
SECTION VI: Appendices

APPENDIX 9

GUIDELINES FOR COACHING AT USPC EVENTING RALLIES

Copy as needed. One each to the Coach, the Organizer (*who should consult the organizer's guide for briefing guidelines*).

All teams may have a coach. Teams may share a coach. No team may have more than one coach, except in the case of a scramble team, when a competitor may use a coach from another team, or each region on the team may use the coach listed on their entry form. No member of a team may have more than one coach for the entire competition. The name of the coach must be included on the entry form. (Note: Organizer at a Regional Rally may need to amend the coaching rule to fit individual circumstances; the above guidelines are for National Championships).

In all cases the coach must:

- Be familiar with and comply with the current rules of USPC Eventing Rallies and the current USPC Horse Management Handbook and the current USEF rulebook, if applicable.
- Assist competitors in learning and understanding all rules pertinent to the competition.
- Read, sign, and return to the Organizer a copy of this form to indicate compliance to these guidelines.
- Wear the identification provided by the Organizer during the competition and while conducting course walks.
- Attend the official briefing for coaches.
- Attend the official course walk, not interfering with the official leading this walk.
- Assist any competitor who does not have a coach if asked by either the competitor, ring steward, or organizer.
- Be aware of the welfare of horse and rider.

The duties of the coach shall be limited to:

- Accompanying the competitors during course walks for cross-country, jumping and any other time that the courses are open for walking.
- Warming-up competitors for the cross-country and jumping phases of the competition in the designated warm-up areas. (In addition, a coach may lead a horse into the start box on cross-country).
- Coaches may debrief riders immediately after cross country when the horse and rider have been released from the vet box and immediately after exit as long as it does not interfere with the safety and health of the horse or rider. Conversations must be limited to five minutes.

Coaches must be:

- If a current Pony Club member, at least 18 years old and an H, H-A or A rated non-competing member.
- Someone other than the chaperone.
- At non-qualifying rallies and D rallies, experienced C-2 and above non-competing members who are younger than 18 may serve as coach if approved by the DC/RS and Organizer.

The Ground Jury, under the rules governing unauthorized assistance, will penalize violations of these coaching guidelines.

The Organizer or ring steward may limit the number of coaches in a warm-up area at any given time. Any coach not adhering to the rules set forth in this guideline may be removed from his/her position for the duration of the phase and/or rally.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE AND I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THESE GUIDELINES AND THE RULES OF THE COMPETITION.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Team (Region) _____

Coach Cell Phone Number _____

DC Signature _____