

USPC GUIDELINES FOR COACHING AT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The role of a coach is to assist the rider

1. In learning warm-up area techniques,
2. In the assessment of the course,
3. In learning how to deal with mistakes made on course.

A coach also

1. Provides encouragement and confidence,
2. Provides a role model for team members at all times.
3. Is expected to help any Pony Club competitor who asks for help or who is present without a coach.

The presence of a coach is to promote safety, good sportsmanship and good horsemanship in the warm-up area and the competition ring.

The coach is not present to give a riding lesson in the warm-up area.

All teams/individuals must have a coach; teams/individuals may share a coach.

The coach must be familiar with and comply with the host country competition rules.

The coach must read, sign and return to the committee chair a copy of this form to indicate that he/she has read, understands, and will abide by the coach's guidelines.

The coach must wear the identification provided by the organizer, if any, during the competition times.

Communication between coaches and competitors during the competition is limited to host country competition rules.

Coaches must:

1. Attend the Official Briefing for Coaches, if held.
2. Attend the Official Course Walk, if held.
3. Remain with the team throughout the international visit.

The duties of a coach may include:

1. Observing, but not participating in, any pre-competitive soundness check, and any daily soundness checks.
2. Accompanying competitors during course inspection or at any other subsequent times that the courses are open for walking, during which they may give advice and coach.
3. Assisting competitors in the designated Schooling Area.
4. No competitor is to jump in the warm-up area without a coach present and watching the ride.

The coach must not interfere with the immediate care of the horse under penalty of elimination of the competitor from that round, in accordance with the rules for unauthorized assistance, assuming this rule is in effect in host country.

I have read and understand the above, and agree to abide by these guidelines and by the competition rules.

Signed

Date