



Western Ontario ABCD Rally 2024
August 10th, 2024
Caledon Riding Club, 15747 Creditview Road, Caledon, Ontario



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Entry Information: Teams consisting of 4 Riders, 3 Grooms & 1 Captain who have completed at a minimum a complete D-Test (1 untested E member may be assigned as Groom in-training but not counted towards points)

This is a waste free event and for biosecurity reasons you are responsible to take home all horse manure.

Unmounted Competitors – Stable Management

Captains \$0. Non-riding

- Captains will be a senior Pony Clubber who is at least D2 tested and knows the Rally Rules (see WOR Rally Rules and CPC Rally Rules).

Grooms \$0. Non-riding

- Grooms must be D tested and will be judged as part of the Stable Management competition

Optional Groom in Training \$0. – opportunity to learn all that is required at Rally

- One untested E member may be assigned as a Groom in Training per team under DC recommendation of their ability and maturity to attend the event (they do not count towards the scoring of the unmounted Stable management competition).
- Entry form with signatures from parent/guardians and DC is required

Mounted Competitors – Riding plus Stable Management

Riders \$100. All entries include a \$10 non-refundable ambulance fee. Grooms/Captains \$0

- Deadline for entries is Friday, July 19, 2024. Entries submitted after this date will be accepted at the discretion of the committee and subject to a \$25.00 late fee. No changes to levels entered after this date.
- No entry will be accepted **WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT and all signatures.**
- Entry fees will NOT be REFUNDED after closing date WITHOUT A VETERINARY OR MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.
- Complete one Individual Entry form for each competitor (Riders, Grooms, Captains). Review the ABC-D Rally Parent information form as part of completing the entry form.
- Review the Volunteer Job Descriptions list and select two jobs you (parent or guardian) would be prepared to do during ABCD Rally. Rate the jobs in your order of preference on the Individual Entry form.
- **Each entry must have a volunteer listed.**
- **Submit your entry form and payment to your branch ABCD Rally representative.** Individual cheques are payable to **your branch.**

Rules

Western Ontario ABCD Rally Rules will be used and can be found on the WOR website. References made to CPC General Rules, CPC National Rally Rules and EC Eventing Rules. Please ensure you and your child are familiar with the complete rules prior to competition. The attached Parent Information Form will provide a basic outline of expectations. Your signature on the individual application form acknowledges your understanding of the expectations and requirements of the level at which your child will compete in ABCD Rally.

RIDING DIVISIONS/LEVELS: Riders must have attended Rally as a Groom/Captain prior to entering as a rider.

NOTE: All horse and rider combinations MUST have completed a cross-country schooling or competition successfully (no rider/horse falls or eliminations) at the level at which they have entered to ride at ABCD Rally within 3 months of the event. Any ABC riders competing at Training level or higher must provide details of a completed EC sanctioned event at Training level or above within the last 12 months (same horse/rider combination). Failure to comply with this rule renders the rider and mount DISQUALIFIED to compete at ABCD Rally. WOR rally rules do not allow a competitor to enter any level above their PC testing level.



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CPC Dressage Tests: <https://www.canadianponyclub.org/activities-events/sports/dressage/dressage-tests>

D Level (Derby) – For D level riders. To be derby style. D and D open courses will be set in an enclosed area. Course to consist of up to 3 cross rails, up to 3 log type fences, and up to 4 compulsory markers. Maximum of 10 efforts. Although cantering is not required, most mounts will go into a canter when on a jumping course and the rider should be able to handle that situation. The maximum course length is 800 meters.

Dressage test (Walk-Trot) is **CPC Starter test #1**

D Open Level – Open to all riders who have recently achieved their D1, and to those D1's who do not feel confident to compete at a higher level. This division will be the same as D Level technically.

D1 Level (EV60, Starter) – D1 and D1 open courses will be set in open fields. Course to consist of 6-10 obstacles with a maximum height and top width of 0.61m and a maximum bottom width of 0.76m. The maximum course length is 1200 meters. Dressage test (Walk, Trot, Canter) will be **CPC Pre-Training Test 1**

D1 Open Level – Open to D2 riders who have recently moved up and do not feel confident enough to complete a full D2 level course or are riding a green horse. This division will be the same as D1 Level technically.

D2 Level (EV78, Pre-Entry) – D2 and D2 open courses will be set in open fields. Course to consist of 10-15 obstacles with a maximum height of 0.78m, maximum top width of 0.90m, and a maximum bottom width of 1.00m. The course length is 1200-1600 meters to be ridden at a speed of 300-350 meters per minute. Speed fault speed is 400 meters per minute. Dressage test will be **CPC Pre-Training Test#2**

D2 Open Level – Open to C riders who have recently moved up and do not feel confident enough to complete a full C level course or are riding a green horse. This division will be the same as D2 Level technically.

C Level (EV85, Entry) – C and C open courses will be set in open fields. Course to consist of 10-18 obstacles with a maximum height of 0.85m, maximum top width of 0.85m, and a maximum bottom width of 1.22m. The course length is 1400-2000 meters to be ridden at a speed of 350 meters per minute. Speed fault speed is 400 meters per minute.

Dressage test will be **EC 2023 Eventing EV 85 Test #2**

C Open Level – Open to C1 riders who have recently moved up and do not feel confident enough to complete a full C1 level course or are riding a green horse. This division will be the same as C Level technically.

C1 Level (EV90, Pre-Training) – C1 and C1 open courses will be set in open fields. Course to consist of 12-22 obstacles with a maximum height of 0.91m, maximum top width of 0.91m, and a maximum bottom width of 1.40m. The course length is 1500-2250 meters to be ridden at a speed of 400 meters per minute. Speed fault speed is 450 meters per minute. Dressage test will be **EC 2023 Eventing EV 90 Test #2**



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C1 Open – Open to C1 riders who have recently moved up and do not feel confident enough to complete a full C1 level course or are riding a green horse. This division will be the same as C1 Level technically.

C2 Level (EV100, Training) – C2 and C2 open courses will be set in open fields. Course to consist of 16-24 obstacles with a maximum height of 1.00m, maximum top width of 1.10m, and a maximum bottom width of 1.60m. The course length is 1800-2500 meters to be ridden at a speed of 450 meters per minute. Speed fault speed is 500 meters per minute. Dressage test will be **EC 2023 Eventing EV 100 Test #2**

C2 Open – Open to A and B riders who have recently moved up and do not feel confident enough to complete a full A or B level course or are riding a green horse. This division will be the same as C2 Level technically.

NOTE: Any “A”, “B” or “C2” level members are welcome to ride any Rally division in the “Open” category and will be scored with other riders of the same level. Cross-country Schooling requirement applies to horse & rider combination.

In most Pony Club activities there is some element of risk that an accident could occur and result in injury or death to a member or their mount. During instruction at Branch and at Regional meetings and/or clinics, members are usually around horses, even when they are not riding. For example, they could be involved with grooming, checking for injuries, etc. There is always a risk of accidents when dealing with large animals even if all known precautions are taken. Riding instruction often involves having riders attempt things which they have never done before or to attempt tasks at a more difficult level than they have done before. Prior to competing in a regional level riding competition, members will have passed one or more Pony Club tests. This means that they have successfully demonstrated a minimum standard set of requirements in a controlled setting. In most cases, their instructors will be preparing these members for the next level of accomplishment, and they will therefore be attempting to do more difficult tasks than the test level that they have passed indicates.

Although all competitors in Regional riding competitions are required to have passed a Pony Club standard test (e.g. “D” or higher for “D-Rally”), this is only a **MINIMUM REQUIREMENT and does not in any way guarantee the capability or safety of the rider/mount when competing in a specific event.** The testing program is designed as a **MINIMUM** set of standards conducted in a very tightly controlled setting for all-round riders while Regional competitions are designed to provide good competition for the BEST Representatives of particular Branches in a specific discipline. In nearly all cases, a member who just meets the minimum requirement based on their Pony Club test level will not be a suitable candidate for Regional competitions. Participation in a Regional or even Zone or National event is not a right but a privilege that must be earned by demonstrating the required capability.

All competitors and parents must also be aware that safe control of a horse under competition circumstances in the presence of crowds of people and other horses is MUCH more difficult than control in a non-competitive situation. Before entering ANY regional competition, the ability of the rider to control the mount **MUST BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED** factoring in the effect of the excitement of the crowds of horses and people, and the stress of the competition itself. Many riders who can safely jump in an arena under instruction, who can safely “hack” across country, do the occasional open field jump, and can play competent games on their home or stable property may still be unprepared for regional riding competitions.



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All competitors NEED to be familiar with the rules. Not knowing the rules and proper “etiquette” for such things as jumper warm-up rings can lead to serious accidents or disqualification. Don’t put your child into an embarrassing or dangerous situation just because you didn’t make sure they knew the rules and expected behavior.

D-Rally is an athletic event involving horseback riding on level ground, over stadium fences in an enclosed area, and over solid obstacles in an open field over rough and undulating terrain. For many members this will be their first competition involving such a wide variety of skills.

The dressage test is conducted in an area with only a small barrier about 1 foot high and there most likely will not be any enclosure outside that barrier. The D1 and D2 tests (both regular and open divisions) also require the canter.

The stadium jumping component of D-Rally uses knockdown jumps similar to those used by most instructors, however the size of the jumps and complexity of the course will be challenging.

The cross-country test is based on foxhunting and for the D1 and D2 levels (both regular and open divisions) is held in the open field with no enclosures. The course usually includes hills, paths through wooded areas, and open fields. The rider/horse combination may not always be in sight. At the D level, the cross-country test is set up in an enclosed field or grass ring; however, it will be a large field/grass ring which may have slightly undulating terrain and possibly with some bush area. At all levels the obstacles are very solid (rock fences, fallen trees/logs, ditches) and are usually not like the easily knocked down stadium fences most young riders start with. ****NOTE: The CPC D and D1 level practical (riding) test DOES NOT test the rider/mount in a similar way and all competitors should receive specific instruction in handling their mount over solid open field jumps before attempting a Rally at any level.**



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Volunteer Roles: Volunteers can be assigned to 2 competitors if needed and will be assigned 2 separate roles

Position	Requirements	Experience Level Required
Tack Check Steward Dressage Stadium XC	A separate individual is required for each of Dressage, Stadium and Cross Country phases, for each division. All competitors must report unmounted to the Tack Check Steward before each phase of the competition. This person will check for approved helmets, bits, girth tension and saddle are in good repair and the general turn out of the competitor following the CPC guidelines. Failure to report to Tack Check before any phase will result in elimination. Experience or knowledge of allowable and safe tack is required. A checklist will be provided.	Experience or knowledge of allowable and safe tack as per the rules is required. A checklist will be provided.
Gate Attendant Dressage Stadium	This individual is responsible for opening and closing the arena gate for competitors and is also in charge of the ring should anything need attention. The Gate Attendant informs the Judge of any scratches and informs the competitors that they may be riding early. Although this person is not in charge of making sure the competitors are ready, they may call out the number of the next competitor and ask if they have been to tack check before entering the ring.	No experience required.
Warm Up Ring Steward Dressage Stadium	This individual will assist in the smooth running of the Warm-up ring. They will maintain the direction and number of riders in the warm-up ring at one time to ensure safety and help send competitors to the competition area on time.	Must have knowledge of safe riding practices and principles.
Scribe Dressage	These individuals fill in the test score sheets for the Judge and act as the Judge's assistant during the show. This person should have some familiarity with the tests being performed. Scribes should be instructed regarding errors and eliminations. Scribes should refrain from commenting on their personal knowledge of competitors.	Must have some knowledge of the dressage test or some experience.
Runner Dressage	Dressage: This person picks up the completed tests from the Judge(s) and delivers the tests to the scorers, minimally after every third ride, preferably after every horse has performed the final salute. Check with the Judge at the beginning of the class as to their preference of when to pick up the tests.	No experience required.
Stadium Timers	These individuals are responsible for running a stopwatch to time each stadium jumping round. One individual acts as a back-up timer in the event of a malfunction.	No experience required.



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XC Jump Judge	Attend briefing and judge designated jump(s) on course. Requires volunteer to observe, record information on score sheet and report into control on the radio and hand in materials at end of the divisions to score collector.	No experience required but must have reviewed and be familiar with XC obstacle rules and what constitutes a refusal and/or run-out.
XC Score Collector	Go around XC course following last rider of each division and collect score sheets from jump judges before they move to their next designated fence.	No experience required (must be willing to walk).
XC Start Timer	Controls time that each rider leaves the start box and is responsible for countdown of each rider prior to leaving the start box.	No experience required.
XC Finish Timer	Records each competitor's time as they cross the finish line.	No Experience Required.
XC Warm Up steward	Make sure riders get to the start box in order and on time.	Must have knowledge of safe riding practices and principles.