

Jump schooled horses to maintain their level of training

Overview

This standard is about jumping schooled horses to maintain their level of training. You should be able to fit tack, maintain a suitable riding position and balance while jumping fences up to 90cm (3ft). You should be able to monitor and report on the progress of the horses, and make suggestions for improvement.

You will need to 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. select and adjust tack to meet individual requirements
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4. adopt and maintain the appropriate jumping position
5. maintain balance while jumping fences
6. take an appropriate track between fences
7. adjust speed and gait to suit the terrain, the type of jump and the work area
8. establish and maintain a quality canter from which the horse can jump with ease
9. take the appropriate actions if the horse refuses to jump or becomes over-excited
10. monitor the progress of the horse against training requirements and report to the appropriate person
11. make recommendations concerning any areas for improvement
12. 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 actions to be taken if the schooled horse refuses to jump or becomes over-excited
3. the effects of going and terrain on the horse
4. how to walk a course and the reasons for doing so
5. the course design and positioning of fences
6. the distances between poles, grids and combination fences
7. the types of fences
8. the importance of adopting the correct riding position for jumping show jumps and cross country fences
9. how to assess the horse and make any recommendations for improvement to the appropriate person
10. how to recognise problems in a horse's attitude to jumping and the appropriate action to take
11. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these are controlled
12. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

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Scope/range

Jump in the following work areas:

- enclosed space
- open space

Jump over the following fence types:

- fixed
- unfixed

Ride horses:

- alone
- in company

Select and adjust the following tack:

- jumping saddle
- snaffle bridle
- other tack as required

Ride more than one horse over:

- poles
- show jumping course at 3ft (0.9m)
- a variety of single cross country fences between 2ft 6in and 3ft (0.8m and 0.9m) on a varying terrain

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Glossary

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