

# 2024 HORSE MANAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

## 2024 HORSE MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK AND COMPETITION RULES

The 2024 Horse Management (HM) Handbook and Competition Rules is available online and through Shop Pony Club. Edits and clarifications (red font) were made, and significant changes are listed below:

**Article 67:** Alternative "slow release" tie methods may be used for safety when used as intended.

**Article 91:** Feed charts are required at one-day rallies for what is fed during the rally.

**Article 95:** Block salt must be left in the stall off the ground, i.e., not directly on the ground. For example, tied up, in a properly tied bucket, or in a ground feeder.

**Chapter 15:** The HM Handbook and Competition Rules now includes the heat-related illness chart found in the discipline rulebooks.

## SCORE SHEETS AND WORKSHEETS

All HM Score Sheets and Worksheets are found in the HM Handbook and Competition Rules.

## USPC HORSE MANAGEMENT REQUIRED EQUIPMENT AND SCORESHEET AMPLIFICATION

This section includes detailed explanations and educational information explaining the purpose and use of many items required by Horse Management. Edits and clarifications (red font) were made to match the HM Handbook and Competition Rules, with significant changes listed below:

### Feeding Equipment

Feeding Equipment is required when feed is present. Top off buckets are not required at one-day rallies.

Feed measures only need to be included if mount's feed is not pre-measured. If you chose to feed this way, your team must include a feed measure.

### Equine First Aid Kit

Glass thermometers are no longer allowed due to the health hazard created by mercury or broken glass.

## 2023 CHANGES

Many significant changes were made to the HM Handbook and Competition Rules in 2023. A summary of changes are listed below:

**Articles 5 and 41:** Updates to member participation and eligibility in rallies.

**Articles 12, 97, and 98:** Feed charts are required at one-day rallies for what is fed during the rally.

**Articles 15 and 128:** Updates to helmet certifications.

**Article 21:** Updates to disqualifications.

**Articles 40 and 95:** Updates to mount feeding guidelines.

**Article 77:** Updates to bucket attachments.

**Veterinarian Letter:** Vet Letter was removed. This item is no longer required.

**Article 138:** Changes to stall cards.

**Article 141:** Changes to feed charts.

**Items B and C:** Update to safety check scoresheet.

**Item F:** Updates to turnout inspection scoresheet.

**Item F-1:** D-1 and D-2 turnout inspections combined into one sheet.

**Item F-3:** C-1, C-2, and H-B turnout inspections combined into one scoresheet. Differences per certification are noted in bold.

## HORSE MANAGEMENT RESOURCES

The USPC Horse Management Committee can provide support to leaders, members, and volunteers. Current contact information for them can be found on the Instruction Committees page of the USPC website, <https://www.ponyclub.org/About/InsContactList.aspx>.

**We wish you the best while rallying this year, stay safe!**

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