

Central Ontario Region

Quiz Rules 2025



Aims and Objectives

1. Give Pony Club members from Central Ontario Region the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of horses in a friendly and competitive environment.
2. Allow Pony Club members and their educators to expand their knowledge and share it with other members.
3. Gather Pony Club members from Central Ontario Region in a fun, social and interactive assembly.

Eligibility of Competitors and Teams

There will be six (6) levels of competition at Central Ontario Quiz: D, D1, D2, C, A/B and Horse Masters (HM). Each Pony Club branch in Central Ontario Region is invited to send any number of teams at each level.

There are to be three (3) members on each team with the **exception** of the A/B and HM teams, which may have two or three members. Individual entries for the A/B and HM levels are also welcomed.

Pony Club branches may send a mixed team at the Pony Club tested level of the most senior member of that team.

Pony Club branches unable to form a complete team at a level may combine with another Pony Club branch to submit a mixed team and indicate this on their Quiz entry form. The respective District Commissioners **must** make these arrangements (although the Regional Quiz Chair may be able to offer some assistance).

If you have members who wish to compete, but the branch cannot field a full team, that member (and that branch) must be willing to join a team with members of another branch. (This is the “good sportsmanship” part of quiz.)

Pony Club members may compete at a level **above** their Pony Club tested level; however, they may not compete at a level below their Pony Club tested level. If C team members attain a B level after having qualified for their regional C team, they may compete at the C level.

Horse Masters will compete at either the C or A/B level, but may compete at a D level upon discussion with the Quiz organizer(s). They will follow the same format as the level chosen and may compete at the same time as the active members; however, Horse Masters are judged and pinned separately.

D and D1 teams compete as a team for all phases of the quiz (written, oral and visual). Games are not scored at the D and D1 levels. D2, C, A/B and HM teams compete as a team in the oral test and games, and individually in the written and visual phases. Individual and team results will be posted accordingly.

Teams are asked to compete in their Pony Club colours for team spirit purposes.

REPRESENTATION

Each Pony Club branch will be represented by the District Commissioner or a duly authorized (Transfer of Authority form) representative, who will deal with quiz organizers as necessary. Only the DC or the authorized representative may launch a query or protest (see more below under “Tests-Overall”).

PARENTAL/VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT

Loyalty, character and sportsmanship are intended to represent the goals of Central Ontario Region Pony Club for active members and should therefore be the basis for the standard of conduct of their parents. Pony Club is a volunteer organization and depends on parents to help, where fairness takes precedence over competitiveness, and teaching by example is required to foster caring and good will for all. Parents should therefore abide by the guidelines stated in the Canadian Pony Club Parental Code of Conduct (Attachment A).

While we want it to be a fun day, Quiz is as much a competition as any discipline show organized by COR. Just as at any competition, parents should remember that all queries, complaints, etc., should be directed to their DC, or the authorized Branch representative, who can then bring them forward to the organizers.

No one, except for volunteers and competitors assigned to the Quiz competition area, station or room, may enter that area without permission from the volunteer(s) running the area, or from the Quiz Chair.

Parents, competitors, visitors or others who violate this code may be banned from the competition facility. In addition, parents whose behaviour violates the Parental Code of Conduct may cause penalties to be scored against their branch’s teams and members, as identified in the penalties section of this rule book. Penalties for competitor misconduct is also indicated in the Penalties section.

Please visit the CPC website to view its full group of conduct and ethics policies:
www.canadianponyclub.org/documents/operational/administration

PROJECTS

Pony Club branches are invited and encouraged to present a project on a subject(s) determined by the Regional Quiz Chair. A project enables Pony Club members to demonstrate their imagination and creativity in various areas of horsemanship. In addition, it enables Pony Club members who have not been placed on a branch quiz team to participate at the event. Larger branches may choose to submit more than one project.

Projects should involve varied media, be interactive and visually appealing. Pages of information copied from Pony Club manuals should not appear unless they are totally relevant. The branch must designate one or two active members to present the project to the judging panel.

Project ribbons will be awarded to 3rd place. There is also a trophy awarded at Banquet to the first place project.

A Project Evaluation Sheet is available in the “downloads” section of the COR website.

<http://centralontario.ponyclub.ca/downloads>.

AWARDS

D and D1 level will compete in teams. Team marks will be awarded for the following phases: Written, oral and visual. A team overall score will also be awarded. See “Scoring” section for further details.

D2, C, A/B and HM levels will compete as a team for the oral and games phases and individually for the written and visual phase. At these levels, the scoring will be adjusted if there are both teams of three and teams of two members.

The overall team score will be the accumulation of the marks from the written, visual, oral and game phases (games, only for D2 level and above). The overall individual scores will be the accumulation of the written and visual phase only. (Note: only the top two papers from each of the written and visual tests are used for each A/B team).

Ribbons will be awarded to 6th place. Participant ribbons may be presented for various reasons (Team Spirit, to all Branch members of winning projects, etc.).

The Hollingsworth Quiz Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the Pony Club branch with teams in all levels of competition. If there is more than one Pony Club branch in the running, the branch with the highest overall score will determine the winner.

The Central Ontario Region Quiz Trophy, donated by Maple Pony Club, will be awarded to the A/B team (or individual, if there is no team) with the highest overall score.

The Central Ontario Region Quiz Trophy will be awarded to the C team with the highest overall score.

The Central Ontario Horse Masters Trophy will be awarded to the HM team or individual (if no team) with the highest overall score.

The Shannon Bradley Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the top scoring project team.

REGIONAL QUIZ SCORING

Regional Quiz is divided into four main sections, the sections are weighted as noted below for teams at the D2, C, A/B and HM levels:

Written	35%
Visuals/ ID Tables	35%
Oral	15%

Games 15%

For D & D1 levels, Games scores are not counted towards their overall scores, the breakdown of the three scored sections for the D/D1 levels is as follows:

Written 40%
Visuals/ ID Tables 40%
Oral 20%

*Note that D & D1 levels are only scored as teams and complete all sections as teams.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES will be obtained from each individual's Written and Visual/ ID tests. Scores from the Games section do not count toward an individual's scores.

Total Possible Points: D2+ Individuals = 70 points

This is a combination of the 35 for written & 35 for visual.

TEAM SCORES will be obtained by accumulating the written and ID scores of all members, and then adding the games & oral scores.

Total Possible Points: D2+ Teams = 240 points; D/D1 Teams = 100 points

SCORING FORMULA (D2,C, A/B)

$Y \times 100 / X \times .35 = A$	A + B = individual score
$Y \times 100 / X \times .35 = B$	3 a scores = A team score
	+
$Z \times 100 / X \times .15 = C$	3 b scores = B team score
$Z \times 100 / X \times .15 = D$	+
	C
	+
	D
Y = Competitor's Total	
Z = Team Total	= Team Score
X = Total Possible	

SCORING FORMULA (D,D1)

$Z \times 100 / X \times .40 = A$	A
$Z \times 100 / X \times .40 = B$	+
	B
$Z \times 100 / X \times .20 = D$	+
	D
Z = Team Total	= Team Score
X = Total Possible	

A = Written

B = ID

C = Games

D = Oral

Ties – ties for the team overall scores will be broken based on written scores, then on ID scores. Ties for individual phases will be broken as needed at the discretion of the Master Scorer, and should ideally be broken using questions related to that phase (ie. Oral phase tie broken using Oral questions, written phase ties using Written questions, etc.).

If a Ghost Score is required due to a team being short one member, the Ghost Score will be an average score of all competitors at that level.

PENALTIES

Unsportsmanlike conduct (i.e., cheating) and inappropriate behaviour will result in a penalty of 25% to the individual's score, in addition to a 25% penalty to the team's score.

Inappropriate behaviour by a parent or branch volunteer may result in a penalty of 10% to the individual's and the team's score at the discretion of the Regional Quiz Chair. Depending on the nature of the behaviour, the parent or volunteer may be asked to leave the event.

Individuals who delay their teams may be penalized through scoring deductions at the discretion of the Regional Quiz Chair.

The District Commissioner, or their duly authorized representative, will ensure that their teams and members appear at the designated test locations in a timely manner. **Testing rooms will not be re-opened** for individuals or teams who miss test phases.

Cell phones and other communication devices are not allowed in the competition rooms. Use of a cell phone or other communication/electronic device will receive the same penalty as unsportsmanlike conduct.

DCs/Chaperones should ensure that their teams are aware of these rules.

QUERIES & PROTESTS

Written protests accompanied by a **\$50** fee may be submitted to the Regional Quiz Chair no later than 30 minutes after the handing out of the marked tests, by either the District Commissioner or the duly authorized representative of the participating Pony Club branch.

Queries or Protests may be made for the following reasons only:

1. Incorrect total score on test sheet
2. Incorrect phase score on posted results
3. Incorrect overall score on posted results
4. Answer on test marked incorrectly but is identical to correct answer on the official answer sheet, which will be handed out along with the marked tests. **OR**
5. Answer differs from the official answer sheet, but authorized protester provides proof

that the answer is contained in one of the authorized resources (from Testing Procedures) and has the actual resource on hand to present to Quiz organizers within the 30-minute protest period.

The review panel in the above situations will be composed of the Regional Quiz Chair, the chief scorer and another responsible person appointed by the Quiz Chair, who is not the member's or team's DC.

The \$50 protest fee will be returned if the protest is found to be valid.

TESTS - OVERALL

Refer to the current Testing Procedures for a reading list. Quiz questions will be drawn from, but not limited to this material.

For the D2, C, A/B and HM levels, the written and visual phases will each be worth 35% of the overall score. The oral and games phases will each be worth 15% of the overall score. For the D and D1 levels, the written and visual phases will each be worth 40% of the score. The oral phase will be worth 20%.

Scores for the written and visual phases will be handed back to the District Commissioner, or the duly authorized representative, of the participating Pony Club branch after all tests have been recorded.

All scores, team, individual and overall, will be displayed and awards will be presented. The individuals' overall scores will determine the Regional C, A/B and HM teams to be sent to National Quiz.

WRITTEN TESTS

Written tests may be a combination of multiple choice, fill in the blanks, "also known as", "odd one out", labelling diagrams, short answers and true or false. They will address as many facets of horsemanship as possible.

Markers will be provided with answer sheets and they will initial each test they mark. A second marker may be called upon to verify the score.

All diagrams used will be clear, concise and large enough to be discernible in order that members may correctly label them.

VISUAL TESTS

Visual tests should be designed to determine the member's practical working knowledge of horses and riding. Articles should be collected from as many areas of horsemanship as possible. These articles may include pieces of tack or equipment from any discipline, farriers tools,

veterinary utensils, x-rays, photographs, biological specimens, feed, etc.

It is imperative that the names of the articles used in the visual test are researched thoroughly, and that all correct names are given equal marks.

The tests in Central Ontario Region will include a list of items from which the correct name of the article must be chosen.

Oral Tests

There will be a bank of questions for each of the levels: D, D1, D2, C, A/B and HM.

Two teams, from the same level, will go forward to be judged at a time. Each team will alternately select a number (between 1 and 100), for which there is an unknown question of unknown category in the bank of questions. The judge will then read the question to the team, and the team must begin to answer the question within the time allotted (see below). Once the team has completed their answer, the judge will decide if the answer is correct and will assign a score to the answer. If the judge wishes the team to explain or clarify an answer, the team must do so. The score will be posted by the judge's assistant towards team results. Each team will be asked a total of five questions.

The first three questions must be at the team's competitive level. The final two questions may be at the team's competitive level or higher, if the team members wish, (in order to possibly score more points) and the appropriate time limit will apply.

Time limits and points scored for questions:

Level	Points*	Time limit (seconds)	Maximum total score possible
D	5	30	45 (3x5, 2x15)
D1	5	30	45 (3x5, 2x15)
D2	5	30	45 (3x5, 2x15)
C	10	45	60 (3x10, 2x15)
A/B	15	60	75 (5x15)

HM time limits will be the same as those of the level at which level they are competing.

*Points scored for a completely correct answer (part marks may be scored at the discretion of the judge). **The judge's decision is final.**

Oral Test Score Sheet example:

Team Name:	Level:
Level of Question	Score awarded
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
Total Score awarded	

Game Stations

The number of games stations will be at the discretion of the organizing committee. A time limit of no more than 10 minutes will be allotted for each game per team. Complete teams will rotate through the game stations until all are completed or until the allotted time has expired. All games are to be weighted equally.

These games stations should be designed and run with the idea of combining fun with knowledge. Stations generally follow the idea of game shows, puzzles, etc. There is a comprehensive list of games in the National Quiz Handbook. Here are some suggested formats:

- Win, Lose or Draw
- Jeopardy
- What Does This Stand For?
- Famous Horses and Riders
- Crazy Horse Parts
- Memory Games
- Use your imagination!

Eligibility for National Quiz

According to CPC National Quiz Rules:

There will be two levels of competition at the National Quiz: "C" and "A/B". Each Region is invited to send one team for each level, with the host Region being allowed to send two teams at each level.

1. The minimum age for National Quiz is 12 years old prior to Jan. 1 of the current year and any exception must be approved by Regional Quiz Chair and National Quiz Chair
2. **C teams** to be comprised of 4 members.
3. **A/B teams** to be comprised of 3 to 4 members. Best 3 scores will count toward the team scores. **Members from 21-25 [years of age] may only be part of the A/B Team.**
4. In the event that a region cannot supply a full team, the host region may allow individuals to compete as part of a scramble team.
5. Special permission may be given to Regions to send extra teams.
6. Members may compete at a level above their own Pony Club rating; however, they may not compete at a level below their Pony Club rating. If a "C" team member attains his/her "B" level after having qualified for his/her region's "C" team, he/she may compete at the "C" level for that year. The highest SM rating will be used to determine a member's Quiz level.
7. All ages are prior to January 1 of the competition year.

8. Each team must have a chaperone who is 25 years or older by the time of the competition. All chaperones will be expected to help run the Games Stations and the ID Tables.

9. Regions will be invited to send Horse Masters Teams.

- Teams will be comprised of 3 or 4 members with the best three scores to count as for A/B.
- Scoring will be the same as for Active Members, Ribbons will be the same.
- Regions may send teams of C level or A/B level providing there are at least two teams at the level to make a competition. Regions may get together to make up teams.

[End of material from National Quiz Rules]

Choosing COR National Quiz Teams

Any COR member wishing to attend National Quiz must first have competed that year in COR's Regional Quiz, at the level they wish to compete in at National Quiz, either the C or A/B level. Horse Masters are eligible to compete, also at the C or A/B level; they are scored separately from the youth members.

Competitors are chosen in order from highest to lowest scoring individual C, A/B or HM competitors at Regional Quiz in that year. The Quiz Chair goes down the list until the team is filled. The host region *may* allow more than one COR C Team, upon request.

If COR is not able to field enough suitable members for one team at the C Level, the COR Quiz Chair, in consultation with the Quiz Committee composed of representatives from each COR branch and/or Centre, may review high-scoring D2 members to fill a C Team. It's common at National Quiz for A/B teams to be made up of members of different Regions; therefore, COR may not be required to field an entire A/B team, upon consultation with the host region.

At the discretion of the Quiz Chair and Quiz Committee, those members who have competed for two (2) or more years at the C Level may be asked to move up to the A/B level to allow other potential Regional Quiz C members the opportunity to attend National Quiz.

Selection of Chaperone(s)

COR is responsible for sending one adult chaperone for each four (4) members going to National Quiz. The Regional Quiz Chair has priority in attending National Quiz when choosing chaperones, however, it's not mandatory for the COR Quiz Chair to attend.

Otherwise, the Quiz Chair and Committee will solicit the names of suitable chaperones from the Region. The first choice is among the parents of competitors, but this is not mandatory.

All chaperones must meet all requirements set out in CPC and COR policies – e.g., criminal record screening – when chosen. Horse Masters or those A/B members who are old enough to be a chaperone and who compete at National Quiz that year may **not** be a chaperone.

COR National Team Expenses

All COR National Quiz Team members, *and chaperones*, are themselves responsible for paying the National Quiz Registration Fees and travel expenses. COR may offer a subsidy, which is approved by the Regional Committee and Board each year.

COR will offer a uniform subsidy for each competitor or chaperone for the COR uniform chosen, as approved by the Quiz Chair and Regional Committee, for that year.

These amounts will be reimbursed *after* the completion of the National Quiz that year.

Tips for Running a Successful Quiz

1. Make location and space arrangements well in advance of the quiz.
2. Prepare and make entries available to all Pony Club members through a posting on the regional web page. Provide sufficient time for returning entries to the Regional Quiz Chair.
3. Make all questions as clear and specific as possible. Ambiguous questions lead to difficulties in marking and protests.
4. When asking questions about disciplines make sure you weigh them equally for each discipline, i.e., do not have two pages on Prince Philip Games and two questions on Rally.
5. Do not schedule too tightly as things will go wrong and delays may wreck your schedule if you have not allowed some extra time.
6. Colour code your sheets, e.g., yellow for D's, green for C's and pink for A/B's. This makes sorting easier and members can see immediately if they have the wrong sheets.
7. Run your scoring on a computer through the scoring program available from the National Office.
8. Enjoy the quiz.



Attachment A-Parental Code of Conduct

CANADIAN PONY CLUB



Parental Code of Conduct

Loyalty

Character

Sportsmanship

The Canadian Pony Club motto, “Loyalty, character, sportsmanship,” is intended to represent the goals of the organization for active members and should therefore also be the basis for parents’ standards of conduct. The Pony Club is a volunteer organization and depends on parents to help, where fairness should take precedence over competitiveness and teaching by example will foster caring and respect for all. Parents should therefore agree to abide by the following guidelines:

I will:

- Be a positive role model for my child and other members by respecting coaches, officials, volunteers and leaders; their authority and decisions; the rules and regulations under which the Canadian Pony Club operates.
- Agree to discuss any disputes/appeals at a suitable, agreed-upon time with the correct officials, within the appropriate level of the Pony Club organization, without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Always remember that Pony Club activities are intended to be educational, safe and fun to benefit the active members rather than parents.
- Demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free environment for Pony Club activities.
- Respect the horses and ponies and show humane care for them at all times.
- Respect the property and equipment used in any activities, considering safety uppermost in all situations.
- Be knowledgeable about the rules of the discipline or competition my child is taking part in and encourage my child to know, be familiar with, and follow these rules.
- Promote the physical and emotional well being of my child, other members and horses ahead of any personal desire to win or succeed in any activity.
- Teach my child that taking part, learning and showing sportsmanship in all competitions, testing situations, clinics, etc are more important than winning.
- Praise all active members equally for trying hard and competing fairly.
- Inform officials as soon as possible if myself or my child is unable to fulfill commitments or attendance at events.
- Help my child and others to understand the satisfaction of cooperation, group work and team spirit in achieving personal goals and growth, and good results.
- Volunteer my services and skills, whether equine-related or not, whenever possible.

I will not:

- Force my child or other members to take part in activities with which they are not comfortable, or disrespect the decisions of coaches/officials concerning the skills and abilities of my child or other members.
- Undermine the authority of coaches/officials by interfering with, or coaching any members from the sidelines, unless I am deemed an official coach at an activity.
- Dispute the decisions of coaches/officials and volunteers during an event or in front of my child or other active members.
- Engage in or condone unsportsmanlike behaviours such as booing, taunting, using profane language, refusing to congratulate winners, etc.

ATTACHMENT B

**Central Ontario Region Quiz
Authorized Representative Transfer**

The undersigned District Commissioner of the Central Ontario Regional Committee hereby nominates, constitutes and appoints

_____ who is
_____ of this Branch
_____ as a substitute for

the undersigned to attend the Central Ontario Regional Quiz 20__ to be held
_____ (date), and to act thereat on behalf of and in the name of the
undersigned, in respect to all matters that may come before the Central Ontario Regional
Quiz 20____ in the same manner as the undersigned could do if personally present
thereat.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20__

Signature _____

Name _____

Position: District Commissioner

Branch _____