

Job Description: Rising Star Advisor

The purpose of the Rising Star division is to allow inexperienced, 7-10 year old D1 and D2 members to have a pleasant and educational introduction to Pony Club rallies and caring for their mount away from home and often for the first time without the help of mom, dad or an older sibling. The position of Rising Star Advisor was created in effort to ensure that this would be accomplished.

Eligibility:

- C1 or up rating
- 13 years of age (pony club age, meaning age on 1/1 of that year)
- Be familiar with the rules for that specific rally discipline and current HM Rules
- Patient
- Enjoy teaching
- Incredible energy and stamina
- Good time management skills
- Ability to multi-task
- Good sense of humor

Duties and Responsibilities:

- When feasible meet with team prior to rally to assist in assembling team equipment/labeling and for the purpose of review of the rally and horse management rules, checking tack for cleanliness and that sort of informational and instructional team meeting
- Guide team in setting up horse stalls – working together as a team and teaching them the reasons for set up as doing so that they learn
- Assist and guide team in setting up a workmanlike and neat tack room again explaining the reasons for setting the tack room up the way it is being done – for example why do you hang the flash light near the door, what do they need to consider when hanging things in tack room (can all team members reach the item? and so on)
- develop a team strategy with all team members taking part – develop the schedule and order that things will be done for the next day such as all feed/muck out stalls/get each team member and pony ready for turn out inspections
- assist team members in tacking pony as needed; explain as doing
- oversee warm up
- act as coach for jumping phases
- read tests if needed for Dressage phases, lead mount through the course/test or game if necessary – make every effort to ensure that rides end on a positive note
- be sure ponies are well cared for throughout the day
- be sure all ponies are properly settled at end of day for the night –provide the oversight and assistance needed to ready them for the night
- check scores with team and explain to them as needed- assist team captain with inquiry if needed, explain to the team this process
- **TEACH – TEACH- TEACH-TEACH- AND TEACH SOME MORE**

Your role is to provide the teaching to make this a truly positive and educational introduction to rally and the Horse Management phases of caring for their pony. Teach, guide, assist as needed and attempt to reduce the amount of assistance needed as rally goes on. Most of all have fun and be sure that you make it fun for the team.

Thank you for filling this very important role. Remember, you can use this to fulfill the Active Participation Requirement of 10 hours of Regional Service for HB and up Ratings.