

GENERAL MEDICAL COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR FEI EVENTS

in accordance with article 109.10.1, FEI General Regulations

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Introduction

The requirements outlined in this document are mandatory for Organising Committees (“OCs”) in all FEI disciplines, keeping in mind that:

- OCs are solely responsible for the planning of the medical coverage of their events.
- This document outlines minimum requirements and is not an exhaustive list of the medical considerations applicable to FEI events.
- This document is not a substitute to the national and/or any other legislation(s) applicable to the event. It must always be read and applied in conjunction with such legislation, as well as with any applicable provision in the corresponding FEI Sport Rules¹.
- It must be accepted that all forms of horse riding involve an element of risk.

FEI event medical coverage

In order to plan for the medical coverage of their Events in accordance with art. 109.10, GRs, OCs must comply with the following:

1. Healthcare professionals², level of expertise and equipment

The requirements indicated below are a minimum, which does not substitute to any applicable legislation and/or FEI Sport Rules provisions.

- 1.1 From the arrival of the first horse until the first horse inspection, a plan must be in place to address any medical emergency.
- 1.2 During the remainder of the Event and until the last horse has departed:
 - i. The presence of personnel trained in emergency medical care must be ensured throughout the event. This includes training (official and non-official) and warm up.
 - ii. Healthcare professionals with expertise in trauma are recommended for all competitions (and in some disciplines are mandatory). If, following thorough risk assessment, a competition is regarded as not requiring healthcare professionals with expertise in trauma, then healthcare professionals with relevant qualifications must be present.
 - iii. During the hours of non-riding activity (such as night time), a plan must be in place to address any medical emergency.
 - iv. Appropriate medical equipment must be available at all event venues to a level complying with local legislation and any applicable FEI Sport Rules.

¹ See in particular Eventing Rules Annex D.

² A healthcare professional is a provider of health care treatments and advice based on formal training and experience.

2. Medical coverage plan

2.1 The medical coverage plan for the event must:

- i. Be decided before the event, taking professional advice when appropriate and complying with any applicable legislation,
- ii. Take into account the numbers of athletes and spectators, the location of the venue and proximity to emergency medical facilities such as hospitals and ambulance services (including usual response times).
- iii. Specify the availability of public emergency services in case of catastrophic events.

2.2 The medical coverage plan must include:

- i. The contact details of the designated lead healthcare professional
- ii. Procedure in the event of a serious physical or mental incident or illness,
- iii. Field of play removal plan for injured athletes
- iv. Details of the ambulance cover (on site or local emergency service) and local hospitals with emergency rooms.
- v. Any other applicable requirement(s) imposed by the applicable legislation and/or FEI Sport Rules³.

The medical coverage plan must be summarised in a document and shared with the FEI if requested.

³ See in particular Annex D for Eventing.