# Canadian Pony Club Western Ontario Region



#### **REGIONAL D RALLY RULES**

#### **Abstract**

Rules specific to 'D' Rally run within Western Ontario Region. \*\*These rules are to be used for ABC Rally when it is held in conjunction with D Rally and held in 1 day.

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#### INTRODUCTION

The Rally shall be run using the current Canadian Pony Club National Rally Rules except where otherwise stated in these rules. D Rally Rules are not the same as C Rally Rules. D Rally Rules are generally more lenient and designed to take into consideration the riders' age and experience.

#### FORM AND DIVISIONS OF COMPETITION

The *mounted* competition shall consist of Dressage, Cross Country (Phase D only) and Stadium Jumping.

The unmounted (Stable management) competition shall consist of Turn Out, Tack Check, Volunteer Participation, trailer area and horse care & Cool Out scores.

Competitors will be divided into "D", "D Open" "D1", "D1 Open", "D2" & "D2 open" divisions. The divisions are designed so riders who are not comfortable competing at their test level may compete one level below – D1's may compete in D Open, D2's may compete in D1 open, C Level riders are in Entry, C1 ride in Pre-Training and C2 & above ride in Training. C Level and above may ride one division lower.

Teams are to consist of 4 riders, 3 grooms 1 groom (possibility of grooms in training may be added) and one non-riding Captain. Teams may be made from different clubs and different levels.

Each team may have a dedicated coach who is not designated as a parent/volunteer.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

#### THE COMPETITOR

All competitors shall be members of a Recognized Branch of this Region and be in good standing (current fees paid). Competitors shall have attended at least 60% of the educational activities in their branch over the past 12 months or since joining Pony Club (whichever is the shorter time) unless the District Commissioner can certify that prolonged illness or educational commitments (normally attending a school in another city) have made this impossible. Entries from other Regions (including the U.S. Pony Club) will be accepted only following invitation from the Rally Committee.

The District Commissioner upon signing the entry is certifying that in his/her opinion the rider is capable of competing safely and is entered at the proper grade level. A Certified Coach or official must also confirm or provide proof that the rider has at minimum schooled at the level they are entering. A rider may not compete above their test level.

No schooling permitted over the cross-country courses by the competitors during the 2 weeks prior or after the Organized Schooling Clinic whichever is closest to the competition date.



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Starting in 2023 all riders who wish to compete at C Level or higher must have attended Rally as a groom/non-riding Captain at some point prior to riding at C Level. Starting in 2022 all new Pony Clubbers who wish to ride at ABC/D Rally must attend as a groom/non-riding Captain at least once prior to riding.

Hors concours entries are welcome and encouraged at all levels.

#### THE MOUNT

No stallions may be ridden at Rally.

All mounts competing at Rally shall be at least 5 years of age. A mount's age is determined by assuming that it was born on January 1 of the year in which it was foaled. For example, a mount foaled at any time in 2004 is eligible for the 2009 Rally.

No mount may be ridden more than once in any phase of the competition (no sharing of mounts).

The same mount shall be ridden by the same rider throughout all phases.

Pony Club does not condone the use of any drugs other than as medication for specific ailments Current Equestrian Canada Drug & Medication rules shall apply. This does not apply when drugs have been administered by or at the direction of a veterinarian in attendance at the Rally to relieve an injury suffered at or in connection to the Rally. Any use of non banned equine drugs requires a vet's certificate.

All horse/rider combinations must have at least schooled on a Cross Country Course prior to attending the Rally.

The District Commissioner upon signing the entry is certifying that the mount is eligible based on the above criteria. Substitutions must be justified and certified by the District Commissioner.

## TEAM COMPETITION HORSEMANSHIP

Team Competition Horsemanship (includes Stable Management), is a competition geared toward promoting club level support of individual mounted competitors in the interest of rider safety, fostering knowledgeable horsemanship and team camaraderie. The intent is to recognize and reward the hard work put in by the support teams each club fields to enable each horse & rider partnership to perform and compete at their very best. It is also intended to provide an avenue for encouraging the participation of young future D Rally competitors in Rally, and to remain consistent with the directives of the CPC Rules for National & Regional Rallies (2012) section 11.8. It should be a chance for senior members to share their knowledge with junior members to ensure horse and participant safety.

Each team elub should have 4 riders, one non-riding Captain and three one grooms (possible additional grooms may be added at discretion of Organizing Regional Rally Rep) comprising its entry in the Team Horsemanship competition. Scrambled teams are allowed. Scrambled/combined teams are encouraged



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for smaller clubs or clubs with fewer senior members. The Captain should be a senior Pony Clubber who knows the Rally Rules and can present queries to the Ground Jury. The Captain should know the strengths and weaknesses of each rider. At the discretion of the Regional Rally Rep, he/she may be a competitor but this will seriously reduce the time available to riders and helpers. Captains may be from other clubs, perhaps an instructing senior.

For insurance purposes only Pony Clubbers may mount on the site.

In only extenuating circumstances, the Committee may allow "adult helpers". "Adult helpers" must wear a numbered bib and apply to the Rally Chair. Using "adult helpers" may not reduce the number of volunteers contributed to run the Rally. We do not recommend a parent as an "adult helper" to their own child.

Duties of a Captain and Helpers are for reference only.

#### EXAMPLES OF THE DUTIES OF THE CAPTAIN

- Organize helpers and riders prior to Rally with club rep's assistance.
- Give your club rep a list of which helper is with each rider.
- Organize, but not supply spare tack and supplies.
- Arrive early at Rally, before your competitors.
- Obtain and distribute riders' schedules and bibs from club rep.
- Discuss general plans for the day with riders and helpers.
- Tape one copy of the riders' schedules to a trailer as a quick source of reference for all. (Write on it "Do Not Remove") or create a large Bristol board schedule for easy reference.
- Assist helpers when necessary.
- Discuss courses, rules, regulations and scoring as questions arise.
- Present queries and complaints to the Ground Jury.
- Constantly refer to rider's schedules and time frames to ensure helpers move competitors from one phase to the next as smoothly as possible.
- Ensure riders understand optimum time and buffer zone speed fault time.
- Remain visible to your riders and helpers.
- Set your priorities and location to be the most effective.
- Check accuracy of scoreboard particularly for younger riders.
- Remain cheerful and encouraging at all times.



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- Ensure the trailer has all supplies required for a day of showing
- Ensure horse/trailer area is kept neat, clean and mucked

#### EXAMPLES OF THE DUTIES OF THE HELPER

- Before Rally Day discuss plans with your rider and his parent's example: arrival time & supplies
  including shovel, fork and manure carrier. Learn the horse's good & bad habits, bandaging,
  concerns etc.
- As soon as you arrive at Rally FIND YOUR ASSIGNED RIDER and remain with him or her as much as possible for the entire Rally.
- Check for announcements for delays etc.
- Constantly refer to rider's schedule and discuss problems with Captain.
- Assist rider to groom, tack up, check clothing, cool out, warm-up, walk mounts, get medical aid, give water and hay, help clean up manure & straw (transport to barn pile).
- Helpers may walk the courses if their schedules permit.
- Remember tack check prior to entering warm-up before each riding phase.
- Remember vet check 10 minutes after rider finishes cross country. Stay in the cooling off area until dismissed by the vet.
- Encourage your rider with a pleasant, willing attitude.

#### **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES**

Each branch must have an adult representative report to the clubhouse immediately upon arrival on the morning of competition to collect their club packet containing competitors' numbers, schedules and volunteer sheets. It is the club representatives' responsibility to inform the Rally Committee in writing of any changes e.g., scratches, name changes, presence of volunteers etc.

## **JUDGING AND INQUIRIES**

#### **GROUND JURY**

The Ground Jury shall consist of the Rally Chair and two additional members to be chosen from: the chief scorer, dressage judges, stadium judge, Regional Chairperson, or member of the Committee. An alternate shall be elected if an inquiry involves a Jury member's child. The Ground Jury shall enforce Rally Rules as well as local rules and regulations.



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All inquiries, or protests are to be made ONLY by Captains or District Commissioners (or appointed substitute) and are to be presented only to the Ground Jury or one of its members. No fee is involved. These may be in writing if the Captain prefers. Presentations to the Jury must not be unduly delayed or they will not be heard.

At any hearing which may result in elimination or special penalties, the competitors, Captains and District Commissioners involved shall have the right to attend.

#### **DRESSAGE JUDGE**

All competitors in any one division shall have the same Dressage judge to ensure a fair comparison of scores.

#### TECHNICAL DELEGATE

The Technical Delegate (TD) shall be appointed by and be responsible to the Organizing Committee. The TD shall see that the jumping courses meet required standards and are suitable to the level of competition. The TD may alter time and pace or otherwise modify courses if warranted due to weather conditions or terrain. The TD supervises all technical aspects of the Rally including timing and scoring and must be a recognized Equestrian Canada Technical Delegate.

## STABLE MANAGEMENT (TEAM HORSEMANSHIP JUDGES)

The SM panel shall consist of 2-4 member judges with background experience as CPC examiners, coaches, judges, instructors, and/or CPC graduates, drawn from the Western Ontario Region or other Regions of CPC. Inquiries or protests of Stable Management competition decisions are to be presented by Team Captains or D.C.s (or their appointed representative) to the Senior member of the judging committee.

#### **VETERINARY, FARRIER & MEDICAL**

A veterinarian shall be present during the Rally.

A trained paramedic or other qualified EMS person shall be present with their standard equipment at all times.

Medical, veterinary and farrier expenses will be the responsibility of the individual involved.

#### **DRESS**

#### PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT POLICY

**IMPORTANT: PARENTS & COMPETITORS READ THIS!** 



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All riders must wear a certified helmet with the chin strap fastened at all times while mounted. Failure to do so will result in ELIMINATION. See National Rally Rules.

Current Equestrian Canada approved protective cross-country vests must be worn for the Cross-Country test. See National CPC General Rules. Vests must be appropriately labelled. Protective vests may be worn in the Stadium test and Dressage Test.

The Canadian Pony Club makes no representation or warranty, express or implied about any protective gear. Death or serious injury may result despite wearing such protective gear, as horseback riding involves an inherent dangerous risk and no protective gear can protect against all injuries, foreseeable or unforeseeable. The parent or guardian of any pony club rider is responsible to determine that the appropriate protective gear is worn and such gear is current, properly fitted and in good condition as Canadian Pony Club Inc., its regions, branches, committees or activity organizers are not responsible for checking protective gear worn by pony club riders.

Helmets are not to be removed for the salute in the dressage and stadium jumping phases. If they do so they will be ELIMINATED.

If a competitor's harness comes undone at any time while mounted, he or she shall not proceed until it is refastened under penalty of ELIMINATION. The time taken to refasten the helmet may result in time penalties during cross country or stadium jumping or a poor mark in the dressage movement in which it occurs, but there shall be no other penalty provided the harness is refastened at once.

Handing a competitor his or her hard hat is not considered unauthorized assistance, nor will dismounting to recover a lost helmet be interpreted as a fall or dismount.

Boots (Field or Paddock with Jodhpur Straps) with a heel must be worn at all times when mounted. Full chaps are not allowed. Half chaps may be worn.

When riding, hair should be worn in a neat manner (up or in a net) so that long hair does not hide the competitor's number, which should always be clearly visible.

If Worn Medical armbands must be worn on left upper arm and must be securely attached and visible at all times.

#### DRESS FOR TURNOUT AND DRESSAGE

#### See \* TURNOUT CHECKLIST \* posted to WOR Website under DOWNLOADS

Correct showing attire shall be worn. Refer to National Rally rules. A Pony Club pin with yellow disk should be worn on the left breast and a Pony Club crest on the upper left jacket sleeve. The competitors numbered bib should be worn over the jacket.

Refer to National Rally rules.

Spurs are optional. Please refer to National Rally Rules for details.



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Spurs are to be carried to Turnout, not worn.

The Ground Jury may excuse riding jackets in Dressage and Stadium Jumping if justified by weather conditions. An announcement will be made; otherwise, they are required as laid out in the dress rules.

#### DRESS FOR CROSS COUNTRY

Please refer to current National Pony Club – General Rules. Full chaps may not be worn. Half chaps may be worn. Competitor's numbered bib must be visible.

Body Protectors must be worn for warm-up and Cross-Country test. Refer to National Rally rules.

Spurs are optional. Refer to National Rally rules

Whips are optional. Refer to National Rally rules.

Riders are allowed to wear stopwatches on cross country at D1 (Pre-entry) level and above.

#### DRESS FOR STADIUM JUMPING

Attire is the same as for Turnout and Dressage

Spurs are optional. Refer to National Rally Rules.

Whips are optional. Refer to National Rally rules.

#### **TACK AND SADDLERY**

#### TACK FOR TURNOUT AND DRESSAGE

An English saddle is compulsory for all phases. Horses or ponies SHOULD NOT be braided. See TURNOUT CHECKLIST posted on WOR website under DOWNLOADS.

A snaffle of metal, leather, rubber or plastic material is required. See ATTACHMENT 1 FIGURE 1 FOR PERMITTED BITS. *Unless otherwise specified, Equestrian Canada- Section D rules apply.* 

An ordinary cavesson noseband, dropped noseband, crossed noseband (also known as a Figure 8 or Mexican noseband), or flash noseband may be used but must be made entirely of leather. No martingales, no over-checks. See ATTACHMENT 1 FIGURE 2 FOR PERMITTED BRIDLES.

For all other tack refer to National Rally rules.

#### TACK FOR WARM-UP

Refer to Exercise areas in current Equestrian Canada – Section D rules.

Riders changing tack will be required to go through tack check twice for that phase.



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#### TACK FOR CROSS COUNTRY

Blinkers, hoods, wire or triangular snaffles, double (full) bridles, and over-checks are forbidden.

Gags, hackamores, pelhams, kimberwick, and twisted snaffles are allowed. Stirrup leathers and irons may not be attached to the girth, nor may the foot be attached to the stirrup in any way.

Bit converters are permitted on pelhams.

Cruppers are permitted.

For all other tack refer to current Equestrian Canada – Section D rules.

#### TACK FOR STADIUM JUMPING

Tack and saddlery is the same as for Cross Country. For all other tack refer to National Rally rules.

#### **TACK CHECK**

There will be formal tack checks prior to EACH and EVERY riding phase.

Do not confuse Turnout and Tack Check before dressage...they are separate.

Tack will be checked thoroughly for broken stitching, dryness, splits and cracks, missing or broken parts.

Tack will be checked for suitability to mount e.g., size and length. Tack check personnel may tighten girths etc.

Competitors should walk their mounts to tack check, not ride.

Tack check must be completed BEFORE a rider enters WARM-UP.

The rider is responsible to use only tack and to present in attire which conforms to the rules. For example, if Tack Check misses an illegal bit or if a bit is changed between tack check and start and an official catches the infraction at any stage, the penalty will be ELIMINATION from that phase.

#### **WARM-UP**

The Committee will provide warm-up areas for dressage, stadium and cross country. Consideration must be given to allow D's and D2's enough space to properly prepare for their level of competition.

See "Tack for Warm-up" for restrictions.

Competitors shall not warm up within 20 meters of the dressage rings on penalty of ELIMINATION.

Jumping rules for stadium and cross country refer to National Rally Rules.



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Competitors must report to tack check prior to entering warm -up before each riding phase. Competitors will enter warm-up only after reporting to the warm-up supervisor. Times will be recorded and compared with tack check records.

Competitors must comply with standard warm-up ring etiquette including:

- Horses or ponies pass left shoulder to left shoulder
- The faster gait is to be given the outside track
- All circles, changes of direction etc. to be called in a clear, loud voice that can be heard by all competitors in the warm-up ring
- Warm-up ring is not to be used for cool out or exercising of mounts while others are preparing for competition
- Maintain a minimum of two horse lengths between mounts, and
- Give appropriate space to fellow competitors who may be experiencing difficulties with mounts while in warm-up.

Falls that occur in the warm-up ring are not penalized **but the rider must be cleared by the medical personnel prior to remounting.** 

#### WARM-UP SUPERVISOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

All riders must report to the supervisor prior to entering warm-up. Entry into warm-up is based on the order of go. Record and log times when riders confirm they have passed each phase's tack check. Ensure no overcrowding, no lunging, no excessive speed, and that jumps are of the appropriate height and properly flagged.

One warning for improper conduct may be issued by the supervisor; a second infraction may result in ELIMINATION. It is the rider's responsibility to report to his/her start time. Only Captains, Branch Designated Coaches, and Helpers are permitted to assist or coach. No excessive coaching or moving jumps as to interfere with another competitor's warm-up is permitted.

Reminder - All jumping must be done with red flags on the right. The penalty for jumping in the wrong direction is immediate ELIMINATION.

#### IMMEDIATELY UNPON COMPLETION OF CROSS COUNTRY

Each club's designated stable management teams shall meet each of their riders returning from cross country to see to the needs of the mount, implement adequate cool out protocol, assist rider in presentation to Veterinarian for inspection, and assist in implementing any directives from Veterinary staff as specified below under VETERINARY INSPECTION.

See COOL OUT RUBRIC posted to WOR website under DOWNLOADS



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#### **VETERINARY INSPECTION**

There will be a formal Vet Inspection 10 minutes after a rider finishes Cross Country. Mounts remain in the cooling off area. Failure to report within 20 minutes will result in penalties to the stable management team and may result in 25 Late Penalties to the mounted competitor. Failure to report by 25 min. or follow the Vet's instructions may result in ELIMINATION.

There may be informal vet inspections prior to stadium and cross country. All concerns should be reported immediately to the veterinarian.

#### PERSONAL CONDUCT

Competitors may be ELIMINATED for *inappropriate* conduct including poor sportsmanship, being disrespectful of officials, dangerous riding, mistreating their mount or riding a sick, lame or exhausted horse.

Riders, captains, helpers and adults may be suspended from attending current or future Rallies for conduct unbecoming to Pony Club. The Rally Chair is authorized to ask them to leave the Rally grounds.

Please do not bring dogs. If you must, provide shade, water and keep them secured at all times away from horses. Horses often strike out or shy from strange dogs. This results in unnecessary injuries.

We are guests! Please see that the venue, stable and parking areas are kept clean. Pick up your garbage. Bring bedding, hay, shovels, forks and carrier to deposit manure in the pile beside the barn. Dirty shavings may NOT be left in the facilities manure pile and must be taken home.

Possession of alcoholic beverages or controlled drugs, including the parking area, by competitors, assistants, or adults on the premises is basis for ELIMINATION of the branches or individuals involved.

<u>After any fall, anywhere on the grounds</u>, the rider must report to the medical personnel and get their clearance to continue.

#### **ELIMINATION**

Competitors who are eliminated due to fall of the horse or horse and rider will not be permitted to continue in the competition.

Competitors who are eliminated due to Abuse of Horse or Dangerous Riding will not be permitted to continue in the competition.

Competitors who have been eliminated in a test for other reasons shall be permitted to participate in the subsequent test(s) with the following provisions which must take place before the competitor starts the next test:

1. The competitor who has been eliminated due to being unseated must be examined by designated medical personnel and receive medical clearance and must fill out the Acceptance



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of Risk form found at the end of these rules. The competitor and coach/trainer or parent/designated adult supervisor must sign the acceptance of risk form. If the coach/trainer or parent/designated adult supervisor is not available to sign the form, the competitor may not continue.

- 2. The competitor who has been eliminated by something other than a fall must receive permission of the Ground Jury, the Technical Delegate and the Organizer in order to continue.
- 3. If there is not sufficient time for these conditions to be met before the eliminated competitor's scheduled start time or a later start time as arranged with the organizers in the next test, the competitor may not continue.

Competitors who have been eliminated will be given a score equal to that of the lowest placing competitor who was not eliminated in that test plus additional penalties as indicated in the scoring section. However, he/she will not be awarded an individual ribbon or overall, ahead of a competitor who was not eliminated. The same restriction applies to a team which is eliminated.

Competitors who have been eliminated in a test for any reason and are permitted to start the subsequent test must retire and leave the course upon the first additional refusal.

Competitors who have been eliminated, disqualified or retired from any phase of the course for any reason whatsoever, shall leave the course <u>at a walk</u> and shall take every precaution to avoid disturbing other competitors. <u>They shall not jump any further obstacles</u>. Failure to immediately leave the course following elimination or disqualification shall be classed as dangerous riding and may be subject to disciplinary action including suspension of membership and reporting to the OEF and/or Equestrian Canada.

#### **AUTHORIZED AND UNAUTHORIZED ASSISTANCE**

Except where specifically permitted in these rules, no one (other than Captains, Branch Designated Coaches and Helpers) may coach riders or accompany the riders during the execution of or preparation for any of the phases of the competition. Unauthorized assistance means any action by another party whether solicited or not, aimed at helping the rider or horse. Penalty for unauthorized assistance is ELIMINATION.

Within the designated trailer area, parents or other adults are not restricted from helping with preparations of any kind including giving advice, tacking up, loading and unloading horses, and cleaning or repairing tack. Parents and other adults should not be involved in such tasks outside the trailer area except if safety is an issue.

One designated coach per branch will be allowed to accompany the riders during the official course walks for both Cross Country and Stadium Jumping and to help riders in the designated warm-up areas.



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Coaches must be identified on the entry form and may be required to wear identification such as a number. More than one coach from the same branch, even if both are designated coaches, who are helping the same group of riders at the same time will be treated as unauthorized assistance.

Let common sense be your guide, but when in doubt ask the Rally Chair or a member of the Ground Jury. Rules have become much more lenient. The intent of the unauthorized assistance rule is to ensure competitors and their captains and helpers are responsible for their actions during the competition without the interference of parents etc. The older the competitor the less tolerant the Ground Jury will be of assistance.

The coaching restrictions are not intended to prevent ordinary conversations between a rider and their parent or other adults. Such conversations will not be treated as unauthorized assistance unless there is evidence that coaching was being done.

#### **EXAMPLES OF UNAUTHORIZED ASSISTANCE**

- Having anyone give directions in any manner to a rider on course, whether to rectify an error of course or not.
- Receiving direct aid (including verbal) to get a horse over an obstacle, "clucking" or coaching "more leg", "pick up your speed", "use your crop".
- Being followed, preceded or accompanied by any person or vehicle not in the competition.
- Receiving aid from another competitor or official by following them closely to "get a lead" over obstacles or get directions.
- A parent grooming or cleaning dirt from a mount, rider, or tack EXCEPT within the designated trailer area.
- A parent tacking up when the rider, captain or helper is capable EXCEPT within the designated trailer area.
- A parent going on the official course walk unless they are also a designated branch coach.
- Anyone other than captains, helpers, or one designated coach per branch coaching in warm-up.

#### **EXAMPLES OF AUTHORIZED ASSISTANCE**

- Loading or unloading horse trailers.
- Adjusting girths or checking tack for safety, anytime, anywhere.
- Assisting riders to mount or dismount including holding a horse or giving a leg up.
- Assisting a rider with an uncooperative horse when safety is an issue.



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- Arrive at Rally & discover something important was forgotten? Ask the Rally Announcer to solicit on your behalf, often extras are around.
- Ask your child if everything is going well and do they have a helper? Inform your club representative if plans have broken down. Rep or Captains can seek assistance through the Rally Committee.
- Cheering a competitor on is encouraged but without directions or coaching "Come on, try
  again" is fine BUT "Come on, try again, more to the right" is coaching and thus is unauthorized
  assistance.
- Holding a horse while a competitor uses the washroom.
- Holding a horse while a competitor walks the stadium course.
- Holding or walking a horse for an ill or injured competitor until a captain or helper can assist.
- Handing a competitor food or drink.
- Assisting a rider to put on a safety vest or raincoat.
- Handing a competitor their glasses, helmet, whip, or lost tack whether they are mounted or unmounted, on or off course.
- Catching a loose horse and returning it to the rider.
- Assistance to an injured or ill competitor or mount. Please inform a member of the Ground Jury prior to complaints being filed.
- Anyone can walk a course, with anyone, at any time, except on the official course walk or when a competitor is riding on the course.

#### **DRESSAGE TESTS**

See WOR website under DOWNLOADS for Dressage Tests for all levels.

# CROSS COUNTRY AND STADIUM SPEEDS, DISTANCES AND JUMP DIMENSIONS

D & D Open to be Derby style. Wherever possible the D & D Open course is to be set up in a fenced in area. Suggestion of putting some "log type fences" in the stadium course. Course to consist of up to 3 cross rails, up to 3 log type fences & up to 4 Compulsory Markers. Total obstacles not to exceed 10.

Cross Country and Stadium Speeds D2 and higher, refer to National Rally rules.

Item	D1 & D1 Open
Cross Country Speed (meters/min)	N/A



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Item		D1 & D1 Open
Max. Cross Count	ry Distance (meters)	1200
Number of Cross-Country Obstacles		6-10
Number of Stadium Jumping Obstacles		6-10
Stadium Jumping Distance (meters)		200-500
Stadium Jumping Speed (meters/min)		250
	Height or Drop	2' (0.61m)
Jump Maximums	Top Width	2' (0.61m)
	Bottom Width	2'3" (0.76m)

#### **DESCRIPTION OF CROSS-COUNTRY COURSES**

See above \* SPEEDS, DISTANCES AND JUMP DIMENSIONS \*

Refer to National Rally Rules for types of fences allowed.

#### **JUMPING COURSES**

See above \* SPEEDS, DISTANCES AND JUMP DIMENSIONS \*

Each competitor MUST wait for a signal (usually a whistle) before beginning the course on penalty of ELIMINATION. The judge shall have the right to STOP any competitor whom she/he feels is riding or jumping in an UNSAFE manner.

## WALKING CROSS COUNTRY AND STADIUM COURSES, POSTING MAPS

Each competitor will be allowed an opportunity to walk the course prior to riding. **Course walk leaders** may **be provided by the Rally Committee** if requested.

Only Captains, helpers, and one designated coach per branch may walk the course with competitors during the official course walk, no other coaches or parents are allowed.

Parents, coaches, competitors and others may walk the course at any time other than the official course walk if accompanied by competitors

The Rally Committee shall endeavor to have all the courses flagged and a map posted by early evening on the day prior to the competition. However, due to possible changes all competitors MUST ensure they check the course map within an hour of their competition start.

Course maps shall be centrally posted area no later than one hour prior to the start of the first official course walk for each division. Map - refer to National Rally rules and these rules for lower levels.



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Cross country course maps will be included with the club packet and may be sent out ahead of time. **Stadium course maps may be posted only.** 

#### **SCORING**

All scoring is done by penalty points. Where judges' award positive marks, these will be deducted from the maximum possible to arrive at the penalty points.

Eliminated riders will be assigned a score for the phase in which they are eliminated which will be the score of the lowest placing competitor in that phase who was not eliminated plus 30 points if eliminated in stable management, 20 points if in dressage, 50 points if in cross country, and 15 points if in stadium.

When a rider does not attempt any phase for any reason ("scratches"), they may not be awarded individual ribbon in that phase or overall. Teams which have fewer than the minimum number of riders attempt each phase may not be awarded a ribbon in that phase or overall.

Riders who have been eliminated will not be awarded an individual ribbon in that phase or overall ahead of a competitor who was not eliminated.

The same restriction applies to a team which is eliminated.

#### LATE PENALTIES

Under EC rules reporting late to any phase would be Elimination. Instead, Rally will assess a "Late Penalty" of 25 penalty points for reporting late to turnout, tack check, vet inspection or to ride any phase at the scheduled time or, in the rescheduled order providing ample warning of the rescheduled times were given. Failure to report at all will be ELIMINATION.

Any rider ATTEMPTING to begin any phase by trying to enter a ring or start box without first passing the tack check will be stopped and assessed 25 penalty points. He/she may be started only after reporting to tack check and if time permits. The next rider, only if ready, will be started as soon as possible to stay on schedule. In the dressage phase a rider will have been deemed to have to try to start once they begin their walk around of the ring (inside or outside). Failure to make any tack changes requested by the tack steward will result in ELIMINATION.

Officials should, as a matter of courtesy only, after a competitor has missed their scheduled time for any inspection or phase, try to contact the competitor to reschedule a later time. A convenient time may not be available. A rider may appeal to the Ground Jury to have the late penalty waived due to unavoidable circumstances examples illness, injury, trailer or vehicle mechanical breakdown.

#### DRESSAGE SCORING

See National Rally rules.



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#### **CROSS COUNTRY SCORING**

Refer to National Rally rules

**TIME PENALTY SCORING** 

CROSS COUNTRY RIDING PENALTY POINTS

#### STADIUM JUMPING SCORING

Refer to National Rally rules.

#### **OTHER PENALTIES**

The Judges or Ground Jury may at their discretion assess penalty points for unsuitable behavior or other infractions. These penalties may be applied to the overall score only or to both the overall score and the score for separate phases.

#### **TIES**

#### **INDIVIDUAL FINAL CLASSIFICATIONS**

Refer to National Rally rules.

## SCORING OF UNMOUNTED COMPETITION

Positive points will be accumulated by teams in the following categories:

Trailer, tack and area	30 points possible
Turn-out	20 points possible
Cool out	20 points possible
Time Management/Overall	10 points possible
Club volunteer participation	20 points possible
TOTAL:	100 possible points

**Trailer, tack & area:** Teams will be evaluated on cleanliness, function, safety and care of the horse.

<u>TURN OUT:</u> Ponies & riders will be scored on turn out using the 2022 rubric posted on the WOR website. The club's turn out score will consist of a fractioned score of all mounted competitors from that club.



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<u>TACK CHECK:</u> Ponies & riders are expected to be presented on time and complete to mandatory tack check prior to each phase of the event. Full marks are awarded for being complete and on time. If incomplete or late, the team's points are adjusted proportionally.

<u>COOL OUT:</u> Teams will be evaluated on their cooling out and care of their horse/pony after the cross-country phase of the event. This will include the mandatory vet check and will be assessed according to the rubric to be posted on the WOR website. See rubric posted on WOR website under DOWNLOADS (for further reference, see USPC D Manual, pp. 162-168).

<u>TIME MANAGEMENT/OVERALL:</u> Teams will be evaluated based on organization, positive and constructive teamwork, respect of officials/volunteers/other competitors, team members wearing proper attire (footwear, bibs)

<u>CLUB VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION:</u> Full points are awarded to the club whose parent/adult volunteers attend conscientiously to their assigned responsibilities on the day of the event, including orientation meeting. If a volunteer must be late or is unable to attend for any reason, the club may send a substitute volunteer at no penalty. If the volunteer position cannot be filled by the team/club, the points awarded to the team will be adjusted proportionally.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### MOUNTED COMPETITION

\*Ribbons 1st to 5<sup>th</sup> place OVERALL in each of the following categories:

- Overall for D riders
- Overall for D open riders
- Overall for D1 riders
- Overall for D1 open riders
- Overall for D2 rider
- Overall C Rider Entry
- Overall C + Rider Pre-Training
- Overall C + Rider Training

(NOTE: D/D open, D1 and D1 open jumping courses are NOT TIMED for purposes of placing Competitors at these Novice levels are timed for educational purposes only and the time on course does not contribute to their final score. THUS, clear round awards only may be presented for the Show Jumping Course only.)



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Participation ribbons will be awarded to each competitor who attempts all 3 phases and does not earn any other ribbon.

#### **ADDITIONAL AWARDS:**

<u>HIGH POINT DRESSAGE TROPHY:</u> Presented annually to D Rally rider who achieves the highest percentage mark of the Dressage phase (before conversion to Penalty Points).

<u>BEST PERFORMANCE STADIUM AND CROSS-COUNTRY ROUNDS TROPHY:</u> Presented annually to the rider who posts the best SJ and XC rounds, as determined by number of faults, and in the case of multiple clear rounds, the time CLOSEST to Optimal Time.

#### **UNMOUNTED COMPETITION**

Trophy (Team Horsemanship Perpetual Trophy presented by High Point Awards) presented to team(s) with the highest point total for the day.

Ribbons to 5<sup>th</sup> place teams.

NOTE: In the event of a tie, the score will stand however, judges will look for an outstanding feature that will allow ribbons to be given out as ordered.

#### **COLOUR PARADE**

Weather & time permitting there may be a Colour Parade prior to the presentation of awards. Each branch should have its flag and mascot. Riders may be either in full hunting dress or in their cross-country uniforms. The "Colour Parade" shall be done at a WALK only and shall be inside the stadium area. Helpers may assist to hold mounts if required for safety. Presentations may take place in conjunction with the Colour Parade or later if scores have not been finalized.

#### POINTS FOR ANNUAL REGIONAL AWARD

A total of 90 points will be awarded towards the annual Regional award.

These points shall be awarded as follows:

- 10 points for first place
- 8 points for second place
- 6 points for third place
- 4 points for fourth place
- 2 points for fifth place

Points shall be awarded for overall individual placing in D, D1, & D2 divisions only. Only ONE member (the highest placing) of each branch shall be considered in each division. The other members of that



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branch will be disregarded. *Neither results of Open divisions, nor results of Team Horsemanship competition shall be counted toward the Annual Regional Award*. Anyone allowed by the Rally Committee to compete on an alternate date is only eligible for ribbons on the day he competes, not Regional points.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION (TIPS)**

The following tips have been supplied by various branches but are not part of the formal rules.

All tack should be checked thoroughly for broken stitching, dryness, splits, cracks, missing parts or dirt well before the day of Rally.

Have horses reshod about 2 weeks before the Rally. Earlier and they may develop loose shoes, later they may have sore feet at the Rally.

Any medication to be given to a horse will require a veterinarian's certificate. Make sure you have it. Branch flags and mascots should be brought for the colour parade.

A Coggins test within the past 6 months is desirable and at some locations may be required for admission. Currently, Caledon Riding & Hunt Club does NOT require a Coggins test.

Bring comfortable footwear for walking cross country courses. The D2 course is 3 times the length of the D's and takes about 30 minutes to walk. Avoid blisters. Plan ahead.

Remember some mounts prefer only water brought from their stable.

An old shower curtain makes a great rain cover for horses.

Quick fix for a wrinkled, dirty riding jacket - brush off worst of the dirt, put jacket in a clothes drier set on low heat, add a damp beach towel and toss for 20 minutes.

Most of the changes in Rally Rules have come directly from Pony Clubbers' requests. Your input is important!

Parents, please remember this is a chance for riders to learn confidence and independence, and to work as a team with other Pony Clubbers.

# ATTACHMENT 1 – FIGURE 1 - PERMITTED BITS FOR TURNOUT AND DRESSAGE

- 1 Ordinary snaffle with double jointed mouthpiece
- 2 Ordinary snaffle with jointed mouthpiece
- 3 Racing snaffle



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- 4 Egg-butt snaffle
- 4a- Egg-butt snaffle with cheeks
- 4b- Egg-butt snaffle without cheeks
- 5 All other types of snaffles with cheeks
- 6 Snaffle with upper cheeks only
- 8 Unjointed snaffle
- 9 French link snaffle (not shown)
- 7 Rubber snaffle unjointed
- 10- D-Ring jointed rubber mouth snaffle (not shown) 11- Fulmer and half-moon snaffles (not shown)
- 12- Any combination of the above
- 13- Elevator bit only with reins on top ring (not shown) 14- Smooth rubber bit guards are permitted (not shown)
- 15- Keepers are required on full cheek snaffles (not shown)

#### **NOT PERMITTED BITS**

Wire, twisted, triangular, gag or Dr. Bristol snaffles, martingales of any type, over-checks (anti grazing device), hackamores.

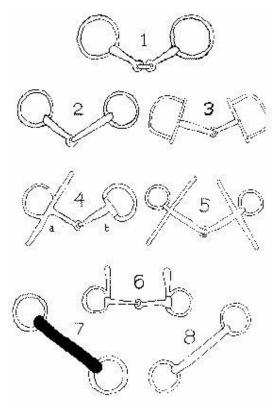


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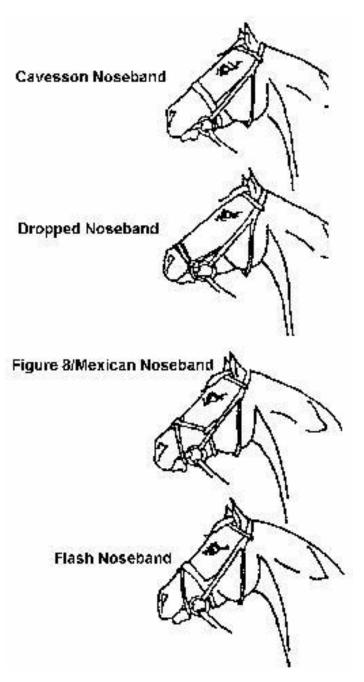
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# ATTACHMENT 1- FIGURE 2 – PERMITTED BRIDLES FOR TURNOUT AND DRESSAGE





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#### ATTACHMENT 2 – DIRECTIONS TO CROSS COUNTRY JUDGES

To record the number of any rider who passes their station. DO NOT list the numbers in the order of go from the timetable before the rider has actually passed. Competitors may go out of order or pass others on course.

To record any faults incurred by competitors at obstacles or to record that the rider passed without faults "clear". If in doubt, make detailed notes with a rough sketch and hand in with score sheets.

Faults should be recorded by marking an "R" for each disobedience (refusal, circle, or run-out) and an "F" for a fall of the rider or the horse at the obstacle.

To note whether competitors pass on the correct side of any boundary or turning flags. The competitor must always pass with the red flag on the rider's right side and the white flag on their left side. Riders must always pass flags, whether part of an obstacle or not, while mounted.

The judge should be positioned where he/she can see all of the approach side of the fence and have a good view of the rider as they leave the landing side but should not be in a position where they may be partially hidden and cause a horse to shy. The judge should be visible to both the horse and rider as they approach the jump.

To ensure that any competitor in difficulty at an obstacle clears the way for following riders. If a rider does not clear the way and interferes in any way with the following rider(s), make a note on your score sheet. Interference with following riders may result in ELIMINATION.

To take emergency action in the event of an accident at their fence. This includes calling for help (vet, doctor, repair gang etc.) by the method arranged by the Rally officials. If the jump is impassable, the judge must also stop oncoming riders as far from the jump as possible, recording as best they can the time each rider was stopped and the place where they started to pull up. When the fence is clear, the judge shall restart each rider at the point where they pulled up a reasonable interval and record each restart time to the nearest second.

Faults (refusals, 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.

To inform riders that they must leave the course and not jump any further obstacles if the rider has 3 disobediences at their fence, or if either the rider or the horse falls as a result of attempting to jump the obstacle.

To inform riders that they must leave the course and not jump any further obstacles if asked to do so by the Ground Jury via the radio controller.

To inform the Ground Jury via the radio controller or as otherwise arranged as to any disobediences or falls.



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## **REFUSAL**

At obstacles or elements with height (exceeding 30 cm) a horse is considered to have refused if it stops in front of the obstacle or element to be jumped. After a refusal, if the competitor redoubles or changes his efforts without success, or if the horse is re-presented at the obstacle after stepping back and stops again this is a second refusal and so on. **NOTE: This will apply for all D Rally jumps except in VERY unusual cases.** 

At all other obstacles or elements, a horse is considered to have refused if it stops in front of the obstacle or element to be jumped. A stop followed immediately by a standing jump is not penalized, but if the halt is sustained or in any way prolonged, this constitutes a refusal. The horse may step sideways but if he steps back even with one foot this is a refusal. If the horse hesitates but the forward motion is maintained, it is not considered a refusal. After a refusal, if the competitor redoubles or changes his efforts without success, or if the horse is re-presented at the obstacle after stepping back and stops again this is a second refusal and so on.

#### **RUN-OUT**

A horse is considered to have run-out if having been presented at the element or obstacle, it avoids that element or obstacle in such a way that it has to be represented at it. A rider is permitted to change his mind as to where he jumps an obstacle or element at any time, without penalty, including as a result of a mistake at a previous obstacle or element. If, however, the horse avoids part of the obstacle at which it was presented, this is considered a run-out.

#### **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.

At an obstacle composed of several elements, a horse is considered to have circled if before, during or after the negotiation of the obstacle, it completes the circle by crossing the track that it made before it jumped the last element of the obstacle.

After refusal, run-out or circle or fall, a competitor is not further penalized if he crosses his original tack to make another attempt nor if he circles one or more times preparing for another attempt.

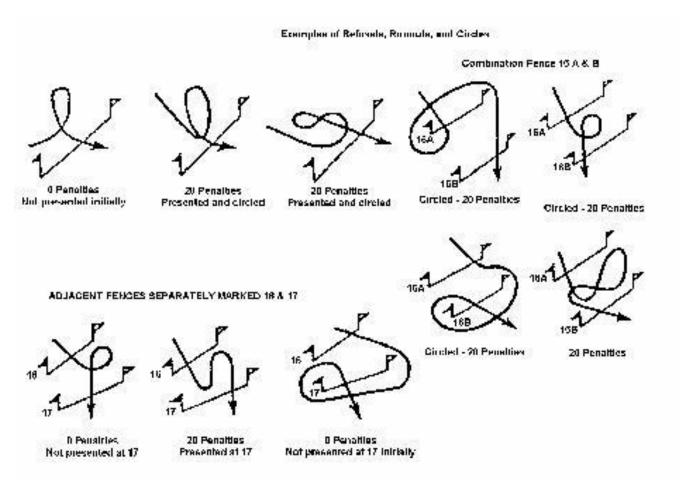


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#### **FALLS**

A competitor is considered to have fallen when he is separated from the horse as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle.

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. A competitor who has fallen and is therefore eliminated, must immediately retire and leave the course. **No exceptions**.

#### JUDGING AT MULTIPLE OBSTACLES

At an obstacle composed of several elements, a competitor may refuse, run-out and/or circle only twice in all without incurring elimination. If he refuses, runs out or circles at any element, he is permitted to retake any element already jumped, although he is liable to be penalized for any fault even if he has previously jumped an element successfully. If after a refusal, run-out or circle, he wishes



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to pass through flags in the wrong direction in order to retake an element, he may do so without penalty.

#### JUDGING AT COMBINATION OBSTACLES

Where two or more obstacles are sited together but are designed as separate problems and numbered accordingly, a competitor may refuse twice at each obstacle without elimination but he may not under penalty of elimination, retake any obstacles which he has already jumped.

#### **UNAUTHORIZED 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 helping the horse, is considered illegal assistance. The obstacle judge should report any such occurrences, with detailed explanation to the TD or to a member of the Ground Jury. It is forbidden for a jump judge or official to call back or assist a competitor by directions to rectify a course error.

#### **EXAMPLES OF UNAUTHORIZED ASSISTANCE:**

- Having anyone give directions in any manner to a rider on course, whether to rectify an error of course or not.
- Receiving direct aid (including verbal) to get a horse over an obstacle. "clucking" or coaching "more leg", "pick up your speed", "use your crop".
- Being followed, preceded or accompanied by any person or vehicle not in the competition.
- Receiving aid from another competitor or official by following them closely to "get a lead" over obstacles or get directions.
- Cheering a competitor on is encouraged but without directions ie. "Come on, try again" is fine BUT "Come on try again, more to the right" is unauthorized assistance.

#### PERMITTED ASSISTANCE

After a fall or if the competitor dismounts, he may be assisted to catch the horse, to remount or be handed or make adjustment to any part of the saddlery or equipment while he is dismounted or after he has remounted. Whip, headgear or spectacles may be handed to a competitor without dismounting.

#### STOPPING COMPETITORS ON COURSE:

If an obstacle is obstructed by a competitor in difficulty, or if an obstacle has been dismantled to release a fallen horse or if an obstacle has been broken and is not yet rebuilt, or in any similar



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circumstances, subsequent competitors must be halted. You may also receive instruction by radio to stop one or more riders.

The judge must position themselves in the path of the oncoming competitor to wave and yell to a rider to stop. Failure to stop is penalized by elimination at the discretion of the Ground Jury. The time during which the competitor was stopped from the moment he passed the stopping point until he repassed that same point after being given the signal to restart must be recorded by the judge. The time delay will be deducted from the rider's total elapsed time by the scorer.

#### COMPETITOR IN DIFFICULTY

Should a horse be trapped in such a way that it is liable to injure itself or be unable to proceed without assistance, the obstacle judge shall decide if parts of the obstacle shall be dismantled or if any other assistance shall be given to extricate the horse. The competitor is penalized for a refusal and must in any case retake the obstacle. If the incident results in the rider involuntarily touching the ground, the competitor is deemed to have fallen, resulting in elimination. All such incidents must be reviewed. The time taken for rebuilding the obstacle till the restarting of the competitor must be recorded. (See competitor stopping above).

#### **DELAYING FINISH**

Competitors may NOT circle, weave, serpentine, halt nor proceed at any pace below a trot at any point on the course in an attempt to delay crossing the finish line of the cross-country course.

#### WHAT TO HAVE ON THE DAY OF RALLY?

#### **FORMS**

- Maps of the Cross-Country Course 1 per competitor, Technical Delegate, Safety Officer, Medic, extra for jump judges.
- Order of Go Warm Up Volunteers, Safety Officer, TD, Medic, Jump Controller, Timers, Gate volunteers, Tack Check, Turnout Judge
- Schedule send out at least 4 days prior and have numerous copies day of.
- Team Lists Stable Management Judges, Scorekeepers, TD, Scorers
- Turn out Score sheet 1 per rider
- Tack Check 1 sheet per level per discipline, plus page from CPC Stable Management Groom Handbook download. Section 3.5 Page 7
- Cool Out Score Sheet 1 per rider



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- Stable Management Score Sheets 2 per team (1 for each SM judge)
- Dressage Tests 1 per rider, plus one of each level for Dressage Judge.
- Cross Country Jump Sheets 1 per jump (can sometimes get 2 jumps/divisions per page)
- Cross Country Control Sheet 1 per division (2 if there are a lot of competitors)
- Show Jumping Jump Sheet 1 for each course for judge, one for controller.
- Time Score Sheets 1 for start/finish judges for XC, 1 for timer for Show Jumping
- CPC Acceptance of Risk Forms have a few on hand for Safety Officer. Under CPC Downloads-Discipline Rally (see below)
- CPC Incident Forms have a few on hand for Safety Officer. Under CPC Downloads Insurance & Risk
- CPC Event Summary Report 1. Under CPC Downloads Insurance & Risk
- CPC Incident Witness Report Under CPC Downloads Insurance & Risk
- Radio sign out sheet

#### **RIBBONS**

#### ORDER RIBBONS 1ST-5TH

- Overall for D riders
- Overall for D open riders
- Overall for D1 riders
- Overall for D1 open riders
- Overall for D2 rider
- Overall for D2 Open
- Overall C Rider Pre-Training
- Overall C Rider Training

#### ORDER 1ST -5TH

Overall Team including Stable Management

#### ORDER AS PER NUMBER OF D & D1 RIDERS

Clear Round Ribbons for Stadium

#### GENERIC RIBBONS FOR GROOMS IN TRAINING (IF MORE THAN 3 GROOMS ON A TEAM)



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CANADIAN PONY CLUB ACCE	PTANCE OF RISK FORM FOR RALLIES
Competition Name: Western Ontario R	egion D Rally Date:
·	ed by all competitors who have been eliminated due to being e competition under the Pony Club "Worst Score Plus" System.
These competitors must be examined before being allowed to continue.	by designated medical personnel and receive medical clearance
In consideration for my continued parti	icipation in this Rally:
I AGREE that I voluntarily choos	e to continue to participate in this Rally.
BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE to competition medical personnel.	be bound by all applicable rules. I have been checked by the
Rider	Signature
Signature	(Mandatory for all members under 18)
	Signature
	(Optional)
I confirm that the above-named compe	etitor has medical clearance to continue in the competition.
Medical Officer	Signature
COMPETITION OFFICIALS' APPROVAL	
President of Ground Jury	Signature
Technical Delegate	Signature
Please attach this form to the incident	roport and sond to the National Office