

TOP TIPS FOR ATTENDING A RALLY

THE DAY/NIGHT BEFORE

Trailer / Lorry

1. Fill a Haynet
2. Take a bucket for water

Pony / Horse

1. Find and take the Passport
2. Rain sheet/rugs load into car/lorry

Tack and Saddlery

1. Clean and check your tack
Saddle – check the stitching, stirrup leathers
Numnah
Bridle – clean the bit, check the stitching reins
2. Whip – no loops

Rider

1. Clean and Polish your boots (Jodhpur clips)
2. Clean and polish chaps – elastics
3. Check and put together
Jodhpurs, Shirt, Tie, Sweatshirt, gloves
Hair Ties and Hairnets
Waterproof trousers/jacket
Body Protector and Hat
4. Find your Pony Club Badge and Felt

ON THE DAY

Aim to arrive between 30 -45 minutes before inspection. Allow for parking and unloading.

Trailer / Lorry

1. Hitch up and check all lights and electrics are working.
2. Tie up a Haynet for your Horse/Pony
3. Load your Horse / Pony – see below
4. As you drive off, gently apply the brakes to let your Horse/Pony steady themselves.

Parking Area

1. Park in the designated area allow ample space between you and the next trailer / Lorry
2. Off load your Horse / Pony – tie up at trailer or Hitch rail. Remember ponies **MUST NOT** be tied to an unhitched trailer
3. Tie up Haynet
4. Fill a bucket with fresh water

Pony / Horse – normal routine

1. Groom your pony and pick out feet
2. Put on a tail bandage
3. Prepare for travel – boots, rugs

4. Load your Horse / Pony
Check Haynet/treats are available
Open Jockey door to give more light
Wear your Hat and Gloves for loading
5. Check and Secure Breast Bars, Ramps
6. Once off loaded – tie up see above
7. Remove travel clothing – boots, rugs, tail bandage
8. Pick out feet, Brush mane and tail, groom if necessary
9. Remove the Haynet
10. Tack up – see below

Tacking Up

1. Saddle – ensure stirrups are run up
Place saddle and numnah forwards and slide back into position.
Attach girth and tighten – loosely
2. Bridle – hang it over your left arm
Untie the lead rope from the head collar
Place reins over pony head and neck
Remove the head collar and **HANG IT UP**
3. Take the headpiece in your right hand and hold the bit in your left hand.
4. Draw up the bridle; be careful not to knock the bit against the teeth. Pass the headpiece over each ear.
5. Arrange Mane and Forelock, check the bit is level, fasten all buckles.
6. You can put the headcollar over the bridle while you are getting ready – make sure the reins are tied up.

Rider

1. Get dressed – jodhpurs, Shirt, tie, boots and/chaps, sweatshirt, pony club badge and tie.
2. Remove all piercings, ears, nose, eyebrow.
3. Tie back hair, place in hairnet, secure hairnet.
4. Put on Hat and gloves, pick up whip

Ready for inspection

1. Tighten the girth.
2. Take off head collar and **HANG UP**
3. Reins should held 20cms away from the mouth in the right hand and 20cms from the end in your left hand.
4. Lead you horse/pony to the inspection area and wait for your instructor to inspect your pony before taking to the mounting block to mount.