

HORSE/RIDER SUITABILITY

As part of the pre-check gear (and horse), Team Managers should ensure through discussion with the parent and/or horse owner that the horse is fit for the purpose and free of illness or injury. Any issues disclosed should be notified to the committee and considered before allowing the horse and rider to compete.

As recommended in the Safe Work Australia "Guide to Managing Risks when New and Inexperienced Persons Interact with Horses (June 2014)", Team Managers should, through discussion with the horse owners, not permit new or beginner riders to ride horses that:

- ◇ Are nervous or reactive
- ◇ Have a tendency to rear, buck, pig root, bite people or horses, kick people when being handled or ridden, shy, bolt or any other behavior which might unseat unbalanced rider
- ◇ Are highly trained and sensitive
- ◇ Are non-compliant and unresponsive
- ◇ Regularly trip or stumble

Rider/Horse suitability will be further assessed at Pre-event check point by Pony Club personnel and committee member if required.

Final decisions with regard to Rider/Horse suitability will be the responsibility of the Host Principal and Blandford Public School Horse Sport Management Team

NO STALLIONS OR DOGS PERMITTED AT THIS EVENT

Horse and Rider Movement

All horses are to be walked from floats/trucks to marshalling/Warm up areas. No trotting/cantering around parking areas.

Team Managers/Parent/Guardian to accompany riders to warm up area.

Please note that there will be NO INSTRUCTION on the day

GEAR CHECK PROCEDURES

- All riders/horses will be pre-checked by Team Managers and a red wristband (provided) will be placed around riders wrist. Team Managers are to discuss with the parent/horse owner the suitability of the horse and rider combination and check that the horse is fit for the purpose and free of illness or injury. If a problem arises they are to call a committee member immediately.
- Riders are then to present at warm up/marshalling area for official gear check conducted by Pony Club personnel where a blue wristband will be placed around the rider's wrist.
- Gear Check appeals/disputes will be dealt with (if required) by Chief Gear Steward and Committee members.
- If rider/horses are required to change or replace gear throughout the day, Team Managers are to pre-check altered/replaced gear and initial the red wristband. Riders are then to present to official gear check personnel who will check altered/replaced gear and initial the blue wristband.

Riders who fail to observe this rule WILL be disqualified.

EVACUATION PROCEDURE

In the situation that you are asked to evacuate the Rosedale Complex. Everyone is to remain calm.

Spectators are to immediately move to the assembly point outside the main gate of the grounds and adhere to instructions provided by commentator.

Riders are to form a troop line and wait for instructions. Once riders are assembled outside the grounds Team Managers are to conduct a head count and check attendance list.

If deemed necessary by the *Emergency Management Team* to evacuate the ground, marshals will with *Team Managers* escort mounted riders, to the off-site evacuation point at Murrurundi Public School.



**Blandford Public School
WELCOMES YOU TO OUR**

2018 Horse Sports Day

Information Brochure

**Blandford Public School hopes you
have a safe and enjoyable day.
We look forward to seeing you again
at our Horse Sports in 2018**

*The New South Wales Department of
Education is committed to the Health and Safe-
ty of employees, volunteers,
contractors and visitors*

For your safety and the safety of others, it is a condition of entry to this site that you take a few minutes to read this brochure.

Mandatory site requirements:

- ◇ All Team Managers to sign on and attend mandatory induction. Team Managers are directly responsible for the supervision of their allocated riders, check and/or fix team gear and liaise with officials if required. Team Managers must have a Working with Children Clearance.
- ◇ All volunteers to sign on and attend induction.
- ◇ Observe all speed and parking directions from Marshalls and signage
- ◇ Only authorized personnel are permitted to enter the arena
- ◇ Obey all safety signs and barricades. Please respect pedestrian zone around toilets, canteen, spectator area and horse free area
- ◇ If required, Quarantine is located on the east of ring 2. THIS IS RESTRICTED ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY TEAM ONLY.
- ◇ Violent, threatening or other unacceptable behavior is not tolerated at NSW Department of Education Principal Endorsed Activities



EXCLUSIONS

Due to regulations review, the following events have been removed from our program in the interest of rider safety – NO BAREBACK OR JUMPING ACTIVITIES ARE AT THIS EVENT

TOILETS

Male and Female toilets are located in the brick building, clearly labelled behind the Canteen.

HYDRATE!

Be mindful of weather conditions and activity levels and stay hydrated. There is water available on the grounds for horses.

SUN SAFE!

Slip, Slop, Slap! Re-apply every two hours. Team Managers please remind your team. Sunscreen will be available at the office.

HEALTH

The Office, Team Managers, *Supervising Teachers* and First Aid Attendees have copies of student health care plans. Team Managers and *Supervising Teachers*, please familiarize yourselves with them and respond accordingly.

NO SMOKING

This is a Department of Education Principal endorsed activity. Smoking is NOT permitted on the grounds. Please make sure you are outside the main entrance gates if you choose to smoke.

ALCOHOL & ILLEGAL DRUGS

Alcohol and Illegal drugs are not permitted

Reporting Injuries/Hazards

- ◇ All hazards and incidents must be reported to the Office
- ◇ Injuries will be recorded in the Register of Injuries
- ◇ First Aid Treatment is available on site
- ◇ First Aid will be located at the arena gate near marshaling area and office

Animal Safety— Known Kickers

Horses that are known kickers are required to wear a red ribbon in their tail. Parents in this situation are required to stay with the horse. Known kickers to stay at a reasonable distance from other horses whilst in the marshaling area and arena

Note—horses known to kick will typically kick only in certain circumstances (eg if another horse moves up close behind that horse). Through the use of this red ribbon warning, other riders know to maintain a safe distance behind any horse displaying a red ribbon as to avoid increasing the risk of kicks.

Horse Health

All horse owners are to complete the mandatory “Horse Health Declaration” form prior to entering the grounds.

Horse Health will be monitored throughout the day and the “Biosecurity Procedures” will be implemented if a horse falls ill on the day.