

Medical Update

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Annex D – Medical Services

Recommendations for Medical Services Coverage at FEI Competitions

This Annex outlines the medical service coverage to be implemented by Organising Committees (OCs) of FEI Eventing Events. It must be read in conjunction with the “Guidelines for the Medical Coverage at Events” available on the FEI website.

Note: This Annex is considered as recommendation for 2 years before mandatory implementation. Feedback from NFs and OCs from events in the next year will be reviewed by the Eventing and Medical Committee.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO)

Role

The CMO is appointed well in advance of the event and works closely with the Organizing Committee when planning for event medical coverage and participates in the preparation of the Serious Incident Management Plan (SIMP) for the event.

At Championships where, the CMO will arrange a meeting for the international team doctors and medical personnel in order to familiarise them with the venue and available medical resources provide the necessary contact information to access the medical services.

Qualifications

The CMO does not have to be a physician, but is suitably experienced in the planning of medical coverage for equestrian events and has knowledge of the available local emergency medical resources and applicable local regulations.

Medical Staffing Requirements

AVAILABILITY	MEDICAL PERSONNEL	NUMBERS	QUALIFICATIONS
Cross-Country test:	Advanced Medical Response Team	At least: 1	At least: 1 member with the minimum necessary skills and experience to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. perform advanced airway management, preferably with rapid sequence anaesthesia, intubation and rescue airway techniques; ii. decompress a tension pneumothorax; iii. insert intravenous and intraosseous lines to administer fluids and analgesia; and, iv. apply pelvic binders, cervical collars and place suitable splints for fractures; v) perform procedural sedation to allow rapid and humane limb reduction, splintage, extraction and transport.
Dressage, Jumping and Cross Country tests:	Standard Medical Response Teams	Minimum: 1 Ideally: 2	Training in immediate care and appropriate equipment for airway support, wound, bleeding and fracture management.
At all times	Ambulance or equivalent(**) for the transportation of injured or sick athletes to an appropriate treatment facility		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For events, ambulances should contain equipment for advanced airway support including oxygen, treatment of pneumothorax, intravenous access and fluids, management of cervical spine and other back injuries, long bone fractures. - The ambulance personnel must be adequately trained to use all such equipment.

Medical response – DRESSAGE and JUMPING tests

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT		
Medical personnel type	Response time	Logistical considerations
1 x Standard Medical Response Team available on site	Strongly recommended: maximum 3 minutes(***) from notification of accident	Should have an immediate access to any part of the competition arena and warm up areas.
+		
Additional medical personnel required for adequate coverage		
As pre-determined by the CMO and OC depending on the layout and number of arenas		
+		
If possible: ambulance or equivalent arrangement (see table in II.3 for details) for:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Treatment of minor ailments- Observation and initial treatment of serious injuries or illness- Transportation to appropriate medical facilities.		

Medical response – CROSS COUNTRY test

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT		
Medical personnel type	Response time	Logistical considerations
1 x Advanced Medical Response Team available at all times on site	Strongly recommended: maximum 5 minutes(***) from notification of accident	Capability of rapid deployment to any part of the course (including warm-up area) and all obstacles on the cross country course.
+		
Additional medical personnel required for adequate coverage		
As pre- determined by the CMO depending on the layout of the Cross Country courses and the accessibility of the site.		
+		
If possible: ambulance or equivalent arrangement (see table in II.3 for details) for:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Treatment of minor ailments- Observation and initial treatment of serious injuries or illness- Transportation to appropriate medical facilities.		

MANDATORY MEDICAL ASSESSMENT AFTER A FALL

If an Athlete falls at a Competition, he will not be allowed to continue without a medical assessment by on-site medical personnel, even if the Athlete has no obvious injury. Please see applicable FEI rules if a rider refuses medical evaluation which will result in immediate elimination for the remainder of the competition.

Article 523.3 All Athletes that have had a fall during training on the Competition site or in Competition must be examined by the Official Medical Officer before they either take part in another test, Competition or leave the venue. The Athlete is fully responsible for ensuring that this examination takes place.

Article 527.1.d: Any Athlete who leaves the venue after a fall without submitting to the examination required under this Article will automatically be issued an Eventing Recorded Warning for incorrect behaviour, which will be delivered to his or her National Federation.

Thank you for your attention.

Questions?