

D3 Rally and Rating Tips **By Stormy May,** **Chief Horse Management Judge, Sierra Pacific Region**

Please keep these on file for your future ratings. The questions are ones that give a good indication of the depth of knowledge needed at each level. Only certain sections may be covered.

The guides are not meant to be comprehensive, they are only intended to get you studying on the right track. Many of the answers can be found in the Pony Club manuals. Additional resources include veterinarians, trainers, farriers, and graduate Pony Clubbers.

Memorizing this knowledge from books is a start but the examiners will also want to hear of practical experiences and applications of this knowledge. These guides should be used along with the standards.

***Most importantly, I hope there are never any answer keys made for these questions. It isn't necessarily these questions or answers that are the most important part. The studying and questioning that you have to do to find the answers will be the biggest value. ***

Good luck!
~Stormy

- Is it the coat color, stock tie, or breech color that determines if you're correctly formal or informal?
- Which 3 colors of coats are acceptable for formal attire?
- Which 4 colors of breeches/jodhpurs are acceptable for formal attire?
- What are the differences between formal, informal, and casual attire?
- What is the feeding rule about deciding how much you should feed your horse?
- How long after strenuous work should you wait to feed your horse?
- How long after strenuous work should you wait to water your horse?
- How do you know when your pony is cooled out?
- How many pounds of roughage does your horse get?

- What supplements does your horse get? How much of each?
- What can you put on a dirt stall floor after you scrape away the bedding to absorb urine smells?
- What are the correct names of the tools you use to clean a stall?
- Why might you bank the sides of a stall?
- How do you properly hang a net-style hay net?
- How do you know if your hay net is too low?
- How many inches are in a hand?
- If a horse is 64 inches, how many hands is he?
- Can you point to exactly where the gaskin is?
- Name the points on a horse's topline starting with the poll and ending with the dock.
- What is a ewe neck?
- What is a bull neck?
- What is a goose rump?
- What is a roach back?
- Is it worse for a horse to have short, upright pasterns, or long, sloping pasterns? Why?
- What is the proper way to cross a road when riding in a group?
- Which side of the road are you supposed to ride on in this state?
- When unloading a horse from a slant load trailer, should you untie the head first or open the divider?
- Does your record book include what's in a 4-way vaccination? 5-way?
- Name 5 things that would cause you to seek help from a vet.
- Which side is the traditional one to lead from?
- What are 4 obvious signs that a hoof needs new shoes?

- Have you practiced your stable wrap?
- Have you practiced putting protective boots (bell boots and galloping boots)
- on your pony?