

What to expect at Quiz Rally

Competition Attire for Quiz

- Shirt—Collared long or short-sleeved shirt tucked into pants.
- Pants/Shorts/Skirts—Must be safe, free of rips and tears
- Footwear—Athletic shoes are permitted for all phases EXCEPT the Barn Phase. During the Barn Phase competitors must wear proper unmounted footwear (Thick-soled , shoes/boots (short or tall) that cover the ankle, of sturdy materials to protect entire foot)
- Rally number pinnie
- Pony Club pin
- Medical Armband/Bracelet

Quiz Rally Format

Quiz is a USPC discipline where teams compete against each other across the five knowledge-based phases: Barn, Classroom, Mega-Room, Stations, and Written Test. The competition does not include any mounted competition.

Regional Rallies will include the Classroom and Written Test phases and any two of the remaining three phases. Each phase should include a minimum number of rounds per phase as follows:

- Barn: 1 round (3 individual questions per competitor and 1 team question)
- Classroom: 3 rounds (3 individual questions per competitor)
- Mega-Room: 5 tables
- Stations: 5 stations
- Written Test

Description of Barn

Oral questions are in a barn setting. The Barn phase is not limited to a barn or stall. Other settings and facilities are acceptable (i.e. parking lot, at a trailer, or in a room at a hotel, etc.). The format of Barn questions should be more hands on in nature than the other phases with an opportunity to demonstrate when possible. A round is complete when each member of a team has answered three (3) individual questions and the team has answered one team question. Proper footwear is required as stated above wherever the Barn phase is held.

Questions are designed to test the competitor's practical hands-on application of knowledge on a variety of topics derived from the Standards of Proficiency, discipline rulebooks, and the USPC website.

Competitors state their name and certification for the first question in the phase and thereafter at the discretion of the judge. The competitor states at what level she/he wishes to be questioned—at their HM certification level or one level above. (5 points per correct answer at certification level, 10 points for higher level)

- The judge reads the question twice.

- Time limit to begin answering after the question has been read twice.
- All competitors have 20 seconds to begin answering.
- The timer signals a 5-second warning.
- Only Novice D team members have the option of conferring with teammates on individual questions.
- The team member to whom the question was addressed must answer the question.
- The request to confer must be made before the answer begins and before the 20 second time limit. The stopwatch is stopped and restarted when the conference begins and the team then has 30 seconds to begin the answer that the conference produces.
- Credit for a correct answer is reduced by half when a conference occurs.

Description of Classroom

Competitors stand and state their name and Horse Management certification for the first question in the phase and thereafter at the discretion of the judge. If a choice of the question value is offered in a round, then competitors state which level they wish—at their certification level or up to two certification levels above their certified level. Otherwise procedure of asking and answering is same as for Barn phase

Description of Mega-Room

Mega-Room is comprised of tables with horse-related items displayed on them. Mega-Room table props should come from the Official Reference List. All items in the Mega-Room phase are identified by matching them with an answer sheet given to each competitor. Competitors compete individually in Mega-Room and the top three scores will be totaled for a team score. The Mega-Room phase varies in number of rounds depending on availability of props and facilities.

All questions are in a matching format.

Competitors will rotate through a series of tables that have various horse-related items displayed, usually based on a theme or topic.

- Each table is a separate round.
- The number of tables (rounds), and the number of items on each table within each division will be set by the organizer.
- The point value should be the same for each table.
- Only one competitor per team at each table. No more than 10 competitors per table.
- Each competitor will receive an individual answer sheet prior to the beginning of the phase.
- The mega-room coordinator will signal the beginning and the end of each round.
- At the start signal, competitors will identify the items on the table and record their answers on the answer sheet.
- Each Mega-Room round has a 3-minute time limit.
- Every individual competitor will rotate through each table.

Description of Stations

Stations questions are intended to provoke problem solving, sequencing and matching skills of the team. All questions are team questions and are designed to require full team involvement.

- Teams will rotate through a series of stations. Each station will present a different question or task.
- One team per station.
- All stations are team questions.
- Each station will have its own table monitor/scorer.
- The table monitor/scorer will read the instructions and point level of that station before the beginning of each round.
- Each station is a separate round.
- Teams must indicate to the table monitor/scorer when they are finished.
- All rounds will have the same time limit, maximum 5 minutes.
- The table monitor/scorer announces whether the answer is correct or incorrect and the number of points earned.
- When the signal is given, the teams will rotate to the next station.
- Each team will rotate through every station.

Description of Written Test

- Written tests are 25 questions
- All questions are matching, true/false or multiple choice
- Each competitor will receive an individual test sheet at the beginning of the phase
- Any competitor may have their test read to them. A reader will be assigned by the Rally organizer. Be sure to notify a monitor if the competitor desires to have the test read.
- Individuals indicate when they are finished by turning their answer sheet over.
- There is a 45-minute time limit for the written test