

Preparation for USPC Quiz Rally

- Wear your USPC Pin
- Wear your medical armband. This is a requirement; **you will not be able to compete without it. No exceptions.**
- Wear a watch; you MUST be on time to each phase!
- Wear your nametag (given to you in your rally packet that morning)
- Quiz Attire: Please wear neat, clean casual clothing. Our club's preference would be: club polo shirt (tucked in), non-denim slacks/skirt (tan, white, etc.), a belt if the pants have belt loops. If there is no barn phase, you can wear any comfortable, clean shoes.
- Limit jewelry to low key items, nothing big, or distracting. If it makes noise when you move, it is probably not appropriate.
- VERY IMPORTANT; Remember there may be many ways to do things regarding horses, but the Quiz rally is designed to test your knowledge of the "**PONY CLUB way**" to do things.
- Bring a bag containing your study materials and a snack. You cannot take this bag into any phase, but you are allowed to review your study materials in between phases. Have the snack available in case you need a quick bite before going into a phase.
- Bring a lunch, or money to buy it.
- When you arrive at the Quiz Rally go pick up your packet. Once you have your packet, move out of the line; this is not the time to ask questions. Many other competitors need their packets as well.
- Away from the registration area, meet up with your teammates. Take out your pinney and put it on. Remove the nametag and slap it on.
- Keep track of your packet! Put it in your bag, know where it is! The packet contains your testing schedule and you will get all messed up if you don't have your schedule.

- Meet with your teammates and review the schedule. Know **when** and **where** each phase is. Make sure you know **how** to get to each location! It is possible your phases will NOT be written in time order; rewrite your schedule in time order.

Schedule may look like this:

Stations – 10:25, Gym

Written Test – 9:10, rm 242

Mega Room – 1:00, rm 428B

Classroom – 11:15, Science Lab

Rewrite like this:

1. Written – 9:10, #242

2. Stations – 10:25, Gym

3. Classroom – 11:15, SciLab

4. Mega Room – 1:00, #428B

- After rewriting your schedule, decide as a team when to eat lunch, and where to meet in between phases. Make sure you know WHERE each phase is located and how to get there! If you don't know, ask one of the parent volunteers.
- Schedule your time so you arrive at each phase about 5 minutes early.
- The Quiz rally will have 4 of these 5 phases:
 - Written Test
 - Stations
 - Mega-Room
 - Classroom
 - Barn (you MUST wear appropriate footwear to this phase)
 - Read the current Quiz Rulebook (found on the USPC website) to be familiar with the rules regarding these phases

Things you do NOT want to do at a Quiz Rally

- ❖ Fail to wear your USPC pin No pin = 1 penalty point in EACH of the 4 phases.
- ❖ Arrive late to a phase; Being even 1 second late = 10 penalty points for EACH occurrence!
- ❖ Fail to wear your nametag. No nametag = 1 penalty point in EACH of the 4 phases.
- ❖ Receive unauthorized assistance; 0-30 penalty points 1st incident

- ❖ Receive unauthorized assistance AGAIN??! Mandatory Disqualification for the 2nd incident! The following are considered 'unauthorized assistance'.
 - Talking **during** any phase of the competition except when given instructions and permission to do so.
 - Talking **about** any phase of the competition until all testing is complete and the rally is closed. (Except privately with your teammates after the phase, or during the inquiry/protest period while sequestered. But, if your discussion is within earshot of other competitors this may still result in penalty points.)
 - Touching **any** item on **any** Mega-Room table at **any** time, without receiving permission from an official (table judge).
 - The presence of study material, note-taking material, and/or recording equipment during any phase of the rally.
 - The acceptance of suggestions or assistance from **anyone** other than an official during the Written Test and/or Mega-Room.
 - The acceptance of suggestions or assistance from **anyone** other than an official or teammate during the Classroom or Stations phases, and/or the inquiry/protest process.
- ❖ Become a spectator in any of the phases – Mandatory Disqualification! (this is considered “prior access” to quiz questions)
- ❖ Behave in an Unsportsmanlike way. You could receive penalty points or even Disqualification.
- ❖ Stage protests which are considered frivolous or groundless. This will receive 5 penalty points for each occurrence.

