

CENTRAL ONTARIO REGION

REGIONAL RALLY RULES (A/B/C) 1999

These Rules shall be used at all Central Ontario Regional Rallies. If a matter occurs which is not covered by these rules, the most recent "Canadian Pony Club Rules for Rallies" shall apply.

Rallies shall be run according to the current C.E.F. Eventing Rules except where otherwise stated in these Pony Club Rules. Although some portions of the C.E.F. rules have been included in this set of Rules, it is done for convenience only and is not intended to imply that all applicable C.E.F. Rules are included here.

A Central Ontario Regional Rally shall have two main parts, each one bringing out the teachings of Pony Club:

A. RIDING

This part is divided into the three phase horse trial:

1. Dressage
2. Endurance
3. Stadium Jumping

B. PRACTICAL WORK AND KNOWLEDGE

Stable Management and oral knowledge.

FORMAT OF COMPETITION

The Competition may take place in the form of a One-Day Horse Trial, or in the form of a Three-Day Combined Event, at the discretion of the Rally Organizing Committee, and depending upon the facilities available and the needs of the Region.

Should the Three-Day format be used, the Endurance day shall consist of Phase C - Roads and Tracks and Phase D - Cross Country. A Colour Parade should be part of the final day of the Rally.

If there are any rules in this document which seem to apply only to One-Day Horse Trials and further clarification is necessary, please refer to the most current "Canadian Pony Club Rules for Rallies".

It is recommended that the Stable Management Judging be documented on the most current "Canadian Pony Club Rules for Rallies" Stable Management Assessment Sheets provided within this document.

ELIGIBILITY

DIVISIONS

Any of the following divisions may be made available to competitors, at the discretion of the Rally Organizing Committee:

1. ENTRY
2. PRE-TRAINING
3. TRAINING
4. PRELIMINARY

Each division is open to all, with the exceptions noted below. Competitors may enter any division; however, those participating in the Entry division are not eligible to qualify at any Canadian Pony Championship Rally or Invitational Rally offered that year. Competitors are encouraged to participate at the level at which they regularly compete during the season, or the highest level of difficulty at which they are comfortable.

Dimensions of obstacles, speeds, distances, dressage tests to be used, time alloweds, optimum times, time limits, number of jumping efforts, etc. are all as per the current Canadian Equestrian Federation Rules for Eventing. See Appendix I.

HORSES

1. Any horse, regardless of the rider, who has competed in the current or previous year in a recognized C.C.T.A. Event at an Intermediate or Open Level must compete at the highest division offered.
2. No stallions are to be ridden at rallies.
3. Horses may be ridden only once in any competition.
4. The same horse shall be ridden by the same rider throughout all three phases of the competition.
5. All horses must either be the property of the member, or have been regularly ridden at Pony Club meets by a member and be so certified by the District Commissioner, at the time of making entries.
6. Four years is the minimum age allowed for all competition. Horses competing at National Championships must be at least five years of age.

ELIGIBILITY (cont'd)

RIDERS

1. Members of 'A', 'B' or 'C' standing may compete in any division at rallies, and will be judged on stable management, turn out and any other practical tests equally.
2. No competitor is eligible unless his dues have been paid and his insurance form signed for the current year.
3. Members must have attended at least 60% of their branch activities over the last 12 months, or since joining, unless the District Commissioner certifies that illness or other circumstances have made it impossible.
4. Only branches in good standing with the National Pony Club and their Region may compete.
5. Entry forms must be signed by the District Commissioner and by an Instructor who has seen the proposed competitors in action.

TYPE OF ENTRY

1. Competitors may enter in only one Division in any one competition and may ride only one horse in that Division.
2. Competitors will normally enter as individuals; however, at the discretion of the Rally Organizing Committee, team competition may be offered. Branches may form their own teams, or individuals from different branches may be placed on combined teams.
3. Team composition, if any, is to be determined by the Rally Organizing Committee, using the C.P.C. Rules for Rallies as a guide.

CAPTAINS

1. There shall be one designated Captain per branch, either riding or non-riding, who is responsible for all the branch's competitors and sees that all members follow all rules and regulations of the competition.
2. It is the Captain's responsibility to transmit to the branch's members any changes or additional instructions which may be given, affecting competitors.
3. It is the responsibility of the officials to see that all Captains are personally notified of any such changes, rather than transmitting such information to other individuals, so that confusion and misunderstanding will not ensue.
4. Grooms must have successfully passed their 'D' Standard Test and be at least ten years of age. Grooms need not be from the same branch. A maximum of one groom per competitor is permitted, but not required.

ELIGIBILITY (cont'd)

SUBSTITUTIONS AND CANCELLATIONS

1. After the closing date for entries, no substitution may be made of horse or rider except in cases of illness, lameness, or other unavoidable circumstances, which must be certified by the District Commissioner and accompanied by a doctor's or veterinarian's certificate if applicable.
2. Any cancellation of entry prior to the entry closing date shall not be penalized.
3. Any cancellation of entry after the entry closing date in cases of illness, lameness, or other unavoidable circumstances shall not be penalized as long as it is certified by the District Commissioner and accompanied by a doctor's or veterinarian's certificate if applicable.
4. Any cancellation of entry after the entry closing date which is not certified by the District Commissioner and accompanied by a doctor's or veterinarian's certificate will result in no fees being refunded.

AWARDS

1. Awards will be given separately for each division offered.
2. Ribbons shall be presented to a minimum of 5th place, maximum of 10th place, for overall awards. Individual phase placings may be awarded at the discretion of the Rally Organizing Committee.
3. Whenever possible (mandatory for Three-Day Combined Event), a mounted parade, with all competitors properly turned out, shall precede prize-giving and be the climax of the Rally. Turn out, Dress, Saddlery - as per Stadium Jumping.
4. Results may be recorded in Canadian Pony Club Passports.

OFFICIALS AND JUDGING

TECHNICAL DELEGATE

The Technical Delegate (T.D.) must have at least Recorded status with the current Canadian Equestrian Federation Officials Directory and is appointed by and responsible to the Organizing Committee.

JUDGES

1. No Judge may be a member of the Organizing Committee.
2. Stable Management Judges should have previous Pony Club Rally experience, either as a competitor, parent, organizer, or judge.
3. Dressage Judges must have at least recorded status with the current Canadian Equestrian Federation Officials Directory.

GROUND JURY

The Ground Jury will consist of three members. The appointed President of the Ground Jury will be designated its Chairman. One of its members shall be chosen from the Stable Management Judges, the other shall be appointed from the Dressage or Stadium Jumping Judges, or other competent horsemen.

The Ground Jury may direct Stewards to patrol the endurance course, whether mounted or unmounted, and to report the conduct of any competitor which is not in the spirit of the competition. The Ground Jury shall decide whether the competitor is to be penalized.

PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS

1. The Ground Jury will hear all protests and complaints on all matters pertaining to the Rally.
2. Only Team Captains may lodge objections, in writing. Objections must be delivered to either the Chairman of the Organizing Committee or to a member of the Ground Jury, within one hour of the objectionable occurrence, or where it concerns a matter of scoring, within thirty minutes of the posting of all scores for the test in question.
3. The adult team supervisor must be present at all hearings of objections or protests by the Ground Jury.
4. In matters pertaining to Stable Management or mounted events, it is recommended that the Veterinarian and the Technical Delegate be included in the Ground Jury's investigations and deliberations so they may advise, but not vote, on the final decision.
5. The Ground Jury shall ensure that all objections or protests are investigated and adjudicated at the first possible opportunity after the delivery of the written objection.
6. The decision of the Ground Jury shall be final. There shall be no appeal.

OFFICIALS AND JUDGING (cont'd)

NUMBERS

1. To facilitate judging, all competitors, including riders, captains and grooms must wear numbers at all times.
2. Numbers should be visible on all equipment.

SCORING

The entire Rally is to be judged on a penalty point basis, as per the current C.E.F. Rules for Eventing.

In addition to the penalties assessed during the Riding phases of competition, penalties may be assessed during the Stable Management phase of competition and added to the Individual's Overall Score and/or Team's Overall Score. These Stable Management penalties may also be used to award individual or team placings in this phase, at the discretion of the Rally Organizing Committee.

A competitor who has been eliminated may continue to compete provided that:

For the test in which he is eliminated, he shall be deemed to have incurred the following penalties:

1. Dressage - Worst score plus 20 additional penalties
2. Cross Country (& Roads and Tracks, if applicable) - Worst score plus 50 additional penalties
3. Stadium Jumping - Worst score plus 15 additional penalties
4. Stable Management - Worst score plus 30 additional penalties

Note: The worst score shall be that of a competitor finishing last among those not eliminated in that test.

No individual or team which has been eliminated at any point may place ahead of an individual or team which was not eliminated for any ribbon or trophy.

GENERAL RULES

1. No smoking permitted at any time on the Rally grounds or in the Stable area. Anyone breaking this rule will cause the individual to be disqualified.
2. No competitor will be allowed to leave the grounds without permission from a member of the Rally Organizing Committee.
3. Team Adult Supervisors are permitted to visit the team tack room and stable area at designated times, to ensure the well-being of competitors and mounts, but are not to render physical assistance, except in the interests of safety.
4. The Team Adult Supervisor is to supervise only, not to coach.
5. A competitor may be disqualified for any substantial reason such as:
poor sportsmanship
dangerous riding
lame, sick or exhausted horse
but may only take place after a hearing presided over by the Ground Jury, with the competitor, the competitor's Adult Supervisor and the Team Captain present.
6. A team shall possess those medicines and equipment which are strictly in the nature of first aid or regular stable use. The team shall not possess any drugs, syringes or needles.
7. Any horse to which drugs are administered as stimulant, depressant, tranquilizer, analgesic or anaesthetic is not eligible to compete. This rule does not apply to a horse to which drugs have been administered by or at the direction of a veterinarian, in attendance at the Rally, to relieve an injury suffered at or in connection with, the Rally. If a member is using a horse which requires internal medication, other than the above which are banned, the Ground Jury must be informed, in writing from the competitor's own veterinarian, of the medication to be used and its purpose.
8. The use or possession of controlled dangerous substances, such as marijuana, is forbidden. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages is likewise forbidden. Failure to abide by this rule is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including elimination.
9. When a Three-Day format is used, there will be three inspections of all horses to determine which horses, if any, are not in proper condition to take part in or to continue to take part in the event. These inspections will take place before the start of the event, between the end of Phase C and start of Phase D of the Endurance Test, and before the start of the Stadium Jumping Test. For the second inspection, a compulsory halt of 10 minutes must be inserted in the timetable. For inspections 1 & 3, riders' attire to be as per Stadium Jumping. When a One-Day format is used, there will be one inspection at the completion of the Cross Country Test. Competitors may be asked to return to the veterinarian after initial inspection so that the horse's recovery can be monitored.

ATTIRE

DRESS

Correct showing attire shall be worn with competitor's number clearly shown. Attire must be clean and in good repair and boots must be polished. A Hard Hat or Crash Helmet, manufactured for the purpose of equestrian activities, with an attached safety harness, must be worn at all times when mounted. If hat comes off during competition, the competitor must not proceed until it has been replaced. Ignoring this rule will be penalized by elimination. Handing the hat to the rider does not constitute unauthorized assistance. Jackets must be worn for Dressage and Stadium Jumping, except, if in the opinion of the Rally Organizing Committee, weather makes this impractical. If stock ties are worn, these should be properly tied and secured with a pin. Cross Country - shirts with sleeves and medical armbands must be worn. Pony Club pins should not be worn for safety reasons. It is strongly recommended that competitors wear a suitably fitted body protection vest designed for this purpose.

HATS

All Pony Club riders must wear protective head gear with harness secured at all times when mounted. It is strongly recommended that this head gear meet or exceed current applicable standards established by A.S.T.M. (American Society for Testing and Materials) or B.S.I. (British Standards Association, Australia / New Zealand) or equivalent.

Central Ontario Region of the Canadian Pony Club makes no representation or warranty, express or implied about any protective head gear, and that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such head gear, as horseback riding involves an inherent dangerous risk and no head gear can protect against all injuries, foreseeable or unforeseeable. The parent or guardian of any Pony Club rider is responsible to determine that the appropriate protective head gear is worn and such head gear is properly fitted and in good condition as Central Ontario Region of Canadian Pony Club and its branches, committees or activity organizers are not responsible for checking head gear worn by Pony Club riders.

TACK AND TURN OUT

The inspection for turn out shall be made immediately before the competitor begins his/her warm up for the Dressage Test, before the Endurance Phase and before the Stadium Jumping Phase.

DRESSAGE: Tack and turn out as per Canadian Equestrian Federation rules, plus Canadian Pony Club pin and disc

ENDURANCE: Tack and turn out as per Canadian Equestrian Federation rules,
Plus: Overgirth strongly recommended
Body protection vest strongly recommended
Medical armbands mandatory as of January 1, 1999
No Canadian Pony Club pin and disc

STADIUM JUMPING: Tack and turn out as per Canadian Equestrian Federation rules,
plus: Canadian Pony Club pin and disc

STABLE MANAGEMENT

1. If a Three-Day format is used (and whenever possible if a One-Day format), Stable Management Judges should discuss expectations with the competitors prior to the start of judging. The purpose of this phase of competition is to give to the competitors an opportunity to demonstrate the practical aspects of horse care and stable work that they will have been taught through their Branch activities.
2. Time should be provided for the Stable Management Judges to address the competitors before the end of the competition (for a Three-Day, at the completion of each competitive day).
3. In no way are tack rooms or trailer areas to be judged for colour, artistic achievement, originality, etc. Clean and workmanlike tack rooms and trailer areas are all that is required.
4. Wherever possible, checks of horses and tack should be made in the presence of either the rider or the Captain to allow the Judge to point out why a penalty is assessed and written explanation should be provided on the daily Stable Management Sheet.
5. In case of infractions which cannot be assessed against an individual, the penalty points may be assessed against the team (if there is a team competition).
6. Stable Management penalties assessed must be posted each day on master score sheet.

COACHING

The Rally is a competition during which Pony Club members should be encouraged to demonstrate their horsemanship abilities, knowledge, independence and responsibility. It also provides an excellent opportunity to educate and broaden the existing knowledge of a large portion of the Region's higher level members.

With these objectives in mind, coaches are permitted to walk the Cross Country course with the competitor, during the time provided to the competitors to re-walk the course following the Official Course Walk.

STABLE MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT SHEET
(To be used for a One-Day Format Rally - Individual Competitors)

Competitor's Number: _____

Branch: _____

DRESSAGE (maximum penalty points - 10)

Rider: Dressage turn out, neatness, correct dress, P. C. pin

Horse: Dressage turn out, correct clean tack, clean horse

Dressage penalty points assigned: _____

ENDURANCE: (maximum penalty points - 20)

Rider: Endurance turn out, neatness, correct dress (including arm band)

Horse: Endurance turn out, correct clean tack, clean horse, safety

Cool Out (including presentation to vet at completion of Cross Country):
complete equipment organization, proper care of horse

Endurance penalty points assigned: _____

STADIUM JUMPING: (maximum penalty points - 10)

Rider: Stadium turn out, neatness, correct dress, P. C. pin

Horse: Stadium turn out, correct clean tack, clean horse, safety

Stadium penalty points assigned: _____

GENERAL (maximum penalty points – 20)

Stall or Trailer Area: Organization of equipment, preparation i.e. complete first aid kit

General penalty points assigned: _____

TOTAL PENALTY POINTS: _____

CENTRAL ONTARIO REGION
CODE OF BEHAVIOUR AT
PONY CLUB COMPETITIONS

CODE FOR RIDERS

1. Ride for the sake of riding, whatever your style, level or horse.
2. Respect your horse and all other horses and care for their needs first at all times.
3. Be generous in winning.
4. Be graceful in losing.
5. Be fair at all times, no matter what the cost may be.
6. Be obedient to the rules.
7. Work for the good of the team, the club, the community of riders.
8. Accept the decisions of the officials gracefully.
9. Trust in the honesty of your opponents.
10. Conduct yourself, at all times, with honour and dignity.
11. Recognize and applaud honestly and wholeheartedly, the efforts of your teammates or opponents, regardless of colour, creed or race.

CODE FOR TEAM SUPERVISORS

1. The main aim of riding is enjoyment.
2. The rules are to be regarded as mutual agreements, the spirit or letter of which no one should try to evade or break.
3. Visiting riders and team spectators are guests and should be treated as such.
4. No advantages, except those of superior skill, are to be sought over others.
5. Officials and opponents are to be regarded and treated as honest in intention.
6. Decisions of officials, no matter how unfair they may seem, are to be accepted without appearance of vexation.
7. To win a competition is always desirable. But to win, at any cost, defeats the purpose of the activity.
8. Losing can be a triumph when the best has been given.
9. The greatest good to the greatest number is the ideal.
10. The Golden Rule in life is to treat other persons as you, yourself, would like to be treated.