

Central Ontario Region
D Rally Rules



**CENTRAL ONTARIO REGION
CANADIAN PONY CLUB**

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Rallies

It should be noted that rally at the D level is there to

- a) Test the knowledge levels (including stable management)
- b) Encourage teamwork
- c) Introduce cross country riding
- d) Encourage leadership skills
- e) Educate on training, maintaining and monitoring fitness levels for both equine and human athlete.

Each Branch can send one (1) Captain of D2 level or higher, one (1) Assistant for each of the levels (D2, D1 and D) and any number of active member helpers. Each Branch shall also designate one (1) Adult Supervisor to be available for emergency situations.

D Rallies shall be held on an individual basis. Competitions will be held at D, D1 and D2 levels. At the discretion of the Organizing committee, a Branch Team Championship may be awarded. To qualify, a branch must have at least one competitor in each of the three (3) categories. One D, one D1 and one D2 score are added together to give the Branch its best possible score.

GENERAL RULES

Canadian Pony Club Rules for Rallies and Central Ontario Regional Rules will apply.

Any rider having one (1) fall on the cross country phase, stadium jumping phase, or dressage phase or within the Warm-up areas at D Rally will be eliminated from this phase. The rider must not remount and must lead his/her horse/pony off the field. All riders must then report to the medical crew on site and the safety steward. All riders must receive final approval to participate in the other phases from the Technical Delegate.

Fall of horse – A horse is considered to have fallen when at the same time, both the shoulder and quarters have touched either the ground or the obstacle and the ground. If a fall of horse occurs, the rider is eliminated from all phases of D Rally and must not remount. The rider must report with his/her mount to the veterinarian (vet box) immediately.

All pony club riders must report to the Tack Check/Safety Steward prior to entering the warm up ring for all phases. This is a mandatory check. Riders may be asked to dismount to check helmets prior to entering the warm up area.

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RIDER ELIGIBILITY:

For Rally purposes the age of all members on January 1st, shall be maintained through the year.

The following age restrictions shall apply:

- a) Riders less than 10 years old may ride at a particular level any number of times.
- b) Any horse/rider combination with the rider being over the age of 10 who places 1st-5th at any level must advance to the next level the following year.
- c) Any rider over the age of 12 who places 1st-10th in any two D Rallies must advance to the next level to compete further.
- d) Competitors will compete at D, D1 or D2 based on their Pony club testing level as of the closing date of registration for D Rally.

Non-riding captains must be members under the age of 21 with a minimum of D2 level. They cannot be participating as a rider. Any members who qualify as non-riding captains, and who would like to participate, should advise the organizers of their availability to act as a captain for a team.

HORSES:

- a) No stallions are to be ridden
- b) The same horse shall be ridden by the same rider throughout all three phases.
- c) Two or more riders may not share the same horse.
- d) Five (5) years is the minimum age allowed
- e) All horses must either be the property of the member or have been regularly ridden at Pony club events by a member. The borrowing of outstanding 'name' horses is not allowed. Strict adherence to this rule is subject to the honour and good judgment of the District Commissioner.
- f) Horses should not be braided.

The District Commissioner must certify, in writing, to whomever is designated to receive entries for the Rally, that the member of his/her Branch are;

- a) competing at their current tested level
- b) riding eligible horses or ponies
- c) Must meet all eligibility criteria
- d) **NO LATE REGISTRATIONS OR INCOMPLETE PACKAGES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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DISQUALIFICATIONS:

A competitor may be disqualified by the Technical Delegate, Ground Jury or Veterinarian for any substantial reason such as;

- a) Poor sportsmanship
- b) Dangerous riding
- c) Lameness, sick or exhausted horse

Only Judges or the District Commissioner (or their representative with written notification to the organizers) can lodge a protest. A \$50.00 cash deposit must be received at the time of the protest and will be returned if the protest is upheld.

WITHDRAWALS & SUBSTITUTIONS:

1. Substitutions

After closing date no substitutions may be made of horse or rider except in case of illness, lameness or other unavoidable circumstance, which must be certified by the District Commissioner.

2. Withdrawals

After closing date, must be accompanied by medical certificate or Veterinarian certificate by day of event or within 14 days, respectively, to qualify for a refund.

TECHNICAL DELEGATE:

The Technical Delegate shall be appointed by and be responsible to the organizing committee. It shall be his/her responsibility to ensure that the course meets the required standards and is suitable for the level of competition. He/She may alter downward or upward, after due consideration, the required time (and pace) if the terrain or weather conditions warrant it. He/She should supervise all technical aspects, i.e. timing, scoring, calculations or results, etc. He/She can be Equine Canada Approved.

JUDGES:

There shall be a Chief Judge, Dressage Judge and Stadium Jumping Judge. Some of these functions, or that of the Technical Delegate, may be combined. The Dressage Judge(s) must be at least an R or Ra rated. He/She can be Equine Canada Approved.

GROUND JURY:

The Ground Jury shall consist of the Chief Judge, (stadium jumping judge), the Rally Chairperson and one more member, to be chosen from: Chief Scorer, Dressage Judges, Regional Chairperson or a member of the organizing committee.

It shall be the duty of the Ground Jury to ensure the enforcement of these rules. All protests shall be made to the Ground Jury, which shall settle all disputes.

All rules not covered herein will be referred to the current Canadian Pony Club National Rally Rules.

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WARM UP STEWARD:

It is recommended that a warm up steward be present for each phase and each rider must check in with the warm up steward before entering the warm up area. The purpose of this position is to oversee the safety of the warm up area. Stewards must report any concerns to the T.D.

AWARDS:

All awards are for individual placing. Scores may be combined for team or branch awards. For each D Rally there shall be awarded ribbons from first to fifth place minimum.

Dressage	all divisions	each 1 st to 5 th place
Cross Country	all divisions	each 1 st to 5 th place
Stadium jumping	all divisions	Clear Round
Overall	all divisions	Champion, Reserve, 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th

NOTE: Overall score to include Dressage, Cross country, Stadium Jumping, Turn Out, or any other penalty assigned by the Chief Judge or Ground Jury. (See SCORING)

PARADE:

A mounted parade of all competitors makes an excellent climax. It is fitting to conclude the parade with a (mounted) award presentation. The holding of a parade shall be at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

DRESS:

Pony club pin with yellow disc is mandatory, except on cross country, arm crest is not. Dress must be appropriate, clean and in good repair. Proper riding boots are required and must be polished. Hard hats with an ASTM/SEI approval must be worn at all times when mounted. Jackets should be worn for individual horsemanship, Turn Out, Dressage and Stadium Jumping, unless excused by the Organizing Committee. No jeans shall be worn, but informal attire; long sleeved shirts must be worn for the cross country event. If stock ties are worn they should be properly tied and secured with a pin. If the hard hat comes off during competition, the competitor must not proceed until it has been replaced. Ignoring this rule will result in immediate elimination. Medical armbands must be worn and visible at all times.

For all other persons and when riders are not riding they will refer to the Central Ontario Region policy on dress code.

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THE COMPETITION

Please Note; Competitors must be prepared to compete in each phase of the Rally.

DRESSAGE:

The Test: The Regional Committee shall provide the test to be used.

The Arena:

Shall be a size which is written on the test sheet and shall be situated in a quiet flat area, away from distractions and surrounded by a boundary fence not more than 16 inches (407 mm) high. The letters shall be placed 2 to 2 ½ feet (610 to 760 mm) outside the fence. The spectators shall be kept at least 65 feet (19.8 meters) away from the fence on all sides. Any marks such as X or G or the centre line shall be made only by means of cutting the grass shorter so as to mark that place, and blots of lime or shavings which might distract the horse shall not be used. The use of two rings is recommended for speeding up the program. However, all competitors in any one division (D, D1, and D2) must be judged by the same Judge to obtain a fair comparison of scores.

Dress and Tack:

1. Correct showing attire shall be worn with the competitor's number clearly shown.
2. Martingales, bearing or side reins, bandages, boots, blinkers and whips are forbidden.
3. Only blunt spurs without rowels may be worn.
4. An ordinary snaffle bridle (cavesson, dropped nose band or figure eight noseband optional) shall be used.
5. Riders **MAY NOT** practice in the Dressage Arena.
6. The riders will start in the order drawn up after the entries have been received, which order shall be maintained throughout the Rally.
7. All pony club riders must report to the Tack Check Safety steward prior to entering the warm up ring. This is a mandatory check. Riders may be asked to dismount to check helmets prior to entering the warm up area.

Riding: **THE GATE MUST BE CLOSED BEFORE THE RIDER BEGINS THE TEST!**

After a bell or similar indicator has rung, indicating that the Judges are ready for the competitor to enter the ring, the rider shall have **45 seconds** in which to present her/himself and make her/his salute, failing which s/he shall be eliminated. Any horse leaving the arena after having saluted and before having completed the test shall be eliminated. Leaving shall mean ALL FOUR FEET stepping outside the boundary fence.

A test must be executed from memory, errors of course or wrong sequence of movements whether corrected or not, are penalized as follows:

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|--------------|---|
| First Error | 2 points |
| Second Error | 4 points |
| Third Error | Elimination. The rider may finish the test. |

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CROSS COUNTRY

The Course

1. For D level the course will consist of a simple walk/trot around 1 – 2 fields
2. For D1 & D2, the course should consist of reasonable obstacles which might be found in the hunting field, i.e. stone wall, chicken coops, slat fences, small drops etc. There will be no gates to be opened or rails to be lowered, no water or ditches.
3. A chart of the course shall be posted in a central area at the time of walking the course.
4. It is compulsory that competitors pass between each red and white flag with the red flag to the right and the white flag to the left. Failure to pass through such markers involves elimination. The red and white flags shall be used to mark compulsory sections of the course, to define obstacles, and to indicate compulsory changes of direction. The rider must be mounted when passing through all flags and must not advance on the course while dismounted.
5. Directional markers may be orange or yellow and are intended merely to show the general direction and to help the rider find his way. No penalty is incurred for failing to observe these directional markers.

Definition of Faults;

There will be no marked penalty zones. Faults (refusal, run out, circling and falls) will be penalized only if, in the opinion of the judge concerned, they are connected with the negotiation or attempted negotiation of one of the numbered/lettered obstacles for the division in progress.

Combinations;

There will be no combinations on cross country at these levels.

Walking the Course

For each Branch one person associated with each level may be permitted to walk the cross country course with the competitors during the official time allotted. This person can be a coach. The competitors may re-walk the course or any portion of the course. Parents, spectators, etc should be permitted to walk the course at some time other than the competitors. Individual coaches may walk with their students after the initial walk.

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Table of Speeds, Distances and Obstacles

Level	Maximum Distance in Meters	Speed Allowed M/min	Number of Obstacles	Maximum Height	Maximum Width Top	Maximum Width Bottom
D	1000	250	0	N.A	N.A	N.A.
D1	1600	300	6-8	2'	2'	2'6"
D2	2000	350	8-10	2'6"	2'6"	3'

Speed

There shall be penalties for being too fast. However, there shall be no penalty for arriving within the "buffer zone". This buffer zone will be 30 seconds faster than the optimum time. The "Time Allowed", the "Buffer Zone" and the "Time Limit" should be noted on the chart of the course.

No walking, stopping or circling is allowed between the last jump and the finish line. Failing to follow this rule may result in a maximum of 30 penalty points as assessed by the Chief Judge or Ground Jury.

Definition of Refusal, Run Out, Circle, fall and Unauthorized Assistance

Willful Delay

Slowing down or circling to try to make a better time (having ridden too fast for the previous part of the course) is considered willful delay and is penalized by elimination. A rider having problems who is getting themselves together (physically or emotionally) will not be penalized. Willful delay is reported by the officials on the cross country course.

Refusal

A horse is considered to have refused if it stops in front of the obstacle or element to be jumped.

Run Out

A horse is considered to have run out if, having been presented at the obstacle or element, it avoids that element or obstacle in such a way that it has to be re-presented at it.

Circle

At a single obstacle, a horse is considered to have circled if, while attempting to negotiate the obstacle, it crosses its original track before successfully negotiating the obstacle. After a refusal, run out, circle or fall, a competitor is not further penalized if he/she crosses his original track in order to make another attempt, nor if he/she circles one or more times prior to making another attempt.

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Fall of Rider

A competitor is considered to have fallen when he/she is separated from the horse in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle. Any rider having one (1) fall on the Cross Country Phase at D Rally will be eliminated from this phase. The rider must not remount and must lead his/her horse/pony off the field. The rider must then report to the medical crew on site. The rider must receive final approval to participate in the other phases of D Rally from the Technical Delegate.

Fall of Horse

A horse is considered to have fallen when at the same time, both the shoulder and quarters have touched either the ground or the obstacle and the ground. Any horse having one (1) fall on the Cross Country Phase at D Rally will be eliminated from all phases of D Rally. The riders must not remount and must lead his/her horse/pony off the field. The rider must immediately report with his/her mount to the veterinarian (vet box) for horse inspection.

Assistance

a) Forbidden Assistance

Outside assistance is forbidden under penalty of elimination. Any intervention by a third party, whether solicited or not, with the object of facilitating the task of the rider or of helping his horse is considered illegal assistance.

In particular, the following are forbidden:

- *Intentionally joining another competitor and continuing the course in the company of that competitor.
- *To be followed, preceded or accompanied on any part of the course by any vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian or horseman not in the competition.
- *To post friends at certain points to call directions or make signals in passing
- *To have someone at an obstacle to encourage the horse by any means whatsoever.
- *To receive any information, by any means whatsoever about the course before it is officially shown to the competitors (unless he/she assisted in building the course).
- *To be called back or be assisted by directions to rectify an error of course by a jump judge, official or any other person.
- *To use a receiving apparatus.
- *To be handed anything while mounted on the course, with the exception of a hat or spectacles.

In cases of doubt, the Ground Jury decides finally and without appeal.

b) Permitted Assistance

Provided he/she dismounts, catching a loose horse, helping a dismounted competitor to adjust his saddlery.

At the start of the Cross Country and at any other point determined and announced by the Organizing Committee, it is permitted for the team to assist the rider and to attend to his horse. (groom, water, walk etc)

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Stewards

The Ground Jury may direct Stewards to patrol the endurance course either mounted or un-mounted 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.

Dress

Long sleeved shirts must be worn, and an ASTM/SEI approved helmet with a safety harness (attached) is mandatory. Cross Country vests are strongly recommended. All riders must wear their medical armband in an easily visible and accessible area. Stop watches/timing devices are not permitted at all D levels.

Saddlery

Choice of saddlery is optional with the exception of blinkers, hoods, wire snaffles, all martingales (except running martingales) or draw reins, which are forbidden. Saddlery and bits other than conventional English fittings may be used if, in the opinion of the Chief Judge, they are humane and safe under the circumstances.

STADIUM JUMPING

The sole object of the Stadium Jumping Test is to prove that after a test of endurance, the horse has retained his suppleness, energy and obedience to continue in service. A plan of the course shall be posted an hour before the test starts, showing the exact course which is to be followed by the competitors, its length, time allowed, and the time limit for completing it.

The Course

Size of obstacles for stadium jumping shall not be more than the height and spread allowed for the cross country course. The course shall include up to ten obstacles (depending on division) and between 200 and 400 meters in length, and shall be irregular and winding with changes of direction both right and left. The course shall contain some spread fences). Fences may be natural in appearance or of the usual show type but the top elements must be capable of being dislodged. D level will have 0-4 jumps of cross rails only, not to exceed 10" in height.

Speed

The length of the course and the speed demanded determine the Time Allowed. Completing the course is less than the Time Allowed is not rewarded, but exceeding the Time Allowed is penalized by 1 penalty for each commenced second in excess of the Time Allowed, up to the Time Limit, which is twice the Time Allowed. Exceeding the Time Limit or not following the exact course shall incur elimination.

Suggested speeds are	D	200 M/min
	D1	275 M/min
	D2	300 M/min

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Scoring

General

The entire Rally is to be judged on a penalty point basis. It shall in general, follow the current Canadian Pony Club Rules for Rallies and the Central Ontario Region Rally Rules scoring with the following exceptions;

- a) There shall be no bonus points awarded.
- b) The Chief Judge or Ground Jury may, at its discretion, assess for each part of the competition, or for the overall score only, penalty points for such infractions as:
 - i) No salute to the judge (stadium jumping)
 - ii) Unauthorized assistance (during cross country, just prior to turn out, etc) THIS REFERS TO PARENTS AND DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
 - iii) Unsuitable dress (boots with no heels, riding running-shoe type footwear, etc)
 - iv) Stirrups are not run up when horses being led.
 - v) Unnecessary roughness or impatience, either during competition, warm up or otherwise.
 - vi) Badly fitted tack.
- c) When a rider is “eliminated” in any of the three riding events, he/she may continue in the competition, however, he/she shall not receive an overall (3 phase) ribbon, but may receive individual phase awards.

Dressage

Marking

The judge will award good marks from 0 to 10 for each numbered movement and for each of the collective marks.

ERRORS OF COURSE (whether the bell/whistle has sounded or not) Error of test will be penalized as follows;

1 st Error	2 points
2 nd Error	4 points
3 rd Error	Elimination

CALCULATION OF THE SCORE

- The good marks from the judge to a competitor for each numbered movement of the Dressage Test together with the collective marks are added together deducting any error of course or test.
- The percentage of maximum possible good marks obtained is then calculated. Percentage is obtained by dividing good marks of the judge (minus any error of course or test) by maximum possible good marks obtainable and then multiplying by 100 and rounding the result to two decimal digits. This value is shown as the individual mark for the judge.

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- In order to convert average percentage into penalty points, this must be subtracted from 100 and multiplied by 1.5 with the resulting figure being rounded to one decimal digit. The result is the score in penalty points for the test.

Cross Country

- a) Placing will be awarded based on the lowest penalty points. Ties will be broken based on the closest to the optimum time without going over.
- b) Time penalty points; Penalty of 1 point for each second (or part) shorter than the time allowed + buffer zone. (fast pace) Penalty of 0.25 points for each second (or part) longer than time allowed.
- c) Riding penalty points:
 - a. First disobedience at each obstacle 20 penalties
 - b. Second disobedience at same obstacle 40 penalties
 - c. Third disobedience at same obstacle Elimination
 - d. Fourth disobedience on course Elimination
 - e. Fall of horse or rider Elimination
 - f. Error of course not rectified Elimination
 - g. Omitting obstacle or boundary flag Elimination
 - h. Re-taking an obstacle already jumped Elimination
 - i. Exceeding the Time Limit Elimination

Stadium Jumping

Jumping penalties

- a. First disobedience in entire course 4 penalties
- b. Second disobedience in entire course 8 penalties
- c. Third disobedience Elimination
- d. Knockdown 4 penalties
- e. Fall of horse or rider Elimination
- f. Jumping obstacle in wrong order Elimination
- g. Error of course not rectified Elimination
- h. Failing to pass between start & finish flags Elimination
- i. Starting before the whistle blows Elimination
- j. Re-taking an obstacle already jumped Elimination
- k. Exceeding the Time Limit Elimination

Time penalties

1 point for each second (or part thereof) in excess of Time Allowed.

Elimination for times in excess of Time Limit (Time Limit = twice Time Allowed)

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Turn out

Penalty points up to a maximum of 10 can be awarded for this phase. This phase can occur at any time during the competition. See attached worksheet for more details.

Horsemanship Trophy

A Horsemanship Trophy will be awarded to a Branch at each Rally. This trophy is the highest award that a Branch can receive and is based on the team's overall stable management points. A minimum of two people will be selected to judge the stable management portion and with the assistance of all officials on the Rally site will assess the teams on their knowledge and performance throughout the day. See the attached Judges' critique sheet for guidelines.

CENTRAL ONTARIO PONY CLUB – D RALLY
STABLE MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT SHEET

TEAM: _____

CAPTAIN #: _____ **RIDER #'S:** _____

TRAILER/TACK AREA	REMARKS	SCORE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety of trailer, tack area, horses, equipment (properly & safely stored) - Tack-repair, cleanliness, completedness - First Aid-horse & people, tool kit - Labeling of equipment - Workmanlike 		/50
HORSE		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cleanliness, correct, clean tack - Sweat marks, picked feet, bandages, blankets, etc. - Safety of hay nets, tie ups - Cool out-proper care of horse - Organization of help & riders 		/60
RIDERS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proper turn out, correct dress, neatness, pony club pins - Dressage - X Country - Stadium 		/50
OVERALL IMPRESSION: CAPTAIN		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organization & leadership abilities - Inspiring positive attitude - Constructive work habits - Punctuality 		/40
OVERALL IMPRESSION: TEAM		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cohesive workmanship - Positive attitude - Correct attire - Proper footwear - Conduct, numbers, P.C. pins 		/50
10 MARK SYSTEM - IF NOTHING IS WRONG GIVE 10 MARKS Subtract actual marks from possible marks to convert into penalty points.		/250

SCALE FOR MARKING: 10 Excellent 9 Very Good 8 Good 7 Fair 6 Satisfactory
 5 Sufficient 4 Insufficient 3 Fairly Bad 2 Bad 1 Very Bad
 0 Not executed

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COACHES

The role of a coach is to assist the rider

1. In the warm-up area,
2. In the course walk
3. Assist rider in learning the rules of competition before competition begins.

- ◆ The presence of a coach at a Competition is to promote safety, good sportsmanship and good horse mastership in the warm-up area and the competition ring.
- ◆ The coach is not present to give a riding lesson in the warm up area.
- ◆ Teams/individuals may share a coach
- ◆ The coach's name(s) must be included on the entry form. Any substitution or addition of coach must be reported to the organizing committee prior to the start of the competition.
- ◆ The coach must be familiar with and comply with the current CPC for Rally Rules, Central Ontario Region rally rules and should assist riders in learning these rules before the competition begins.
- ◆ During any post round briefing the coach must not interfere with the riders care for their horse.

The duties of a coach shall be limited to the jumping phases of competitions and may include:

1. Observing, but not participation in, any pre-competitive soundness check and any daily soundness checks.
2. Accompanying competitors during course inspection or at any other subsequent times that the courses are open for walking, during which they may give advice and coach
3. Assisting competitors in the designated Exercise Area.
4. Briefly meet with the rider after the round for feedback on the round, if the rider desires. This meeting will be held in or very near by the gate to, the Exercise Area; and under no circumstances will interfere with the care of the horse. Coaches who are interfering may be asked to leave the exercise area

A coach may request an adjustment of tack from the Chief Steward.

1. If permission is granted, after the adjustment is made, the competitor must return to the Chief Steward for a safety check of the adjustment.
2. Permission for changes must be requested before the change is made.

At all times coaches must be aware of the unauthorized assistance rule. They must not enter the stable area except at authorized visiting times.

Violations of these coaching guidelines will be penalized by the chief steward/judge/ground jury.

I have read and understand the above and agree to abide by these guidelines and by the competition rules.

Signature _____

Date _____

Please present this document (signed) to the show officials when arriving at the competition grounds.