

Highlights of the HM Handbook and Rules for Rallies 2007

(Refer to Part 2 Amplifying Guidelines & HM 2007 Spring Newsletter)

General

- Team HM now called Stable Managers.
- All rules have a ★ in front of rule and are typed in bold font inside the box.
- Rules are:
 - Numbered HM __ ; i.e., HM 1, HM 2, etc.
 - Outlined, with a box around the rule
 - Printed in bold font

Specific changes or clarifications to emphasize:

- HM 1 Refer to HM Newsletter - Competitors are required to have Part 1 only at rally (refer to HM Newsletter).
- HM 2 Scoring – refer to Part 3 HM 40 f regarding procedure for breaking ties.
- HM 6 c New
Prescribed Medications - If a competitor is to take prescribed medication during competition, the medication must be noted on the USPC Medical Release Form.
- HM 6 d Stronger clarification regarding attendance at briefing.
- HM 8 a Defines “rally officials”.
- HM 8 b Refer to HM Newsletter - Further clarifies what is or what is not considered an electronic device.
- HM 9 b Clarifies that the halter and the bridle are the only things that always need a breakaway capability (or be made of leather).
- HM 9 c New
Must list medications (horse) if any in addition to nutraceuticals/supplements.
- HM 10 f Tying mounts. There may be times when one does not use a quick release knot to tie a mount; Break away type ties are allowed, provided they are the kind that does not have a lot of “ricochet” effect and if the type with the metal snaps, the snap must be at the end nearest the mount, so as to prevent injury to mount or rider if breaks and does snap back at all.
- HM 11a Hacking is defined.
- HM 12 a Refer to HM Newsletter - Stall guards – it is not intended to require 2 stall guards, so therefore the 2 or more is deleted. In the unusual situation that there is no door on a stall and it is not known ahead of time, then the competitor should discuss the situation with the CHMJ to be sure that the stall is safe and that the mount will be contained in that stall.
- HM 13 a Refer to HM Newsletter - Concentrates and Hay; concentrates must be measured by weight and all feed must be prepared and/or labeled in such a way that it is clear to which mount the feed belongs.
- (The word ‘concentrates’ refers to grain and such; ‘feed’ refers to concentrates, hay, supplements and all nutrients added together).
- Note:
- Hay no longer has to be weighted (no scale needed)
 - Some plastic can be used to pre-package concentrate (plastic specifically made and used for packaging concentrates; plastic with holes for aeration).

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HM 13 c Refer to HM Newsletter - We are trying to allow for practices that differ based on geographical area; it is more common to see a muck bucket used as a water tub at rally in the west and therefore we are not forbidding such, but we are asking competitors to discuss their situation with the CHMJ if it should differ from the usual, so that the CHMJ and the competitor are in agreement as to what is allowed and what is safe.

HM 13 e No longer mandatory to use rope and chain to secure feed; the area used for feed storage must be secured in such a way as to prevent mounts and other animals from getting to the feed supply. This means that stalls used to store feed must be closed and securely latched at all times, except when one is in that stall to get feed. If trailers are used, the trailer must be secure from equine access.

HM 14 c May be allowed to take tack home at the end of the day if so stated at initial briefing; may be expected to secure tack room with padlocks or other mechanism as stated at initial briefing or in Rally entry information.

Labeling – items are to be labeled in any manner, so long as the “lost” or “misplaced” item can be returned to the team or rightful owner

HM 14 d Required Equipment List

Equine First Aid Kit – clarifies that large/bulky items such as padding may need to be restocked during Rally if used; it is not realistic to expect that a team have enough padding for 4 mounts, and it is not very likely that all 4 mounts would need wound care at the same time and in that eventuality you could borrow from another team and then re-supply their Equine First Aid Kit, also.

Refer to HM Newsletter - Make the following corrections as stated in the HM Newsletter:

- correct spelling of Epsom salts
- add 2 flexible stretch adhesive/cohesive “bandages”
- add “2 pair bell boots” under Polocrosse extra equipment

Under individual equipment:

- saddle racks – can now stack saddles up to 2 of their own on same saddle rack, so it is no longer correct to say one saddle rack per saddle
- Boot trees are required for leather boots only (not rubber boots)

HM 15 a Allows for someone else to jog your mount, but you must notify CHMJ before the jog out (maybe your team SM does a better job of moving a horse forward in hand, maybe you have first Turnout Inspection and need to get changed and ready, so you want SM to do the jog. In this situation it is strongly advised that in addition to talking to the CHMJ prior to the jog out, the person filling in to jog a mount “remind the CHMJ” that they are jogging for competitor # ____).

HM 15 b States no jeans or shorts for jogs. Remember, the jog is usually the first time the judge will see you and your mount, so you want to make a good impression and give the appearance of being workmanlike.

This gives the impression of respect for the Inspection Panel. If you take the time to be sure you are dressed neatly, clean and workmanlike, then it shows that you respect the time they are taking to do the jog out inspections. Jeans and shorts are very casual and may give the impression that you did not bother to take the time to change your clothes.

HM 16 c New
Synthetic reins must have breakaway capability (new)

Refer to HM Newsletter for clarification/correction on Buckle/billet guards not required on saddles with long billets

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HM 18 a Attire – Mounted Refer to HM Newsletter -

Jewelry – clarifies that no facial piercing are allowed; no dangling earrings or dangling jewelry of any kind other than medical alert bracelets or necklace.

Hairnets no longer required for long hair, BUT hair must be neatly secured away from face/numbers, so you want to wear a hair net.

Clarifies the position on protective vests (they are not required by USPC, but allowed based on parent/competitor decision).

Spurs - clarifies that use of roller type spurs are allowed (rubber, horizontal axis).

Although not stated, “Show Bows” are allowed.

HM 18 b Dress for Turnout Inspections (read the chart carefully and refer to 2007 HM Newsletter.

Helmets –

- D’s can wear any colored helmet/cover.
- New - Cs and above wearing informal attire for turnout must wear black or conservative color helmet.

Jacket - For clarification, Hunt colors are either the color on jacket collar or if that hunt has a particular color coat, then the competitor can wear that if they have earned it.

Neckwear – Pre-tied stocks are allowed; bibs are allowed but the competitor must also wear a shirt under the bib as stated in the row for shirts (no t-shirts allowed).

Pants - Under column for “Ds” and in row for pants, it should state:

“If Jodhpurs are worn with Jodhpur/paddock boots, rider must wear: knee straps (garters), and/or pant clips.”

HM 18 c Waiving jackets – If jackets are waived they must be removed for the warm up phase, but can be put back on for the riding phase; if choosing to wear jacket for the riding phase be advised that if there is any concern as to the prudence of this decision by any individual competitor the Ground Jury may insist that the competitor remove jacket and neckwear.

A competitor may dismount to remove jacket and to put jacket back on for the ride without having a new safety check (if in the warm up area); a competitor may remove jacket and put it back on for ride while mounted if there is someone on the ground holding the mount during this process.

HM 19 a The CHMJ may allow C3 and up competitors to “negotiate” a different Turnout Inspection time, so they can appropriately adjust their warm up time. Change in Turnout time in no way changes the ride time. Competitors who have successfully negotiated a new Turnout Inspection are expected to be on time for the new Turnout Inspection time.

HM 19 C Simple/standard tack adjustments made in the warm up area, such as changing length of stirrup leathers or further tightening the girth, may require the competitor to dismount. This does not require an additional safety check.

The CHMJ may decide to allow C3 and up competitors to perform their own safety checks after the Turnout Inspection. The competitor must still check with the designated HM Staff who is assigned to do safety checks before entering the warm up area to enable the HM staff the opportunity to do a visual assessment of the competitor. If the HM staff feels there is any indication of the need to perform a safety check on that competitor they are at liberty to do so.

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HM 20 a Turn Backs

The CHMJ may determine that the C3 and up competitor is not required to report for an “official” Turn Back inspection. This in no way relieves that competitor from the same expectations in caring for their mount and their tack after they are done riding. It does not mean that HM staff will not go to the stall or the tack room of that competitor to check the mount or the tack. C3 and up competitors who are excused from an “official” Turn Back should care for their mount and tack in a timely manner. Failure to do so with the reason that they were helping a teammate may not be an acceptable excuse for not doing so. Be advised that the failure to properly care for mount or tack in a timely manner is at risk of HM penalty.

Scoring at Rallies

Breaking Ties. Now that there is no written test, every effort will be made to break ties in HM scoring, using the following procedures:

Tied at zero

1. Go to the Turnout Inspection sheets.- the team with the most “Exceeds Standards” wins the tie.
2. If the tie still stands at zero, go immediately to “Team Challenge”, to break the tie.

Tied at a score greater than zero

1. Go to the Turnout Inspection sheets. - The team with fewest total points on their Turnout sheets wins the tie.
2. If the tie still stands, go to the Daily sheets (sheets #4A - 4B).
 - a. The team with the fewest total points on their Daily sheets wins the tie.
3. If the tie still stands, go to the Turnout Inspection sheets.
 - a. The team with the most “Exceeds Standards” wins the tie.
4. If the tie still stands, go to the “Team Challenge”.
 - a. The teams will be brought together for a “Team Challenge” in which each team will be asked "Team Challenge" questions. The team answering the most questions correctly in the allotted time wins the tie.