phone #
 - Rally Farrier name & phone #, Rally Vet name & phone # (will be supplied to Captains)
- **Groom Poster** - Grooms are also welcome to make up their own poster with information similar to that of the Horse/Rider chart about themselves and a pony/horse they have or use. Gets posted in the tack room.
- **Feed Schedule** – 1 per horse/pony; gets posted in the feed room. Must include:
 - Team number and name
 - Rider number
 - Horse name
 - Feed schedule
 - Medications
 - Note about water being accessible at all times and if succulents can be given.



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What do I wear?

During the competition some specific clothing, footwear and accessories are required or preferred during certain phases/times. Please see the chart below.

Item	Captain, Grooms, Riders	Captain, Grooms	Riders			
	Stable Area	Trot-ups		Dressage	Cross Country	Stadium
Participant Pinny: worn at ALL times except during swimming, sleeping, or otherwise noted	✓	✓	✓	Entry #	✓	Entry #
Pony Club Pin	posted on corkboard	✓	✓	✓		✓
Armband				optional	optional	optional
Paddock Boots	✓	✓	✓ or show attire			
Team colours: pants/shorts, shirt, socks	✓	✓				
Show attire: tall boots or paddock boots & matching half chaps, breeches, shirt, stock/choker/tie, stock pin*, show jacket	✓		✓ if close to ride time	✓		✓ *no stock pin
Cross Country attire: tall boots or paddock boots & matching half chaps, breeches, shirt	✓				✓	
Helmet must fit snugly (no hair inside) with chin strap done up tight.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gloves		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Body Protector (meet or exceed EC Requirements [^]) [^] Rally exception to EC rule: riders may choose to wear an air vest over show jacket without wearing a rigid vest - upon TD's approval only				✓ optional	✓	✓ optional
Stopwatch					✓ optional	
Whip – refer to EC rules for length		✓	✓	✓ optional	✓ optional	✓ optional

What horse-related things should I know?

- Only horses being used by the Riders should be brought to Rally.



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- Horse must be suitable for rally environment as they will be handled by grooms and inspected by judges.
- Horses are allowed to be hand walked in the cross-country field for exercise, but not past first clump of trees. Do not present the horse to any jumps.
- No horses in the creek ever!
- Lunging is allowed in the dressage ring in the cross-country field only. To support safety, members lower than C2 will need to partner with another qualified member (as per Pony Club testing requirements) to lunge the horse/pony where necessary.
- Wash racks for horses must be kept clean and all manure to be picked up at the wash racks and areas surrounding the stables. Points will be deducted if items left behind.
- Review Pony Club trot up and cool-out procedures and practice!
- Riders should be aware of the excessive whip use rule and understand the speed fault time for cross country.

What are some tack-related things to know?

- Tack that was used stays in tack room to show it was cleaned properly after use. All tack and equipment must remain in tack room from Thursday till Sunday (other than the saddles as specified below). Judges will be noting if tack has left the tack room once rally started.
- If both dressage and jumping saddles are being used, then both saddles to be in for Thursday's stable management inspection, after which the jumping saddle can come out until Saturday. If needed, saddles can be stacked on top of each other for this situation. The dressage saddle can come out after Friday stable management inspection. Because of theft concern, saddles are allowed to be taken out of tack room and locked up from 8pm to 7am.
- Refer to EC rules for tack specifications for each phase, including whip lengths, bit types, martingales etc. A rules reference will be included in the participant entry package.

What dressage tests will be used, and what help is allowed?

- **Dressage Tests** are EC Eventing 2023 tests as follows:
 - S69 (Starter) and PE77 (Pre-Entry) = **EV85 Test 1**
 - EV85 (Entry) = **EV85 Test 2**
 - EV90 (Pre-training) = **EV90 Test 1**
- During dressage, the rider may have a team member close the gate.
- D riders may have their tests called by a team member. ABC riders may not have their tests called.

How does the camping work?

- Camping area is designated to each branch. You will find a map showing the area for your branch at the stables.
- No cars may be parked on emergency road in camp area.
- Generators may run in designated times only- these will be given out at the supervisor meeting on Thursday.
- Lights out by 9:30pm. Participants need to get up early and be well-rested for the day.
- NO ALCOHOL in the camping area/during rally as per CPC rally rules.



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- NO SMOKING anywhere except in the front parking lot by the pub.
- Dogs are allowed but must be on leash at all times and **ONLY** in camp area.
- No motorized vehicles allowed at Rally (mini bikes, mopeds, and scooters).
- No bikes in stable area at all.
- Showers are available for \$1.

What do the Team Chaperones (Supervisors) do?

- There must be one chaperone per team designated at all times and are responsible for the safety of youth during the event. We recommend creating a rotation and posting it at a white board in your campsite.
- Chaperones are the only non-participants that are allowed inside the stable area and **must wear their badges** when visiting the stables.
- Chaperones may bring snacks, drinks, and sunscreen to the stables at any time and are encouraged to make sure participants are staying well hydrated.
- Chaperones should know where all the members of their team are at all times, and have emergency contacts posted at campsite.
- If any team members want to partake in the creek swim time, a Supervisor must be in attendance at the creek.
- Post the safety drill procedure. Captains and Chaperones are to know where to meet.
- Chaperones are to address any members of their branch not following rules. If they have any concerns about a member from another club, do not talk to them directly except to prevent an unsafe situation. For any non-emergency concerns, go directly to your Rally Rep or the Rally Chair. If you observe any parent breach, Rally Chair will address it.
- Chaperones must not consume alcohol.

What about participant meals and food?

- All meals once Rally begins are included for participants including Thursday dinner, Friday lunch & dinner, Saturday lunch & dinner, and Sunday lunch.
- Parents and other attendees may buy meal tickets for specific meals, cook at the campsite, or eat at the on-site pub/restaurant.
- Hydration is key! Ensure to have a cooler with ice and cold drinks available in the team's tack room. Water bottle refilling stations will be available throughout the grounds.
- Breakfasts and snacks throughout the day are the responsibility of parents.
- Bears are around! Food areas must be left spotless to avoid attracting them. Pick up **ALL** garbage (teams could lose points for this). Captains and supervisors should check the meal area when the team leaves. The tent area where competitors eat **MUST** be left spotless.
- Garbage to be set out before 7 p.m. or else take directly to bins by restaurant, separate and use recycle bins please.



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Are there any other tips?

- **CELL phones** - Cell phones are not allowed in the competition areas (stables, arenas, food tent, etc.) unless required for medical purposes (i.e. diabetes management, etc.). If a phone is required, the show committee must be advised. Cell phones may be kept in your camp area.
- D teams and any ABC teams can request to have an ABC mentor for support and guidance with any questions.
- There is always a communication board posted at the end of the stable for any notices or new info. Supervisors and Captains should check it regularly for information and updates.

What do we do when Rally ends?

- Tear down may commence after last Stadium Rider and must pause during closing ceremonies.
- Closing ceremonies will commence as soon as the scores are compiled (usually around 2pm).
- No vehicles are allowed in stable area until after closing ceremonies.
- All stalls must be completely stripped and spotless. They will be checked and if they do not pass inspection, your branch will be charged a \$125.00 clean out fee.
- Please thank all the volunteers!!

Who do I go to with my questions?

- Before Rally – please reach out to your Rally Rep, DC or email bclmrally@gmail.com.
- **ANY** questions or concerns or suggestions during rally, please bring them to the attention of the Rally Chair, there will be a mediation committee to assist with any concerns not addressed by ground jury.