

Mounted Games – Risk Assessment & Modifications To Activity

Mounted games is a fast-paced team competition that showcases the rider's athletic ability, agility, precision of riding and general horsemanship. Riders must navigate their way through a number of obstacle races, which can include bending poles, stepping stones and a stacking race. All courses rely on the skill, control and agility of the rider to complete without penalties, and finish quicker than the other competing teams, pairs or individuals. Teams consist of between four and five riders and their ponies.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?	Done?
Droplet Transmission (being unable to maintain social distancing during play)	Competing riders being less than 2m in proximity	Ensuring distances between lanes are minimum of 9m	Arena marked out at minimum of 9m	MGAGB (Event organiser)	Pre each event	To be completed pre-each event
	Officials, non-competing riders being less than 2m proximity	2m social distancing rules	Members information, reminders, Red Card Warnings and removal from showground for persistent offenders.	Members and officials	Briefing on policy supplied to all members pre-event	To be completed pre-each event
	All persons present shouting, increasing the risk of droplet transmission	Reducing the volume of music or not playing music at all so people can speak normally	Ensuring that music volume does not require attendees to raise their voices	MGAB (Event organiser)	During set up of event and testing of volume levels.	To be completed as part of set up.
Fomite Transmission (shared equipment and objects)	Competing riders and arena party touching potentially infected surfaces	Removal of handover races - sanitising	Competitors Information Briefing	MGAGB (Event organiser)	Pre each event	To be completed pre-each event
	Competing riders and arena party touching potentially infected surfaces	Sanitising surfaces between races	Competitors Information Briefing and regular sanitising of materials between races.	MGAGB (Event organiser)	Pre each event	To be completed pre-each event with sanitising throughout the event.

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	Starters, trainers and officials	Non-competitors in face masks during the session.	Reminder for compliance with this instruction	Starters, trainers and officials	Pre each event	To be completed pre-each event
	Competing riders and arena party touching potentially infected surfaces	Regular cleaning and maintenance of tack	Sanitise using products that do not damage tack for additional hygiene	Members and owners	Pre, during and after competition	To be completed at each event.
Population Risk (reducing the numbers of people involved to a minimum)	All persons present	Management of the event to have only those competing in the arena	Reminder for compliance with this instruction	MGAGB (Event Organiser)	Briefing on policy supplied to all members pre-event	To be completed pre-each event.