

Prepare racehorses for saddling up and the parade ring

Overview

This standard is about preparing racehorses for saddling up and the parade ring.

This standard involves selecting and fitting the saddlery and equipment. You should be able to prepare the racehorse for the parade ring.

You should be fully aware of the importance of health, safety and animal welfare in connection with this activity.

You will need to be able to recognise hazards and assess risks in the workplace.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. select and wear appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment for the activity
2. plan the saddling up procedure in accordance with the race programme and prepare a racehorse for saddling up
3. select and fit the appropriate saddlery and equipment
4. identify and report any defects or damage to the saddlery and equipment and take appropriate action
5. handle and restrain the horse in a manner that does not compromise animal welfare, avoids behaviour giving rise to welfare concern and maintains health and safety
6. prepare the racehorse for the parade ring according to requirements
7. monitor and maintain the health and safety of yourself and others, and the welfare of the horse, during the activity

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the selection, use and care of personal protective equipment
2. the racecourse procedures and the rules of racing
3. how to saddle up horses and the difficulties that may be encountered
4. the purpose of and how to fit of equipment
5. the importance of using appropriate handling and restraint techniques and minimising stress to the horse, and risks to yourself and others
6. the regulatory requirements for equipment
7. how to prepare horses for the parade ring
8. the collection of saddlery and equipment after weighing out
9. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these are controlled
10. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

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Scope/range

Select and fit the following equipment:

- breastplate
- breast girth
- blinkers
- visors
- weight cloth
- net
- tongue strap
- over girth
- Australian cheeker
- eye shield
- number cloth
- Irish martingale
- chamois/scrim/pad

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