Prepare horses for competitions



Overview

This standard is for those who are involved in the preparation of horses for competitions.

You should be able to care for the horse whilst at the event and present the horse for competition at the appropriate time.

You will need to be fully aware of the importance of health and safety in connection with this work and be able to recognise hazards and assess risks within the workplace.

This standard does not include the transportation of horses to competitions, which is covered in standard CU43.

Undertake preparation with the following types of horse:

- Experienced
- Inexperienced

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Performance criteria

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- P1 Comply with competition regulations and etiquette at all times
- P2 Ensure the horse is cared for while at the event
- P3 Prepare the horse by fitting appropriate tack and equipment for the specified discipline
- P4 Present horses for competition at the correct time
- P5 Communicate with others to ensure procedures are followed
- P6 Assess the health of the horse pre and post competition
- P7 Maintain records as appropriate
- P8 Monitor and maintain the health, safety and welfare of the horses, self and others during the work.

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

K1	Governing authorities' and competition rules and regulations
K2	Types of competition and venue
K3	Registration procedures
K4	Horse passports and identity requirements
K5	Health and welfare checks
K6	Prohibited substances
K7	Problems which may occur with horses in a competition environment
K8	Pre performance warm up procedures
K9	Factors which affect the use of tack and equipment
K10	Types of climate, going, terrain and their effect on performance
K11	What records should be maintained and their importance
K12	Your responsibility under relevant animal health and welfare and health

and safety legislation/codes of practice.

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