

National Rally 2017 will be held in the "Working Rally" format, following a similar model that has been used for the past few years. The event will be hosted by Central Ontario Region, August 3rd through 6th and held in the Barrie area. Entry and Pre-Training levels will be offered.

Plans currently include:

- a dinner and evening activities to welcome the participants on Thursday
- Friday should expect to consist of a flat ride clinic and a cross country clinic plus an education piece
- Saturday will see the combined test competition (Dressage and Stadium) and stable management judging, followed by an evening celebration
- Sunday will bring members to a local attraction before heading home.

While Regional teams are encouraged, participants may enter as individuals and organizers will do their best to place individuals on a team. Teams will aim to consist of two riders, a non-riding captain and a groom. Each team must have at least one registered chaperone, who must accompany their regional team members and are expected to volunteer at the event. Non-chaperone family members are welcome to attend in a spectator role.

As per Canadian Pony Club National Rally Rules, participant eligibility is as follows:

- Competitors must be at least 13 years of age prior to January 1 of the current year (ie. already 13 by Jan. 1, 2017).
- All riders must have passed the complete C test level or higher before applying.
- All Captains/Grooms must have passed the complete D2 test level or higher before applying.
- All riders must have successfully completed at least one cross country course at a level equal to or above the Division which they are entering within the two years prior to the Rally.

Complete registration package with costs, accommodation options, and other info will be available by mid-March, with entry deadline of June 9th. For more information, please contact:

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