

Carry out racecourse procedures

Overview

This standard involves carrying out racecourse procedures on arrival at the racecourse and before and after the race. You should be able to carry out the pre-race procedures, complete the declaration documentation, adhere to security procedures and liaise with other personnel. You will also need to be able to provide the jockey with the appropriate horse and equipment and complete the post-race procedures.

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

You will be able to recognise hazards and assess risks in the work area.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. carry out the pre-race procedures correctly
2. complete the declaration documentation accurately and pass to the appropriate person
3. adhere to the racecourse security requirements at all times
4. produce relevant documentation for racecourse officials
5. maintain the necessary liaison with relevant personnel at all times
6. provide the clothing and equipment required by the racehorse and jockey, according to race requirements
7. complete the post-race procedures correctly
8. 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 pre-race procedures, including; declarations, stable passes and passports, and procedures for saddling up
2. the relevant rules of racing and how they are applied
3. the racecourse procedures and security requirements
4. the personnel with whom you will need to liaise, including; trainers, jockeys, officials and owners
5. the clothing and equipment required by the racehorse and the jockey
6. the action to be taken in the event of an enquiry
7. the reasons why the tack has to be weighed out
8. the post-race procedures, including; aftercare of the horse, collection of colours, selling races and claiming races
9. anti-doping rules and the practices that relate to them
10. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these are controlled
11. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

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Scope/range

Provide the following clothing and equipment:

- saddle
- tack
- colours

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