



MODERN PENTATHLON ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

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/MPA	
6	Use of back protectors encouraged. Riding boots with small heel to be worn	OIC	
7	Designated warm-up areas – fenced from public		
8	Warm up ring appropriately supervised		
9	Suitable ground conditions – or indoor if appropriate		
10	Routes from horse holding area to warm up area to main ring marshalled		
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		
12	Paramedic ambulance and St Johns Ambulance present		
13	Grounds to be as litter free as reasonably practicable. Also avoid flapping materials.		
14	Fire extinguishers at points of risk – relevant to hazard type. No smoking policy, sand buckets at the entrance for extinguishing cigarettes		
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