

To Competitors and Parents!

Hello all! We are so excited to be rallying with y'all next week! This rally is going to be so much fun and we can't wait for it! We are sending this email out to prepare you for what to expect at rally. We also would encourage all to read over the Amplified Required Equipment Checklist

(<https://www.ponyclub.org/ContentDocs/Activities/Rulebooks/2019%20HM%20amplifications.pdf>) to make sure that you have everything you will need. (Please make sure that all attending can read through this document)

Move-in & Set-up

Parents will only be allowed to drop off gear and help move in heavy items- after this is done you are excused until briefing

Trailers- someone will help direct parking on arrival; any trailer can be used for a tack room; plan on setting up the tack room in the back of the trailer-interior tack rooms may be used, but are off limits to parents/coaches, and will be part of inspections; living quarters are okay, but there will be no access during barn hours.

Tack Rooms- pop up tents may be used in the designated location; extra measures should be taken-in case of a loose horse

Feed Rooms- second trailer and/or tarps are all acceptable ways to store feed; horses should **not** be able to access; hay must be covered with tarps if open; and grain must be stored appropriately; be sure to have feed charts up and visible within the feed room

Veterinary Care- a vet letter is required for **all** meds given or administered to mount (<https://midsouth.ponyclub.org/ContentDocs/48315/2021Rally/Vet%20Letter.pdf>); all meds must be given or applied by horse management judges (to be discussed at briefing)

Rally Happenings

Turnouts/Jogs- jogs will be done at the same time as turnouts; expect turnouts to be 1 hr before dressage ride time; **do not be late!**; check the turnout sheets for appropriate level

(<https://south.ponyclub.org/ContentDocs/48324/Turn%20Out%20Inspection%20Form.pdf>); turnout attire is approved competition attire for eventing dressage at the appropriate level, to be found in the eventing rulebook; coats and ties may be removed after turnout (if worn)

Vet Box- there will be a training on how to do a vet box; be prepared to have teams send their washbuckets with scrapers, sponges, and water bottles to the vet box before x country; a teammate should be present-if possible-to help their riders coming off of the course; tack will be returned in a truck asap after release from vet box

Turnbacks- partial will be after dressage and show jumping to check for horse care and essential tack cleaning; full turnback will be held 1 hr after x country ride-competitors will need to come and get a HM judge for their turnback

Required Equipment Check- make sure to have all equipment and kits ready; tack room organized; at least one member of the team present; time to be scheduled with the HM Judges; be sure to have team identification on tack and feed rooms and personal items.

Safety Inspections- required before x country and show jumping rides; must be done by someone in the Horse Management Staff

Daily Rules

Phones- are allowed, competitors can only have phones in tack rooms and never when working with a horse; no loud music; excessive use is grounds for extra stall examinations ;)

Lunging and Bandaging- any lunging and bandaging needs to be done by HM staff or an approved (by HM Staff) adult; lunging must be done in the appropriate area and in the appropriate attire

Tidiness- stalls, tack, and feed rooms should be kept tidy and safe; doors should be closed if competitors are not present; keep water buckets, hay nets/bags, and feed tubs clean and safe; healthy horses are happy horses-YAY!

Barn Hours- horses should be fed within an hour of opening and closing; absolutely no one allowed in barns after closing or before opening, night checks will be done by HM staff; no parents allowed in barn except during the visiting period on Saturday night; parents can meet competitors in the Neutral Zone and riding areas during the day for whatever's needed (besides equipment)

Have FUN!- bring drinks and snacks and don't forget to have fun!!!