

## 2016 edition : MIDSOUTH REGION "D" EXCEPTIONS FOR ALL DISCIPLINES

These exceptions apply only to D-rated pony club members.

These and all rules and exceptions are found in the Horse Management handbook and all discipline rulebooks. For more information, please refer to those books. Please keep in mind that the D exceptions have a basis in the standards and in the ratings and that the safety of the riders and horses are of the utmost importance. These exceptions apply only in 'D1, D2, or D3 Rally' or 'Ds in Non-Qualifying Divisions' of a 'Qualifying' Rally.

### **D Exceptions – ATTIRE**

All D's are to be neat, clean, safe and in appropriate riding attire. They do not have to be correctly informal or correctly formal. Due to heat and humidity factors in June in Kentucky, for Midsouth Rallies, we recommend that "D" competitors in non-qualifying divisions NOT compete wearing show jackets. However, if that is their wish, they can and the coach is responsible for where the jacket ends up. **The MidSouth Region does not take responsibility for the attire at any point.**

They must have the following:

- \* Helmets as listed in the 2016 Horse Management Newsletter will be allowed. Helmets must fit and be in good condition.
- \* A shirt of any color. Shirts must have a collar (ex: Polo, ratcatcher, turtleneck, dress shirt for boys) and sleeves.
- \* When competing, the D's are expected to be neat, clean and in well-fitting clothes. Shirt tails are to be tucked in.
- \* Appropriate riding pants, breeches or jodhpurs with knee straps and/or pant clips. Schooling pants or tights may be worn for cross-country only.
- \* Appropriate riding boots – jodhpur boots, paddock boots or tall boots.
- \* Half chaps will be permitted. Black or brown half chaps worn with jodhpur or paddock boots of the same color is preferred combination. They must be fitted correctly and clean with no loose stitching or dangling flaps. They may have a stretch panel. They may have suede on them.
- \* A belt is required for members rated D-3 and higher if belt loops are present unless the specific discipline attire requirements prohibit it. Optional, and not required regardless of whether or not loops are present, for D1 and D2 competitors
- \* Gloves are optional. Any color is acceptable.
- \* Long hair reaching below the shoulder must be neatly secured away from the eyes and competitor number. Hairnets and braids are helpful in maintaining a neat appearance for any competitor with hair of medium or long length, girl or boy.
- \* During rally, while working in the barn, competitors must follow the regional dress code presented in the rally packets.

### **D Exceptions – TACK**

All D's need to be on mounts that can be safely handled by them.

Eventing Dressage: \* All D-rated competitors may use grass reins and standing martingales when riding their test and in warm-up. \* All Ds may use Dressage whips, which may be no longer than 47.2", including lash, and must be un-weighted. \* For bits, attire and tack, "Refer to Discipline rulebook for the D exceptions for bits" and other Exceptions for Ds"

Jumping: \* D's may use a properly adjusted standing or an unrestricted running martingale with a chest stop and rein stops on each rein, on the bit side of the martingale or Irish martingale. If a standing martingale is used, it must be attached to a cavesson noseband and not any other type of noseband.

Dressage: EXCEPTIONS FOR NON-QUALIFYING Ds: One whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm), including lash, may be carried in the schooling area. One longeing whip is permitted only when longeing. One whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm) including lash may be carried in all classes, except at USPC Championships classes, where no whips are allowed.

An armband with a signed current medical card must be worn on upper arm all times while on competition grounds OR a medical bracelet that has the required information. No Exceptions.

If you cannot find the answer to a question, contact the Midsouth Regional Supervisor (see Midsouth Region website).