



2011 Horse Management Newsletter

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Early Dismissal From Rallies:

Strongly discouraged, but if there is a valid excuse arrangements must be made before the rally begins for a horse to leave. Team members are encouraged to stay and support their team.

Competitor Ratings At Rallies:

Competitors will now be judged in HM based on their highest HM rating. This must be included on the documentation provided to rally organizers.

Rule Books:

Discipline	Current Rule Book	Newsletter
Dressage	2009 (Addendums A, B, C, D, E, F, G)	2011
Eventing	2011 (Addendums A, B, C, D)	Forthcoming
Games	2009 (Addendums A, B, C) * Dress code clarification: at the local or regional level, white shirts are recommended but not required. At Championships all shirts must be white.	2011
Horse Management	2010 (Addendum A) - Best to reprint	2011
Polocrosse	2009 (Addendum A) * All reins must have a breakaway component. * All saddles must have leathers and irons that are not permanently attached to the saddle. * Spurs with pointed rowels are not permitted. * Polo helmets are now permitted.	2011
Show Jumping	2008 (Addendums A, B, C)	2011
Tetrathlon	2010 (Addendums A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I)	2011

Feed charts and feeding:

The 2010 Horse Management Rule Book has a very good expanded section on how to label feed and prepare a feed chart. HM 13 - Feed and Feeding, pages 22-24.

Vet Letters:

There is a new vet letter form, 2010 Horse Management Rule Book, Appendix F, page 99. It **must** be presented to the Chief before briefing.

Required Equipment:

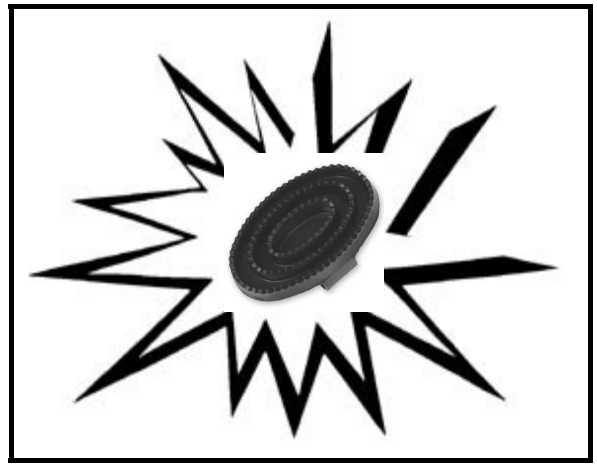
Appendix H, Required Equipment List Amplifications, is now RULES.

Shall/Must - an enforceable rule

Should - a recommendation

Examples:

- First Aid Kits and the Utility Kit **must** be stored so they are readily available in case of an emergency.
- Extra equipment **must** be clean/conditioned to the Standard of Proficiency for Turnout Inspection of the highest rated rider on the team, so it is ready to be used at a moment's notice by any team member.)
- There are a few items **must** be hung by the door of the Tack Room:
 - Working flashlight
 - "A" or "ABC" Fire Extinguisher, and
 - Team or Individual Identification Sign.
- For health reasons each mount **must** have their own hoof pick
- Sponges should be neat and reasonably clean. Store wet sponges in sponge drying rack. They **must** be marked to indicate which is for the dock and which is for the face.
- Feed tubs/buckets: **Must** be: Heavy-duty.
- Extra bridles **must** be complete and assembled.



HM Rule Changes: Grooma's are now allowed.
But just have every member buy a concentric ring rubber curry comb and stick it in their grooming kit.

Things to check before your first rally:

- Human First Aid Kit:
 - Triple Antibiotic Cream **MUST** have a current expiration date.
 - Please put lots of disposable gloves in the Human First Aid Kit.
- Equine First Aid Kit:
 - Topical Antibacterial/Antimicrobial/Antibiotic Agent **MUST** have a current expiration date.
 - One pound roll absorbent cotton is getting very difficult to find
 - Epsom salts are not required anymore
 - Please use digital thermometers
 - Antibacterial/antimicrobial/antiseptic scrubs can be Dial 'antibacterial' soaps.
- Tack Cleaning Kit:
 - Boot polishing kit is back in
- Grooming:
 - Wash buckets should be at least two gallons and marked 'Wash Only'

Biggest points lost in Required Equipment:

No boot trees and/or toes

Broken pony club pins

Broken jackknife (very dangerous)

Passed expiration dates

Stall cards: No Chaperone name/number. Make sure every team member knows who their chaperone is and has their cell number on the stall card.