

Stable Manager Responsibilities

Congratulations!! You have been chosen to represent your club as stable manager of a team at a regional rally. This is both an honor and a responsibility. It is an honor because it shows that the DC believes you have proven yourself as a leader that can help your team succeed.]

The stable manager is a very important member of the team. Some would say it is the team anchor. The job begins long before the initial briefing at rally. When teams are formed, you should have a discussion with your team captain to make sure you understand exactly what he or she expects of you.

Typically, the stable manager will be the person primarily responsible for making sure your team has all the necessary and required equipment. You should use USPC Equipment Checklist (see Horse Management Handbook) well prior to the rally to make sure you have everything. Your captain will probably call a meeting for the team to get together and go over the equipment list. If you have not heard from him or her, you should make contact and make sure everyone knows when the equipment meeting will take place.

You should also make sure your teammates are aware of the formal inspection requirements that apply to his/her rating level. Use the Formal Inspection Checklists in your Horse Management Handbook as a reference.

One of the most important responsibilities of stable manager is helping team members manage their time properly. In the stress of competition, time flies. Devise a system ahead of time for helping keep your members on time at inspection and ride times.

Another critical part of your job is helping maintain a positive atmosphere throughout the team. Again, competition can be stressful and team members may be upset or discouraged over their performance. You should offer encouragement to all team members.

You are not a slave and shouldn't be treated as such. However, as stable manager you will want to help team members perform grooming and stabling duties as your time permits and as needed. Some team members may need more help than others, and that is perfectly acceptable and understandable.

Again, congratulations on this honor. Have fun at rally!!