

1 **Policy IX. COMPETITIONS**

2 PHILOSOPHY -In order to provide Pony Clubbers with experience in competing in
3 various horse sports; to provide a forum for Pony Clubbers to demonstrate horse mastership in a particular sport, as
4 acquired through a prior teaching program; to enable Pony Clubbers to demonstrate the ability and knowledge necessary
5 to care for their mounts in a safe and workmanlike manner with minimal adult assistance; to provide Pony Clubbers with
6 opportunities to observe and learn from other Pony Clubbers with opportunities to develop responsibility, leadership
7 skills, and sportsmanship through team experiences, the Oregon Region endorses competitions as a complement to the
8 instructional program.

9 ***Section 9.01 Region's Responsibilities***

10 Each year at the annual meeting of the Regional Council, activities for the year are scheduled which will include
11 the planning of competitions, sites for such competitions, as well as dates and hosts/organizers. The Region
12 shall lend any assistance as requested to the host/organizing clubs. This Includes protocols developed for the
13 discipline, information pertinent to the site and any other information necessary for, successfully presenting the
14 competition

15 ***Section 9.02 Organization***

16 A competition may be sponsored by the Region. In this case the competition is organized by one or more
17 member clubs and fiscal responsibility lies with the Region.

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19 The DC/Organizer/Host shall, in consultation with the RS, prepare a working budget and provide same to the
20 RS at least two months prior to the competition. The intent of a regionally sponsored competition is to make
21 available to all members of the Region a venue that is safe, fair and affordable. Losses will be made up from the
22 Regional treasury. Any profit will be turned over to the hosting club(s). The Region may raise money by sale of
23 Regional shirts, pins, etc.

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25 Competition may be sponsored and organized by a member club and sanctioned by the Region. In this case
26 fiscal responsibility lies with the individual club.

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28 Clubs are encouraged to host interclub and region-wide competitions of the following types:

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- 30 ▪ Quiz
 - 31 ▪ Show Jumping
 - 32 ▪ Dressage
 - 33 ▪ Eventing
 - 34 ▪ Polocrosse
 - 35 ▪ Games
 - 36 ▪ Tetrathlon
 - 37 ▪ Vaulting
 - 38 ▪ Mock Rallies for Beginning Competitors
 - Schooling Rallies

39 ***Section 9.03 Stable Management***

40 Stable Management will be an important part of every mounted rally. The HMO will assist the rally organizer in
41 securing knowledgeable horse management judges.

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43 The rally organizer shall include in their budget a stipend to pay horse management judges for their service at
44 the rallies. It is recommended that a per diem (in addition to room and board) be the minimum remuneration.
45 This fee will vary depending on whether the HM judges come from within or out of the Region, but will reflect
46 current practices throughout the country.

47 ***Section 9.04 Organizer's Responsibilities***

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- 49 ▪ Submit budget to RS for approval (if ORUSPC sponsored)
 - 50 ▪ Meet periodically with the RS and the HMO (if ORUSPC sponsored)
 - Obtain USPC rules and guidelines for that discipline at least four months in advance.

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- 1 ▪ Send out all necessary information and entry forms early enough for clubs to plan sufficiently, with detailed
- 2 description of levels or competition offered and conditions of grounds.
- 3 ▪ Arrange for awards. Awards shall be a reflection of the TEAM scores based on total scores for all phases.
- 4 Awards shall also be given for TEAM horse management total scores.
- 5 ▪ Provide means for parents and other spectators to understand what is going on and designate areas or
- 6 persons where questions may be answered.
- 7 ▪ Within 30 days after each rally the organizer shall submit a full report to the RS. This report shall include a
- 8 financial report, results of rally placings, summary of the rally including participation in management from
- 9 other clubs, and suggestions for improvements in the future.
- 10 ▪ Encourage scramble teams and develop means to organize them.

11 ***Section 9.05 DC/Club's Responsibilities***

12 All active clubs shall take part in planning some regional activity or assist another club in doing so at least once

13 every two years. Clubs should strongly encourage members to participate in regional rallies.

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15 DC's should respond promptly to organizer's requests for estimate of participation and avoid making changes at

16 the last minute. All required paperwork must be completed by deadlines.

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18 DC's are responsible for sending riders who will be safe competing at their level of competition.

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20 DC's should be sure that competitors and parents are informed as to expectations of them at the competition.

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22 Because Pony Club is a volunteer organization and the success of the competition is directly related to the

23 response of volunteers, each club is expected to provide a minimum of one volunteer per team and/or

24 individual (in case of a scramble competitor) participating in that competition.

25 ***Section 9.06 Pony Clubber's Responsibilities***

- 26 ▪ Be prepared to work for the good of the team
- 27 ▪ Have a cooperative attitude
- 28 ▪ Take time to make new friends
- 29 ▪ Leave the area in a better condition than which you found it
- 30 ▪ Thank organizers and parents for their work

31 ***Section 9.07 Parents' Responsibilities***

32 Get child and horse to the rally site in a calm, rested and prepared state at or before the scheduled arrival time.

33 Parents may help competitors to unload heavy items and then must remove themselves as quickly as is possible

34 from the barn areas. Parents are strongly encouraged to check in with the volunteer coordinator to offer their

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36 ***Section 9.08 Championship Teams***

37 (See Policy X, National Connection, Section 10.3 Championships

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