



2025 Horse Management Newsletter



2025 Horse Management Handbook and Competition Rules

The 2025 rulebooks are now available in [Shop Pony Club](#) and on the USPC website. Edits and clarifications are noted in red font. Please note the following changes:

- NEW: Peacock stirrups are no longer permitted.
- Article 15, 43, and 128 – Safety Requirements for Helmets: Effective January 1, 2025, all riders must wear a properly fitted and securely fastened helmet containing the standards and certifications that meet criteria established by specific safety bodies listed below, to be worn by members during any mounted activity (except vaulting) and during some unmounted activities as specified in USPC rulebooks/handbooks (must contain one below):
 - ASTM F1163-15 with SEI Mark (N. America)
 - ASTM F1163-23 with SEI Mark (N. America)
 - SNELL Memorial Foundation E2021
 - PAS 015 2011 with BSI Kitemark (UK)
 - AS/NZS 3838 with SAI Global Mark (Australia and New Zealand)
 - VG1 01.040 2014-12 with BSI Kitemark and/or IC Mark (European)
 - EN 1384 with BSI Kitemark and/or IC Mark (European)
- Article 15, 46, and 135 – Safety Requirements for Safety Vests: Effective January 1, 2025, all riders must wear a properly fitted (per manufacturer's guidelines) equestrian body protection vest containing the standards and certifications that meet criteria established by specific safety bodies listed below when jumping cross-country/solid obstacles (must contain one below):
 - ASTM F1937-04
 - EN 13158:2018 BETA Level 1, 2, or 3
- Required Equipment Item C – Peacock bands and tabs are no longer required for rally Required Equipment.
- Required Equipment Item C – Liniments need to be at least 8 ounces.
- First Setup and Safety Worksheet, Item B – Feed charts are required at all rallies, whether they are one day or overnight, for feed that is fed during the rally.
- First Setup and Safety Worksheet, Item B – Boot toes are recommended but no longer required for tall boots. Boot trees are still required for tall boots.
- First Setup and Safety Worksheet, Item B – Extra offside billet is no longer required for Western Extra Equipment.
- First Setup and Safety Worksheet, Item B – Glass thermometers are no longer allowed due to the health hazard created by mercury and broken glass.

Have a great rally season!

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