

SECTION VI: Appendices

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Polocrosse Coaches Form and Guidelines

(Copy as needed. One copy to both the coach and the organizer (who should consult the organizer's guide for briefing guidelines).)

All teams may have a coach. No team may have more than one coach. A coach may coach more than one team as long as the teams are playing at different levels.

Coaches must be declared on entry form.

By agreeing to serve as a USPC coach, you:

- Agree to be familiar with and observe all USPC By-Laws, Policies and Competition Rules.
- Agree to adhere to the USPC Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Policies in all actions and decisions.
- Agree to conduct yourself in a fair and courteous manner.
- Agree to confidentiality of discussions and actions.
- Agree to disclose any possible potential conflicts of interest.
- Give permission for a criminal background check.
- Agree to uphold USPC Policy 0500 Drug/ Alcohol/Tobacco. Coaches must refrain from using alcohol or other substances when they are serving in their "official capacity" as team coach—refer to USPC web site ponyclub.org for full policy statement.

In all cases the coach must:

- Assist competitors in learning and understanding all rules pertinent to the competition.
- Read, sign, and return to the organizer a copy of this form to indicate compliance to these guidelines.
- Wear the identification provided by the organizer during the competition.
- Attend the official Competition briefing
- Assist any team if asked by the organizer.
- Be aware of the welfare of horse and rider.
- Must be 18 years or older.
- Must not be competing on a team with players trying to qualify for Championships.
- If current USPC member, they may not be a competitor and coach at the same rally.
- Coaches can coach Walk-Trot competitors while they are actually playing in a chukka.

Coaches may not be an official of that competition.

- May not be the team chaperone.

The ground jury, under the rules governing unauthorized assistance, will penalize violations of these coaching guidelines. Any coach not adhering to the rules set forth in this guideline may be removed from his/her position for the duration of the phase and/or rally.

The duties of the coach shall be limited to:

- Coaching competitors during warm-up and before and after each game played.
- Coaches may debrief riders immediately after each game and when the horse and rider have been released from the cool out area as long as it does not interfere with the safety and health of the horse or rider. Conversations must be limited to 5 minutes.
- Coaches are not allowed in the Stable Area unless during authorized visiting times.
- Coaches are not allowed to serve as goal tender or umpire groomers.

It is expected that coaches be governed by Horse Management guidelines expected of competitors, including appropriate attire, footwear and conduct.

I (signature) _____
have read the USPC Polocrosse Rulebook and above guidelines for coaching Polocrosse.

Coach name: _____

Coach email: _____

Coach cell phone: _____

Teams coaching:

