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Officials' Role during Cross Country Day

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Officials' Roles & Responsibilities during XC

- We are responsible for the best interest of the Horse
- We are responsible for the best interest of the Athlete
- We are responsible for the actions of one another

Together we are all responsible for the best interest of the Sport

- We must work to ensure high levels of risk management
- We must work to ensure high levels of integrity
- We must champion and congratulate equine welfare, good riding and Horsemanship in what ever form we see it

Together we must be able to celebrate the thrill and challenge of our Sport

The roles before, during and after XC include:

- Ensuring the safety of the course at all times.
- Team work.
- Decisions on dangerous riding.
- Decisions on breaking of frangible devices.
- Gathering information, interviewing and sanctioning at the end of the session.
- A debrief between Ground Jury members, Course Designer and Technical Delegate.

Dealing with situations regarding safety and managing risk on XC day:

During the assessment of the XC course and on the day of XC, it is essential that the team of officials discuss and agree on how to deal with:

- Fitting of the frangible devices.
- Stopping a Horse.
- Dangerous riding.
- Fence on the XC Course which is not riding well.
- Ground conditions deteriorating.
- Blood on Horse.

Prior to the Cross Country day

The Course Designer must make sure of:



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- **Months or weeks before the Event:**
 - Design / Building/Placement / Ground preparation.
 - Exchange ideas and questions with the TD.
- **1 or 2 weeks before the Event:**
 - Secure the track / Control conformity/ Finalise the technical aspects and the presentation/the « dressing » of the fences.
 - Manage and check all frangible devices.
 - Anticipate weather conditions - plan B.
 - Fence maintenance / repair.
- **Last 3 days before XC day**
 - Walk the (nearly) finalized course(s) with TD.
 - Consider camera positions.
 - Walk each fully finalized course with GJ and TD for approval.
 - Attend the official **briefing** and rider **briefing**.

The Technical Delegate must make sure of :

- Work and dialogue with the Course Designer and Course Builder.
- Course has the appropriate technicality and level.
- Correct fitting of frangible devices.
- Assessed & discussed the ground management plan with the OC/CD.
- Walked the course with the GJ & CD and discussed all aspects raised with the GJ.
- Assessed the XC Repair plans.
- Carried out/attended the Serious Incident Management meeting.
- Discussed the communications plan for XC day with the OC/Cross Country Controller.
- Have a positive understanding of the personnel and response plan for a XC incident.
- Identifying the “spotters” especially at lower level events – refer this to the GJ.
- Have observed or given the Jumping Judge briefing.

The Ground Jury must make sure of:

- Knowing well all relevant Rules, and supporting documents before walking and assessing the XC Course with CD and TD.
- Being mental and physical fit.
- Having a positive, cooperative, respectful, inclusive and communicative mind set.
- Having gained an understanding of what the CD is asking of the Athletes.
- Having walked the lines and assessed the going and terrain.
- Having ensured the course is safe and at a appropriate standard.
- Having discussed with the CD and TD how to deal with judging narrow fences.
- Being capable of a clear, precise and including decision making.
- Having familiarized with the Serious Incident Management Plan; if not attending the SIM Meeting.
- Having a plan for investigation of questionable cases with TD.

Briefing between Controller, Ground Jury, Course Designer and Technical Delegate:

At this session the following aspects should be discussed:

- Identify the “spotters”.
- Communication flows and radio network.
- How to deal with blood on Horses.
- How to handle reporting from the XC Course of tired/exhausted Horses and/or Athletes riding dangerously.
- How to deal with the requirement to stop Athletes if necessary.
- Course of action in event of Serious Incident Management Plan instigated.

During Cross Country day

What does the Ground Jury do?

- The President of the Ground Jury will be in control.
- The GJ will previously have decided where the members will be during XC.
- The GJ is prepared to take any actions needed during XC day.

Focused at all times during XC

What does the Course Designer do?

- On the course, watching and analyzing what is happening.
- Stay connected to the official network to signal or react on:
 - Ground Maintenance.
 - Fence Repair & Control Conformity.
 - Frangible fences fitting.
 - Modification or Alteration of the Course.
 - Any case of dangerous or abuse of Horse.

What does the Technical Delegate do?

Where does the TD go?

- Positioned in and monitoring XC Control.
- At startbox for the first Horse(s) going out in XC.
- Then mobile to be able to observe and react.
- Visit VD at finish area.
- Communicate with the Stable Manager and others.

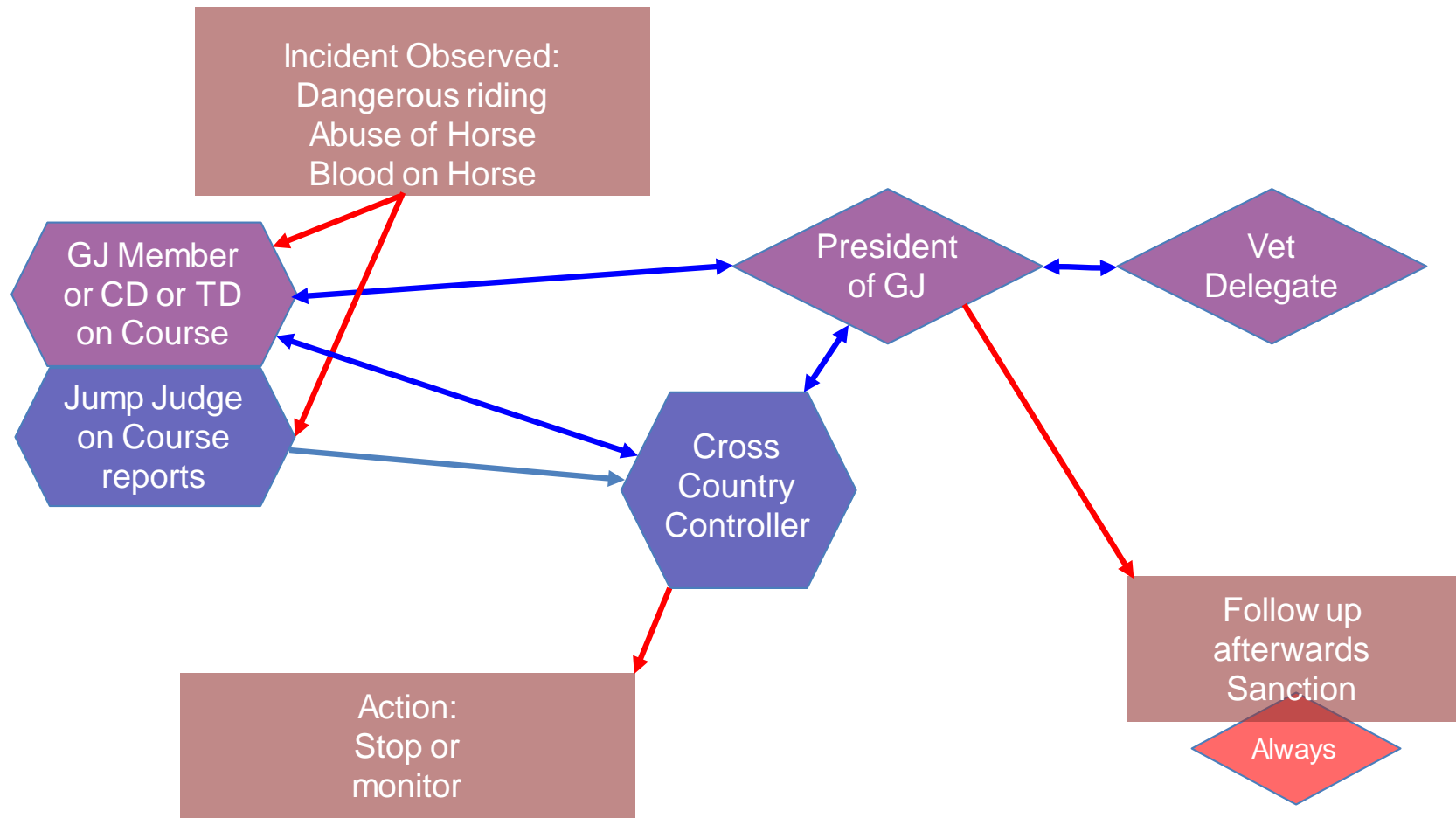
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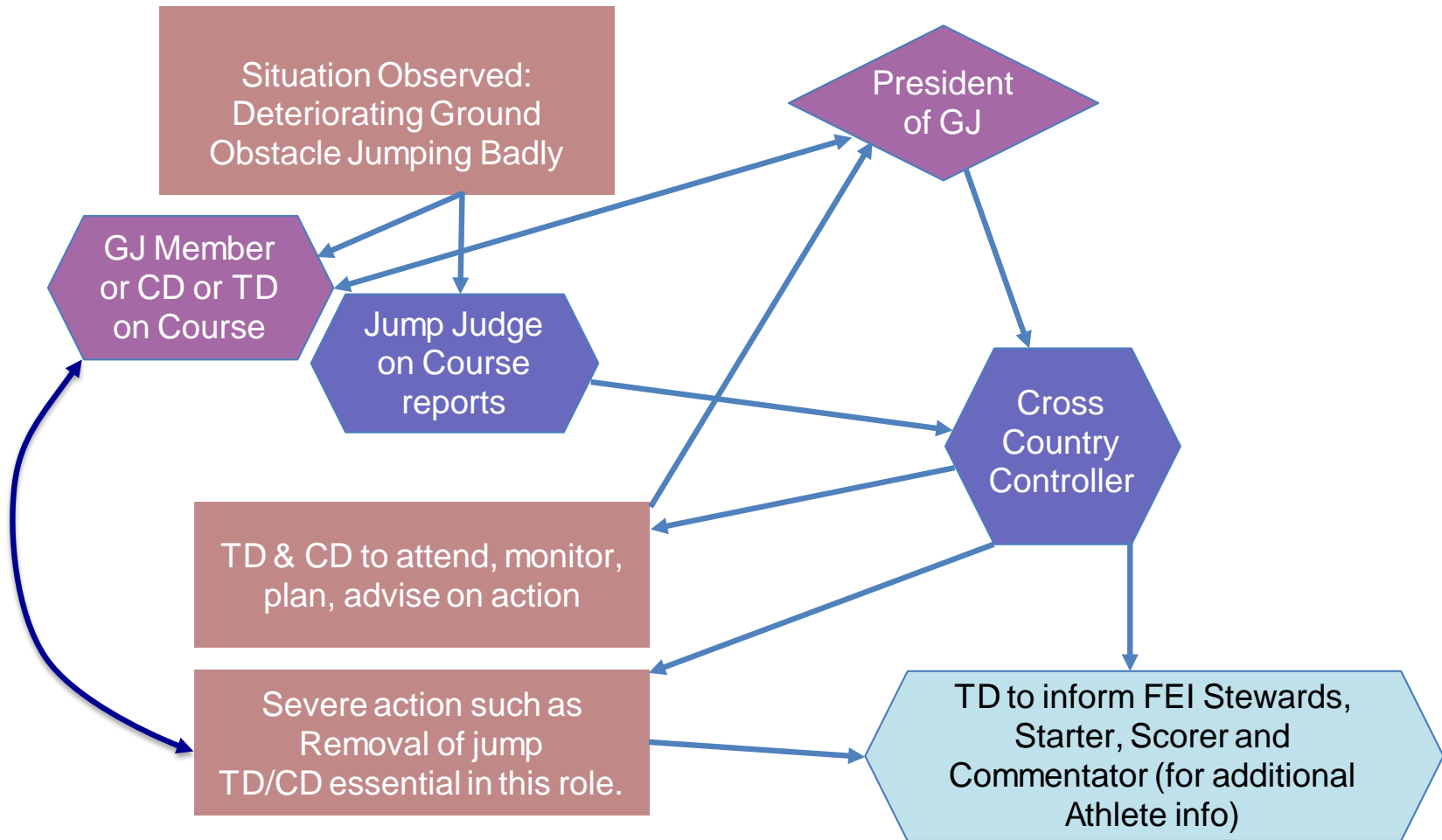
The Debrief:

A **debrief** either straight after XC or early next morning is highly recommended:

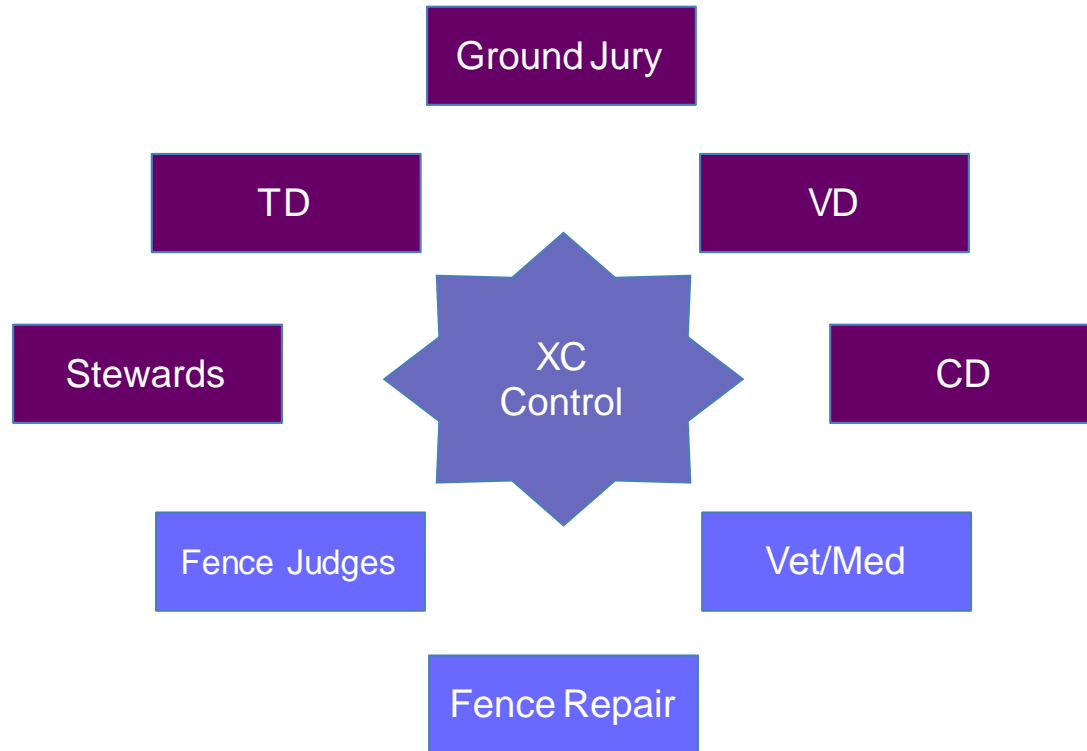
- What worked well?
- What could have been done differently?
- What should be remembered for the future?
- Is there a need and wish for follow ups on the debrief; and if so, who will take action/the lead?
- For the TD, especially in these changed covid time where scoring processes maybe different, it is essential to ensure that all scores are correctly captured i.e. an audit of the fence judge books/Controller log and the Event scorers output.







Good Communication ensures a more effective, efficient and most importantly safe XC Day



The Follow up:

- As a minimum, each and every time a Horse is stopped or dangerous riding is witnessed there **MUST** be a follow up with the Athlete.
- If someone has done wrong, action **MUST** be taken.
- Do not be afraid of sanctioning! And remember reporting it to the FEI!

When the FEI Officials meet Athletes who have done a good job on XC, be sure to tell them 😊.

Thank you for listening

Questions & Comments?