



WOR Regional D Rally 2012 Individual Competitor Package

August 19, 2012
Caledon Riding Club
Creditview Rd., Caledon

Entry Information:

- **Entry fee for 2012 is \$65.00 per competitor.** This includes a \$5.00 number deposit that will be returned when you return our number.
- Deadline for entries is **Thursday, August 9, 2012.** It would be greatly appreciated if entries could be submitted at the July WOR meeting. **Entries will not be accepted after August 9, 2012.**
- Entry fees will NOT be REFUNDED after **August 13, 2012** WITHOUT A VETERINARY OR MEDICAL CERTIFICATE. Refunds will only be given to first time participants if the child's ability is not up to standard, as decided by the D.C.
- Complete one Individual Entry form for each competitor. Review the 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 D 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 D Rally Representative. Individual cheques are payable to **your branch.**
- No entry will be accepted **WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT.** No post-dated cheques please.

Rules

Basic rules (jump heights etc.) are noted in the WOR D Rally Rules, last updated 2009. Amendments were approved and posted to the WOR website. Your club DC / D Rally representative has a hard copy and should help suggest the appropriate Division for your child. Please ensure you and your child are familiar with the 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 your child will compete at for D Rally.

RIDING DIVISIONS/LEVELS:

D Level – For D level riders. Riders will be expected to jump approx. 8 - 10 obstacles in a large enclosed field at heights of up to 2'3" with a bottom spread of 2'6" at a speed of 250 meters/minute. 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.

D Open Level – Open to **all riders** who have recently moved up, and those who do not feel confident to compete at a higher level. This division will be exactly the same as D Level. Riders will be expected to jump approx. 8 - 10 obstacles in a large enclosed field at heights of up to 2'3" with a bottom spread of 2'6" at a speed of 250 meters/minute. The maximum course length is 800 meters. Riders in this division will ride the D dressage test.

D1 Level – will be asked to jump approx. 10-12 obstacles in open fields up to 2'6" in height with a top spread of 2'6" and a bottom spread of 3'0" at a speed of 300 meters/minute. The maximum course length is 1400 meters.

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 exactly the same as D1 Level technically, up to 2'6" in height with a bottom spread of 3'0" at a speed of 300 meters/minute. The maximum course length is 1400 meters. Riders in this division will ride the D1 dressage test.

D2 Level – will be expected to handle approx. 14 - 16 obstacles in open fields up to 2'9" in height with a bottom spread of 3'3" at a speed of 350 meters/min. The maximum course length is 1700 meters.



WOR Regional D Rally 2012 Individual Entry Form

Branch: _____

Rider's Name:	Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy):
CPC Testing level:	D Rally Division:
Name of Horse/Pony:	Age of Horse/Pony:

Entry Fee:	\$60.00	(This includes a non-refundable \$5.00 ambulance fee and EC drug levy)	
Number Deposit	\$ 5.00	(refundable on return of the number)	
Total Fee:	\$65.00		
			(for branch use)
			Cash/ Cheque \$ _____
			Payment Rec'd

Please make your cheque payable to YOUR PC Branch

(One branch cheque will be submitted payable to WOR for the total of all branch entries.)

Parent Volunteer Duties			
<p>Most duties require a commitment of 2 hours. Events cannot run without the support of volunteers. Each competitor MUST have a volunteer listed on this entry form</p>			
Name of Volunteer: _____		E-mail Address: _____	
<p>From the Volunteer Job Description sheet, select 2 duties in your order of preference. If you have previous experience in an area please mark an "E" in the Exp? column.</p>			
Duties:	Exp? Y/N	If Yes, # of years	I prefer to see my child ride (circle one):
1 st Choice : _____	_____	_____	Dressage Show Jumping Cross Country
2 nd Choice: _____	_____	_____	No preference

Signature of Rider

Signature of Parent or Guardian
(if participant is under 18)

I certify that this rider is qualified to compete at the level stated, and is a member in good standing of _____ Pony Club.

Name (D.C or Branch D-Rally Rep):

Signature of Branch D Rally Representative

Signature of Club DC

Phone: _____



WOR Regional D Rally 2012 Parent Information Form

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 horse, 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 extreme precautions are taken. 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 performed to a standard set of requirements. 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 elements 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 when competing in a specific event. The testing program is designed as a MINIMUM set of standards 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 Pony Club test level will not be a suitable candidate for D-Rally.

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.

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. **D-Rally** is an athletic event involving horseback riding on level ground, over fences in an arena, and over solid obstacles in the open field over rough ground. 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 D Level test is walk/trot only and the D1 and D2 tests (both regular and open divisions) also require the canter. Riders entered in the D Open level will be required to ride the D dressage test which is walk/trot only.

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, with a variety of both verticals and oxers.

The **CROSS COUNTRY** test (which was originally based on foxhunting) is held in the open field with no enclosures for the D1 and D2 levels (both regular and open divisions). The course usually includes hills, paths through wooded areas, and open fields. At the D level, the cross-country test is set up in an enclosed field; however it will be a large field, usually with hills and hollows and possibly with some bush area. At all levels the obstacles are very solid (rock fences, fallen trees, ditches) and are usually not similar to the easily knocked down arena fences most young riders start with. **None of the D level achievement tests challenge the riders in a similar way and all competitors should get specific instruction in handling their mount over solid open field jumps before attempting a Rally at any level. It is also recommended all first time D-rally competitors participate in the D-rally clinic to familiarize themselves with the cross-country jumps.**

Ponies and horse compete on the same courses. No special allowances are made for ponies. All riders are expected to handle their own horse with little or no adult help. They can of course get help from other Pony Club members either from their own or other branches.



WOR Regional D Rally 2012 Volunteer Job Descriptions

Here is a description of the volunteer duties required to run Regional D-Rally. Choose two duties and rate them in your order of preference. You can choose to perform this job before, during or after your child competes. Record your choices on your child's individual Entry form.

Position	Requirements	Experience Level Required
Turnout Dressage	This individual judges the turnout of each rider as per the turnout checklist in the D Rally Rules. The horse and rider are checked for completeness and cleanliness of tack, and rider turnout. This is done before the rider enters the Warm up ring for dressage.	Experience or knowledge of tack is required. A checklist will be provided.
Safety Tack Check Steward Dressage, Stadium and Cross Country	A separate individual is required for each of Dressage, Stadium and Cross Country phases, for each division. All competitors must report to the Safety Tack Check Steward before each phase of the competition. This person will check for approved helmets, all bits, girth 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 entering the ring will result in elimination.	Experience or knowledge of tack is required. A checklist will be provided.
Gate Attendant Dressage and Stadium	This individual is responsible for opening and closing the arena gate for competitors and is also in charge of the ring crew. The Gate Attendant informs the Judge of any scratches, and informs the competitors when they are next in the ring, if they will be going early and may ask if they have been to tack check before entering the ring, They also inform the judge of any scratches.	No experience required.
Warm Up Ring Attendant Stadium	This individual will assist in the smooth running of the Warm up ring. They will maintain the number of riders in the warm up ring at one time to ensure safety.	Some experience preferred.
Scribe Dressage and Stadium	These individuals fill in the tests or score sheets for the Judge and act as the Judge's assistant during the show. This person should be familiar with the tests/rounds 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 and Stadium	Dressage: This person picks up the completed tests/scores sheets from the Judge 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.
Ring Crew Stadium	These individuals are responsible for replacing jump poles if they are knocked down and assisting the Course Designer.	No experience required.
Timer/Starter Cross Country	This job is performed by two individuals who are able to use a stop watch simultaneously; one person is at the start flag and the other at the finish. They report the times to the Judge after each round.	Some experience in the use of stop watches preferred.
Jump Judges Cross Country	These individuals are positioned throughout the cross country course and record the progress and performance of the horse and rider at one or more cross country obstacles. A large number of jump judges are required and experience is not necessary as the Technical Delegate will review the rules prior to heading out to the cross country course. Attendance at cross country jump judges orientation meeting held day of D-Rally mandatory.	No experience required although an understanding of D Rally rules preferred. Volunteers with experience are needed for the more difficult fences. 20 minute orientation will be held.
Scorers	This job requires an individual who is able to use a calculator with confidence. There should be two individuals available to perform this duty so that one can score and the other can check and post final scores for each division.	Some previous experience an asset.
Set up/Take Down	This is one of the most important jobs to ensure the smooth running of the competition. Rings must be set up prior to and then taken down after the competition.	Some experience preferred. Set-up done day before the event.



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