

Safety at Shows

Improving Rider Outcomes in Emergencies

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Goal

To improve the safety and injury outcomes for injured competitors by improving medical coverage at USEF licensed competitions

Goals: how?

- Require advanced medical personnel at all competitions
- The Accident Preparedness Plan (APP) posted for easy viewing at multiple locations for fast and efficient response time
- Inform exhibitors of the medical personnel and services available so they can make educated decisions on where to compete based on the quality of safety measures provided
- Update the USEF Incident Response Resource Guide
- Identify equipment list recommended be provided by competitions

Goals: why?

- To better inform exhibitors of the medical services, protocols, and personnel available
- Increase communication between competition staff
- Improve medical response in an emergency

The Safety Ad Hoc proposed several RCPs in 2018 as the first step in a multi-step plan to improve rider safety in emergency situations.

GR848 (QMP)

The current rule allows for the following QMPs:

- Certified or licensed EMT
- Certified or licensed paramedic
- Certified first responder
- Physician or nurse trained in pre-hospital trauma care and currently certified or licensed in their profession

Proposed RCPs

HJ113 Other Competition Standards Requirements

19. At Premier rated and/or Jumper Level 5 competitions, at least one of the required qualified medical personnel must be a paramedic. See GR848 for additional medical personnel requirements.

GR847 (Safety Coordinator)

Duties of the Safety Coordinator

- Oversee implementation of the Accident Preparedness Plan (APP)
- Communicate with Competition Management and medical personnel to review the APP
- Provide QMPs with a map of the grounds and plans for vehicle access
- Ensure emergency contact information is posted

Current Rules in Place

GR846- Accident Preparedness Plan (APP)

- All competitions must have an Accident Preparedness Plan in place prior to competition
- Management is responsible for ensuring that all officials and staff are advised of the APP and that it is distributed accordingly
- The APP should be given to the Steward at the start of the competition and then it is submitted to the Federation along with the Stewards Report

Proposed RCPs

GR846 Accident Preparedness Plan

2. Competition management is responsible for ensuring that all appropriate competition officials and competition staff ***(including but not limited to Safety Coordinator, Medical Personnel, In-gate Starters, Judges, Announcers, Technical Coordinator, Stable Manager, Veterinarian)*** are provided a written copy of the accident preparedness plan and isolation protocol for horses ***prior to the commencement of duties.***

Proposed RCPs

GR846 Accident Preparedness Plan

4. The Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a copy of the accident preparedness plan and protocol ***signed by the Competition Manager, Safety Coordinator, and Medical Personnel*** to the Federation along with his/her Steward or Technical Delegate report

Proposed RCPs

GR901 Requirements (Prize Lists)

8. Federation licensed competitions with Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed must publish the following safety information:

a. Whether an ambulance is onsite;

b. Number of Qualified Medical Personnel available during competition and applicable licenses (Paramedics, Advanced EMTs, Basic EMTs, etc.)

c. Mileage to nearest hospital with emergency care; and

d. Mileage to nearest Level 1 Trauma Center



Coming Soon

- Provide recommended edits to the USEF Incident Response Resource Guide to incorporate portions of the USEA Safety Coordinator Manual
- Create a template for a quick-reference Emergency Checklist for all staff to have on-hand during the show day

Safety Is Our Priority!

- Strengthen rules that increase safety
- Educate competitors
- Educate officials and show staff
- Increase medical coverage
- Increase beneficial required equipment

Thanks for coming!

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