

# **RALLY INFORMATION!**

## **How To Set Up A Tack Room**

1. Hang your fire extinguisher, flashlight, and jack knife by the door.
2. Make sure your equipment is easily accessible to all team members.
3. All extra equipment is hung up. (Unless stored otherwise)
4. Bridles, helmet, and garment bag hung.
- 5. Everything Labeled!!!!**
6. Each of the teammates' gear is neatly in his/her own area.
7. All horses have hay, water, stall card, and wash bucket. (In safe distance from the horse)

## **What Most Judges Look For**

1. Knowledge of pony and equipment. (For your own use and for the required equipment.)
2. Cleanliness of tack and pony
  - a. Stress points cleaned well
  - b. Clean and appropriate bit
  - c. Girth tightened
  - d. No jockeys anywhere
  - e. Well groomed horse
  - f. Clean dock and face
  - g. Feet picked out
  - h. Tangle-free mane and tail

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## 3. Cleanliness of area

- a. No manure on ground
- b. Hay picked up off ground
- c. Tack room neat and clean
- d. Rake, broom, and pitchfork contained in safe area
- e. Water buckets in appropriate place
- f. Halters adjusted correctly
- g. Horse and hay net tied correctly. (I.e. using safety knot and making sure the hay net is not too low.)

## Do's And Don'ts In Tack Cleaning

<b>Cleaners</b>	<b>Oils and Conditioners</b>	<b>Protectors</b>
Lexol Cleaner	Fredelka	Domestic Glycerin Bar
Saddler's Leather Care	Neatsfoot Oil	Belvoir Glycerin
Castile Soap	Vegetable Oil	Farnam's liquid Glycerin
Murphy's Oil Soap	Lexol Conditioner	Hydolan
Horseman's One Step	Lexol Neatsfoot oil	Fiebing's Saddle Soap
	Tanner's Dressing	
	Horseman's One Step	

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1. Cleaning Tack
  - a. Use full bucket w/tepid or warm water.
  - b. Use rag or sponge and have it slightly wet.
  - c. Make sure you clean stress points very well.
  - d. Use tricks (i.e. use whitening toothpaste to clean stirrup pads, and run your bit through the dishwasher to make it extra clean)
2. Cleaning Pony and Tricks to Get Perfect Formals
  - a. Pony should be well groomed.
  - b. Listerine can be used to remove dandruff from mane, tail, and forelock. (Make sure you rinse it out the same day you use it.)
  - c. Use baby wipes for face and dock
  - d. The night before the rally put hoof dressing on wall, sole, and frog for cleaner look
  - e. A clean damp towel kept handy during grooming can be used to wipe off dirt and dust.
  - f. Use small amounts of Vaseline or Amore All on your boots to give them an extra shine.
  - g. Black boot polish will hide any scuffmarks on boots.
  - h. Pam sprayed on your knee rolls before you wash them will make them last longer and feel softer.
  - i. To get rid of metal deposits rub horse's tail over the area, then clean as usual.
  - j. Give your horse a bath, and then put a sheet on him to keep him from rolling and getting dirty. (Take into consideration the temperature when putting on the sheet.)

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## **Stall Cards And Feed Charts**

1. For Overnight Rallies:
  - a. Hotel Accommodations
  - b. Contact phone number
  - c. Chaperone contact information
2. Rider name and number
3. Photo of horse (Side profile preferred without rider mounted)
4. Pulse, resp., and temperature.
5. Feed charts:
  - a. Horses name and number
  - b. Grain in pounds (not scoops)
  - c. Hay in pounds (not in flakes)
  - d. Source of salt and supplements
  - e. Rider's name and number

## **Jog Outs**

1. Attire
  - a. No Jeans (even jean shorts)
  - b. Wear helmet
  - c. Wear gloves
  - d. Horse should be in bridle and wear boots (if used)
  - e. Rider in proper foot wear
2. Leading
  - a. Hold horse on loose rein
  - b. Used whip if needed
  - c. Don't drag the pony (it will make the pony look lame)
  - d. Always turn horse away from you.

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## **Riding Phases**

1. There is no coach, so know your warm up!
  - a. Know how long you need to warm up
  - b. Know how to deal if your horse is badly behaved.
  - c. Know what warm up routine works for you.
2. Jumping phases
  - a. A coach may be used to warm you up, and walk the course with you.
  - b. Know how much time your horse needs for warm up
  - c. **KNOW** your course.
3. Cross country phase
  - a. Ask for permission to dismount off horse
  - b. Walk horse out until horse is cooled.
  - c. Give horse water
  - d. Give yourself water
  - e. The role of the horse manager
    - i. To help cool out the horse
    - ii. To bring water to wash horse and let it have a drink
    - iii. Make sure rider is cooled down.

## **Turn Backs**

1. What the judges look for:
  - a. Rider's boots
    - i. Wiped down
    - ii. Laces cleaned
    - iii. Bottom of boots cleaned
    - iv. All cracks cleaned

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- b. Saddle pad
  - i. Brushed off with hard brush
  - ii. Hung up to dry
- c. Bridle and saddle
  - i. Bit clean
  - ii. Brow and noseband clean
  - iii. Saddle seat wiped off
  - iv. Stirrup leathers, iron, and pads cleaned
- e. Horse
  - i. Brow and noseband marks removed
  - ii. No sweat AT ALL!!!!
  - iii. Bit marks removed
  - iv. No saddle or girth sweat on horse
  - v. Horse happy and healthy

## **Overnight Rally's vs. Day Rally's**

- 1. Overnight rallies
  - a. Differences
    - i. You need five buckets per horse, 2 water, 1 feed, 1 extra for aisle, and 1 wash
    - ii. You need a salt block or salt source (salt blocks must be kept in separate bucket from grain)
    - iii. Hay bales labeled with competitor name, number, team, and horse
    - iv. Grain must be kept in sturdy container with a horse proof chain securing it (not bungee cord)

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2. Day Rallies
  - a. You only need 2 buckets, wash and water
  - b. No salt block
  - c. Hay is hung by hay net
  - d. If your horse needs hay at any time during the day tell the horse management judge

## **Written Tests**

1. STUDY, STUDY, STUDY
2. Test is given to each individual competitor at his/her own level
3. Test can be read to you
4. Test questions are multiple choice

## **The Role of the Horse Manager**

1. To help the team on the ground.
2. No the horse manager is NOT YOUR SLAVE!!!  
She is there to manage you.
3. Helps set up the tack room
4. Helps rider at cross country cool down area
5. Helps rider get ready for formals
6. Goes through required equipment with horse management judge (so know your stuff)
7. Helps out were she can.

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## **Helpful Resources**

1. Horse Management Rulebook
2. Any of the discipline rulebooks
3. D and C manuals
4. Other Pony Clubbers

Don't be afraid to ask the horse management judges if you have a question. They are there to help you.

Think teamwork!

Above all, have a great time!