

## Part 1 – RULES FOR RALLIES

### 11h. Hay Nets & Hay Bags

Hay nets or hay bags must be properly tied and securely fastened, if used.

Hay nets/bags must be hung high enough, so even when empty, the hay net or bag opening does not hang below the mount's point of shoulder. This reduces the chance of the mount getting a foot caught.

- Cotton hay nets are recommended over nylon, but not required. (If a mount gets tangled in the net, cotton is more likely to break, avoiding injury to the mount.)

### 11i. Working in the Stall

Whether or not the stall door/guard must be open or closed depends on who is in the stall.

Who is in the Stall	Stall Door/Guard Must Be...
Empty – (No mount or person)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kept shut and latched.</li></ul>
Mount only (No person)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kept shut and latched.</li></ul>
A person AND a mount are in the stall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kept shut, but unlatched, and</li><li>• A lead rope must be attached to the halter.</li></ul>

Mount does not need to be tied, but if not tied, the lead rope must be over mount's neck, so the mount does not get tangled. Mount may be tied in the stall, as long as it is to a secure stall wall—not a temporary stall wall or sliding stall door.

### 11j. Cleaning Stalls

To promote the well being and comfort of the mount, a neat, clean and workmanlike environment (stall/tie area) should be maintained throughout the rally.

- Stalls must be mucked out in the morning and picked out at regular intervals throughout the day, with attention to any wet spots as well as manure piles.
  - It is not expected that manure piles be removed immediately, but it is expected that members make an effort to keep the stall clean and dry.
- Replace bedding as needed to maintain a comfortable environment for the mount.
  - Competitors are expected to strip the stalls of all bedding at the end of competition unless directed otherwise by the CHMJ or organizer.
- Aisles in front of stalls must be appropriately swept or raked.
  - Any manure piles must be removed from the aisles immediately.
  - Any manure piles must be removed from common areas immediately (e.g., wash racks, barn cross aisles, judging areas).

### HM12 – Tack Rooms

#### 12a. Tack Room Set Up

Tack rooms are to be:

- Workmanlike
- Well organized, neat and uncluttered
- Must be visibly labeled at the entrance with the team or individual name,
- Trash must be emptied prior to leaving for the night, and
- Tack room door must be closed and latched when team members are not in the immediate barn area.

Competitors must regard the tack room as a work area. The barn aisles must always be kept clear of any unnecessary equipment.

At regional rallies, competitors may not set up tack rooms until the CHMJ or organizer has given approval.

Tack room set up is a team effort, thus allowing each team member to know where all rally equipment is stored. While some parental assistance may be necessary to move in large, heavy items, assistance is to be minimal with respect to actual set up, so the tack room reflects the team's efforts.

- When trailers are used for tack and/or feed storage, they must be completely set up on the rally grounds at the time designated by the CHMJ or organizer. They may not be brought in to the rally already set up for use.

When mounts have traveled long distances (e.g., as in Championships) the issue of tack room set up will be addressed by the CHMJ or organizer(s) on an individual basis with consideration given to the fact that the competitor will need much of this equipment to care for his/her mount properly.

- In these situations, the tack room will still be judged at the same standards and/or expectations at the start of the rally and competitors will be expected to have all supplies for First Check – Set Up & Safety and all items on the Required Equipment List. (Appendix H-1 and H-2)

#### 12b. Decorations & Accessories

Excessive and/or unnecessary decorations are not appropriate.

- The CHMJ has the authority to ask members to remove items that pose a safety hazard or that unnecessarily clutter the tack room.
- There should be no competition for the 'best decorated' tack room, etc.

The CHMJ may amend the following list concerning decorations and accessories, on a rally-specific basis.

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### Decorations & Accessories in the Tack Room

Item	Acceptable	Reason
Table, chairs, or other non-essentials	Yes	These items may be inside tack room only. Non-essential items are not permitted in the aisles or inside stalls.
Carpet or floor covering	Yes	Sometimes outdoor carpet or a tarp will help reduce the amount of dust in a tack room.
Decorative plants	No	Plants of any type (real or artificial) are not permitted. Many plants are toxic to mounts and even plastic plants may be eaten, causing a mount to choke.
Refrigerators, microwaves, plug-in coolers, etc.	No	Many items may overtax the barn's electrical system, thus causing an unsafe situation.
Tack Room drapes	Yes	Drapes may only be inside the tack room to cover a wall or to provide privacy if needed for changing clothes.

### 12c. Tack Room Equipment

Tack room equipment, which must be clearly labeled, includes all items on the Required Equipment List (Appendix H-2)

All equipment used in competition, other than clothing, must be kept in the team areas (tack room, feed room, stall, etc.) unless otherwise instructed by the CHMJ.

- The competitor takes responsibility for items rally Officials allow them to remove overnight.
- If the team wishes to lock their tack room at night, they may make arrangements with the CHMJ.

### 12d. Labeling Equipment

All equipment must be clearly labeled in such a way that it is easy to identify the owner, so the item(s) can easily be returned. For example:

- All Individual Equipment must be labeled with the competitor's name or number.
- Team equipment must be labeled with the team name or team number or the name or number of any team member.
- Small items can be stored in a labeled container/zip-close bag.
- Place a label with the competitor's name or number on the rack next to their saddle/bridle, when labeling saddles and bridles.

### 12e. Required Equipment List (REL)

#### *Appendix H-2 & Appendix C for REL Amplification*

Each team member is responsible for knowing:

- The location of each item on the Required Equipment List, and
- How to use each item on the Required Equipment List.

The Required Equipment List is a list of items most commonly needed and/or used when traveling and/or competing with a mount. All items have a specific purpose.

- Each team must have all items listed.
- Each team (but not each separate member of the team) or each individual competitor sharing a tack room is responsible for any missing or incorrect equipment, unless they have just used the item to replace something broken or in use.
- Competitor REL will be judged and points deducted for any missing items only once during the rally.

### 12f. REL Check: Abbreviated Evaluation Option

In consultation with the HMO and/or organizer, the CHMJ will determine if a full or Abbreviated Required Equipment List (REL) Check will be performed. In an Abbreviated REL Check, HMJ's only check certain Kits/equipment on the REL, rather than every item listed.

An Abbreviated REL Check will include a check of the following kits:

- Equine First Aid Kit
- All Extra Equipment required for the discipline, and
- Random selection of 3 other sections on the REL.

If an Abbreviated REL Check is performed:

- The same method (kits/items selected) must be used for all teams and by all HMJs.
- The method must be clearly announced to all HMJs and competitors.

Competitors must come to every rally prepared for a complete check of all Required Equipment.