

Guide to Great Lakes Quiz Rally

Hello! Quiz Rally is a fun way to show off horse knowledge and meet more Pony Club members from around the Great Lakes Region. The location is one where the whole family can come and relax while the rally takes place. There are many different aspects of Quiz, and these can be confusing to first time attenders.

Schedule: The teams compete against other teams in their division (which is determined by age and rating). The teams are grouped together (usually 3-5 teams in a group) and the teams in a group go through the rally day together on the same schedule. These groups are called rotation groups.

Scoring: Talking about the schedule leads to the discussion of the seemingly large amount of time scheduled from the end of the kids competing to the awards. The volunteers in scoring do work all day long to get the scores compiled in a timely manner, and every year we try to find ways to speed the scoring process along. This year, teams may leave for supper/break after all competitions rounds are completed for that team, and will sign off on scores directly before awards.

Written test: Written test is now required for Quiz rallies that want to count towards Championships. The USPC National office gives us the written test; we don't make up the questions. Reading assistance is available; let your DC know if you want assistance.

Classroom: The questions asked in classroom are also given to us by the national office. Parents can be spectators in this phase, but no cell phones, recording equipment, or study materials are allowed. Spectators are allowed to come in at the beginning of the session, but are not allowed to come in and out. The team members take turns answering questions. Junior D teams may confer, or ask their team members for help with the answer. We follow the USPC Quiz Rulebook for how 3 and 4 person teams are scored.

Barn: Barn is where the teams demonstrate horse management skills. We have a horseless barn due to Pokagon State Park policies. No spectators are allowed in barn. Schedule permitting, spectators can peek into Barn at the end of the competition day.

Stations: In this phase, team members work together to answer a group question. There are at least 5 tables (one "question" per table) in a Qualifying rally. Spectators are welcome at the end of the day, schedule permitting.

Mega Room: Here, the competitors answer questions individually. Usually, each table has a set of items that the competitor must identify (matching). Reading assistance is allowed. Again, spectators are welcome to view the tables at the end of the day, but not during the competition.

Food: Officially, outside food is not allowed in the meeting rooms due to the contracts with the Food Service people (and of course, they want to make money, but this is their business). There isn't enough time for competitors to go off site during lunch, but you may eat your lunch in hotel rooms or any public lounge area. Some years it's nice enough to eat outside.

Volunteers: Clubs are very good about sending plenty of volunteers to Quiz. This has allowed us to offer educational opportunities for parents that would normally have to be another event (and another day out of busy schedules!). Please fill out the Quiz Rally Entry Packet to the best of your abilities.

Please feel free to ask the Quiz Organizer or other Quiz Officials your questions. We want Quiz to be a fun and educational experience for everyone. Please fill out the evaluations at the end of competition. Every year we do read them (and most of the DCs can see them the next day). We are somewhat limited in making changes because we have to follow the rules laid down by the national office, but we want to improve the Quiz experience where we can.

