



# Risk Assessment RIDING

Venue..... Competition..... Date .....

Person Completing Risk Assessment: ..... Date: .....

## Hazards:

No.	Description of Hazard	Low	Med.	High
1	Athletes - Falling – due to loss of balance from horse			
2	Athletes falling due to inexperience			
3	Athletes, horses and spectators - Access and egress problems, road in between practice arena and competition arena.			
4	Athletes and spectators - kicking, biting by horses			
5	Athletes and Horse out of control and jumping out of arena / collecting ring			
6	Horses - Illness, disease, overreaching collapse			
7	Horses - bucking, rearing – generally due to sudden fright			
8	Horses - slipping			
9	Horses, athletes and spectators falling due to poor conditions underfoot			
10	Electric shock from cables used for tannoy etc. Trip hazards from cables – fire risk			
11	Athletes, grooms, spectators –Public smoking – fire risk, passive smoking risk			
12	Other - Specify			

## Actions taken to reduce Risks

Action	Description	Action by	Hazards
1	Riders to have appropriate riding certificates	OIC	
2	Competent course builder – checking course suitability to ability of horse and athletes, integrity of fences for easy collapse. Also fence spacing to correct standards	OIC	
3	One horse in the show ring at a time where possible (except for the relay)	OIC	
4	Horses suitability to course and athletes observed and judged by an appropriately approved person unsuitable horses excluded from competition.		
5	Riders must wear riding helmets to relevant standard. Hats to be in good condition and safety strap in place.	Organisers/OIC	
6	Use of back protectors encouraged. Riding boots with small heel to be worn	OIC	
7	Designated warm-up areas – fenced from public	OIC	
8	Warm up ring appropriately supervised	OIC	
9	Suitable ground conditions – or indoor if appropriate	Venue/OIC	
10	Routes from horse holding area to warm up area to main ring marshalled	OIC	
11	Competent site electrician to ensure cabling / supply of electricity adequate for the purposes required. Also trip hazards from cables eliminated – overhead cables to be supported by a straining wire and signed for clearance as necessary	Venue	
12	Paramedic ambulance and St Johns Ambulance present	Organisers/OIC	
13	Grounds to be as litter free as reasonably practicable. Also avoid flapping materials.	Venue	
14	Fire extinguishers at points of risk – relevant to hazard type. No smoking policy, sand buckets at the entrance for extinguishing cigarettes	Venue/OIC	
15	Marshalls on site	OIC	
16	Other – Specify		

Maximum number of persons exposed: .....I have considered the risks inherent in this event and given positive thought to reducing risk by implementing this assessment

**OIC—Officer in Charge** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** .....