

Spring 2005 HM Newsletter

Hey everyone

As I sit here watching all this snow fall I was reading the HM Sprint Newsletter. It has some good points that I would like to pass on to you.

BRAIDING: Braiding is governed by the discipline rule book. As of this date braiding is being permitted at all levels and in all disciplines. The provisions are as follows:

- (1) All braids must be removed immediately after the last ride of the day and before the turn-back at the end of the day;
- (2) Horse Management will not assess points based upon the quality of the braiding;
- (3) Braiding must not interfere with other chores and braiding will not be accepted as an excuse for not having other tasks completed in a timely manner;
- (4) If an object is going to be stood on to braid it must be safe, solid and capable of holding the competitor's weight, it must have no holes in which the mount may get its foot caught. Mounting blocks and milk crates will be acceptable for braiding. Buckets and pails are NOT acceptable to stand on.

FIRST-AID: Latex/Vinyl gloves are a part of the first aid kit. Vinyl gloves are being listed as an approved alternative to latex gloves due to the number of people who have allergic reactions to latex.

STALL CARDS: Effective immediately stall cards must list the competitor's rating. The sex of the mount must be near the mount's age on the form. Hotel room numbers are not to be filled in. We want the name and telephone number of the hotel and the name of the person registered in the room where the chaperone will be located. Cell telephone numbers are permitted and encouraged for the stall card information on the competitor/Chaperone.

CHAPERONES: The Chaperone Duties form now requires that the Chaperones name be printed neatly in addition to the Chaperone signing the form.

INFORMAL ATTIRE: Informal attire includes a jacket of any conservative color except solid BLACK and dark grey (CHARCOAL). The Pony Club Manual says that dark blue may not be used as an informal jacket – but horse management will allow dark blue jackets for informal attire.

STOCK TIES: Pre-tied (fake) stock ties are not acceptable. Wearing a stock tie indicates that it could be used in an emergency as a temporary bandage. Since pre-tied stock ties can not be used as a bandage they create a false impression. If not using a real stock tie then choose one of the alternative neckwear listed in the Horse Management Handbook.

EXTRA EQUIPMENT: TACK: Tack items required for extra equipment must be Turn-out inspection clean and ready for use.

EVALUATION FORMS: The New Competitor's Evaluation forms for Horse Management must be used by all competitors, Assistant Horse Management Judges, Rally Organizers. The old forms for the Chief Horse Management Judge and or for a Mentor Judge shall continue being used. Rally and Facilities Evaluations are for the benefit of the Rally Organizer and should be delivered to the Rally Organizer at the end of the rally – they should NOT be sent into the National Office with the other evaluation forms. THEREFORE the Rally and Facility Evaluation form should NOT be copied on the back of any other evaluation form. HMOS should review the Chief Judge's Evaluation form to see how each assistant was rated. If an assistant is recommended for the Provisional Chief Program, the HMO should notify the HMO Coordinator of that fact and the assistants contact information.

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