

Manage the process for competing with horses

Overview

This standard is about managing the process for competing with horses.

It deals with managing and supervising the selection of horses suitable for competitions, the entry of horses and pre- and post-competition activities.

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 ensure the safety of yourself and others, and the welfare of the horses, at all times.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. recognise the discipline and level that would be most suitable for an individual horse
2. manage the process of entering horses in appropriate competitions
3. ensure compliance with the rules of the governing authority
4. manage the implementation of pre- and post-competition routines
5. communicate with relevant personnel
6. ensure appropriate records are maintained and stored, as required by relevant legislation and the organisation you work for
7. assess hazards and control the risks to horses, yourself and others in connection with this activity

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. how to assess the suitability of horses for different disciplines and the importance of this
2. the various factors that can effect the horse's competitive potential
3. how to comply with governing authorities and competition rules and regulations
4. the entry requirements and registration procedures for competitions
5. the factors that may affect the performance of horses at competitions
6. why effective communication is important
7. the importance of establishing and maintaining records
8. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these are controlled
9. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

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Glossary

Relevant personnel:

- trainer
- rider
- competition officials
- the press

Factors affecting a horse's competitive potential:

- Breeding

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