

In partnership with the Pony Club

PONY CLUB
Risk Assessments

Sport /Activity	Activities & Rallies	Date of Event	Academic Year 2021-2022
Event	Riding, Showjumping and stable management	OS Grid Ref	
Location	Myddelton College Equestrian Centre	What3Words	

Hazard	Who might be injured?	Risk Controls (already in place)	Further Action Required	Allocated Person / Date	Completion Date and Initial
What is the injury? How can the injury occur?	E.g. people (members, volunteers, spectators, etc), animals, vehicles.	What is currently being done to prevent the injury occurring?	What more needs to be done?	Who is responsible for completing the action? What is the planned time frame for this?	Initial and date when action is completed
Event layout: Impact between vehicles, Vehicles vs pedestrians, Vehicles vs horses	Students and spectators may become injured if impact occurs between vehicles, pedestrians and/or competitors. Vehicles could be moving too quickly or may not see the pedestrians.	Vehicle free area for pedestrians. Wide horse access route from lorry parking to arena. No-go vehicle areas, no-go horse areas. Pedestrian paths to keep students to.	During the event, ensure controls and compliance are monitored by PC appointed person or Myddelton staff. Local risk controls by site occupier to be enforced.	Appointed person to monitor	
Slip or trip hazards from ground conditions or in officials' area	Students and spectators may be injured from slip or trip injuries while on site.	Ground conditions and any significant slip or trip hazards have been identified and removed or segregated.	During the event, ensure controls and compliance are monitored.	Appointed person to monitor	

Impact and crush injuries from falls or contact with horses. Included but not limited to ridden activity, officials checks and engaging with the judge.	Students and spectators may become injured if crush or impact occurs by being kicked, trodden on or crushed by close proximity to a horse.	It is the riders/handlers responsibility to ensure their horse is under control at all times. Safety lines/ fences are marked next to the arenas and no spectators are allowed with the safety lines while Activity is ongoing. Pedestrians stood in close proximity to horses must be responsible for their own safety and the possibility of crush from hoof to foot contact. Pedestrians and handlers should avoid standing directly behind horses. Any horses that are known to kick must wear a red ribbon in the tail. All riders must wear an approved riding hat at all times when mounted in compliance with PC rules. Congestion building up with horses around entrances to the arena must be monitored and riders/handlers will be asked to move away to create space. It is the parent/rider/handler responsibility to ensure all horse tack is safe, sound, secure and fits correctly. Arena, warm up areas and competition areas are to be monitored by stewards who can seek assistance in the event of an accident	During the event, ensure controls and compliance are monitored.	Appointed person to monitor	
Impact or crush injury when using the arena facility and activity equipment.	Impact or fall injury due to inadequate facility or incorrect equipment used in riding activities.	Equipment checked before each group as required. arena and equipment are changed and altered based on activities and rider abilities by the competent instructor. Surface Conditions are monitored and are safe. Any other requirements from the site occupier are taken into account. Arena, warm up areas and competition areas are to be monitored by stewards who can seek assistance in the event of an accident	Equipment to be checked by each instructor prior to each rides use. Any damaged equipment reported immediately and remove from use if required. PC officials will check the arenas and construction of these on set up of event, prior to activity and during the event Team Manager, parent and official to monitor rider ability and surface conditions. Local risk controls by site occupier to be enforced.	Appointed person to monitor.	

Impact and crush injuries from loose horses.	Students, members of the public and spectators may become injured if impact occurs between them and a loose horse	In the case of a loose horse, a warning of 'LOOSE HORSE' must be shouted and action taken immediately to prevent the horse escaping onto the road. Horses will be penned appropriately. Where possible physical barriers or gates must be in place to prevent loose horses reaching a public road. When not being ridden horses will be kept in a secure pen or ties to a fixed point	All attendees must be aware to attempt to prevent a loose horse reaching the road if a shout of 'LOOSE HORSE' is heard. If possible ensure access gate is closed during riding activities. During the event, ensure controls and compliance are monitored.	Appointed person to monitor	
Injuries to young and inexperienced riders due to inability to control horse.	Students and spectators may become injured if impact occurs between them and a horse or the rider falls from the horse.	Direct supervision as required Specific polocrosse instruction/ supervision must be given the case of novice riders. Appointed person to brief instructors before start of the tournament/ session. Parent/ guardian/ PC Official/ Instructor must ensure activity is suitable for the ability of the rider. Move riders in group not suitable for their ability or pony. Parent / helper assistance for younger / novice riders if needed. Communication methods agreed. Facilities and equipment suitable for each ride's ability. Arena, warm up areas and competition areas are to be monitored by stewards who can seek assistance in the event of an accident	Team Managers, parent and officials must ensure each activity is suitable for the ability of the rider. Instructors with up to date competence certificates. DBS, Safeguarding and First Aid, Mobile phones charged and available. Emergency procedure in place.	Team Managers/ officials to monitor competence. Appointed person to monitor	
Crush or impact from use of mobile machinery.	Students and spectators may be injured from contact with mobile machinery such as tractors. Horses may also be injured depending on where the machinery was being operated.	Machinery must not be operated in close proximity to children and horses during the event. Machinery must only be operated by Competent operators. All machinery must be operated in a clear working area.	During the event, ensure controls and compliance are monitored.	Appointed person to monitor	

Official, judges or emergency vehicles in pedestrian areas: Impact with vehicles, pedestrians and horses	Students and spectators may become harmed if official emergency vehicles are travelling too quickly, they may collide with pedestrians and injure them.	Limit number of vehicles, designated routes, designated pedestrian and horse movement areas. Where ponies/ horses and riders need to cross a vehicle route a Marshall will be provided for all hours of the competition. Dedicated routes (horse walks). Crossing points for equine and riders warming up or entering the competition. Judges and other officials vehicles will move in a time slot provided to limit possible contact with equines/ riders. Emergency vehicles attending must be shown the correct access route and warned of the number of pedestrians on	During the event, ensure controls and compliance are monitored.	Appointed person to monitor	
		site. area monitored by stewards who can seek assistance in the event of an accident			
Injury severity being increased due to slow or delayed first aid treatment.	Students, spectators and the general public may have the severity of any injuries received increased by slow or delayed first aid provision.	Competent qualified first aiders will be present on the day of the event. The first aiders will have adequate amounts of the correct type of first aid provision. Suitable medical helicopter landing areas are available. Site location identified by Grid Reference and What3Words. Mobile phone signal or land line available.	None	Appointed person to monitor	
Impact or impalement injuries from contact with, fencing, stakes and roping:	Students, spectators, the general public and horses can become injured by contact with, fencing, stakes and roping by getting too close to them or tripping over them. The general public may become injured by roping if they don't see It and trip over it.	All ring fence posts are to be an approved type with a large enough diameter to prevent impalement if a rider falls onto the post. Unprotected metal posts are not to be used. Rope is to be high contrast in colour to provide a good contrast against the background to make it visible. Fence posts to be secured adequately. Arena, warm up areas and competition areas are to be monitored by stewards who can seek assistance in the event of an accident		Appointed person to monitor	
Impact injury due to contact with cable used for support of overhead power line posts.	Horses and pedestrians may slip of fall due to tripping or contact with overhead power line post supporting ground cables	Cables fenced off to eliminate contact. Barriers used to highlight presence of cable and prevent contact.	None	Appointed person	

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Members of the public using footpath route being injured by horses.	Members of the public may come into contact with horses due to close proximity of public	Footpath roped off to provide physical separation barrier between pedestrians and horses. Clear footpath route established to provide safe access route.	Marshals to instruct pedestrians of safe route on the day.	Appointed person	
	footpath across event area.	Signs erected to direct pedestrians safely across event area. Marshals provided with guidance to direct pedestrians along safe route. Safe route shown on site layout plan.			
Losing someone on site and delayed medical care due to unknown location	Officials, competitors, visitors and general public	Team Managers, parents and organisers will have contact information for all in their party Site will be locked down and no entry/ exit will be allowed until search has been carried out. Activity will be suspended during search. Search to be carried out by PC Officials Once lost person is found event activity can resume In event lost person is not found, additional steps to involve emergency services and notify PC trustees/ management will be taken	During the event, ensure controls and compliance are monitored	Appointed person	
Adverse weather conditions impacting rider or equine wellbeing: visibility, heat stroke, dehydration, hypothermia	Member, Equine and parent/ guardian or Official	Visibility during a event may be impacted, guidance on what to do in these circumstances given in briefing Hot temperatures could impact on the rider and equines welfare and health, parent/ guardian can ensure water available. Cold, wet, windy and rain/ snowy days can impact visibility, result in hypothermia. To mitigate riders advised of appropriate clothing for rider and equine alike, provided with warm drinks provided at intervals and monitored throughout event. Additional clothing/ dry clothing may be provided as necessary for rider or equine. Event may cancel due to weather conditions, if deemed unsafe to continue by organiser.	During the event, ensure controls and compliance are monitored.	Appointed person to monitor	

Equine: bio	Horses and ponies	All horses and ponies in attendance will meet the	During the event, ensure	Appointed person	1
security: horses	riorses and ponies	vaccination requirements of the Pony Club as per its current	controls and compliance	Appointed person	
could become ill		rules.	are monitored		
whilst at the event			are monitored		
		Penning will be separate to limit contact between equines			
and need medical care		Stables will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between uses			
		A vet will be available during hours of the event to support			
		with medical needs			
		Out of hours a vet will be on call out of hours for those			
		remaining on site and able to support should the need arise			
		Equines will be vetted out of the event if they are unwell			
		and there is a health concern. This will need a vet sign off.			
		Relevant veterinary advice will be sought based on the situation			
		and need to ensure welfare of the equines at the event.			
Harm to an	Members, parents,	The organisation has members of staff to support with	A named safeguarding	Appointed person to	
individual's rights,	guardians, officials and	safeguarding of all involved at our activities. The Myddelton	lead is appointed at	monitor	
wellbeing and	pedestrians	College / Pony Club Safeguarding policy outlines the	activities and is present.		
mental/ physical		processes which should be adhered to (full details).	Monitor and ensure		
being		Those who regularly come in to contact with members, e.g	compliance		
		Coaches and officials or those in a position of responsibility,			
		must meet compliance checks. This is termed as regulated			
		activity/ work and is covered in the Safer Recruitment			
		Policies.			
		Coaches level of supervision is determined by their			
		qualifications (<u>full details</u>).			
		Camps, Competitions, Residentials and excursions are			
		carried out in line with <u>quidance</u> , including provision of			
		supervision and ratios of staffing.			
		Members, parents, guardians, volunteers and officials			
		adhere to the respective Code of Conduct and steps are			
		taken should this not be followed.			
		All measures identified in the Health and Safety Rule book			
		are adhered to, including first aid and accident reporting.			
		Members medical needs are identified through medical			
		consent form and steps agreed with the parent/ guardian			
		and nominated official to administer and store medication			
		including record keeping.			
		The organisations <u>Drugs and Alcohol Policy</u> is adhered to.			

Harm due to medical treatment of equine. Injury could be crush, cut, bruise and glancing blow.	Members, parents, guardians, officials and pedestrians	Local vets have been alerted to the event. All incidents are recorded in line with The Pony Club procedures. If required by the Health and Safety Rulebook Vet Matrix are in attendance, contact information is shared with attendees. First Aid Provision in place which is in line with the Health and Safety Rule book First Aid Matrix, attendees are aware of how to contact First Aid. On site first aid have been alerted that these is an injured equine and those attending may need assistance. A suitable location for the treatment of equines at the event has been identified prior to the event. Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is worn to aid treatment of the equine. Where necessary PPE meets the required safety standard. Treatment is only administered by/ with approval of the owner. The equine is handled during treatment by suitable adult(s) and instructions are followed. The injury is assessed and severity. Veterinary assistance is sought as needed. Appropriate medical treatment administered/ stored in line with item instructions and COSHH guidance supplied with	Monitor and ensure compliance	Appointed person to monitor	
		with item instructions and COSHH guidance supplied with the product			

Risk assessment completed by:	Date completed:	Review Date:
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