During the 2019 Eventing Risk Management (NSO) Seminar, it was decided to add 3 fields to the Fence Description form to allow the collection of information regarding the influence of front leading edges and ground lines on falls.

As you will see on the “fence description form” and “guideline on how to fill in fence description forms”, the following information has been added:

- Height of fence at leading edge
- Distance from the front of the ground line to the front of the leading edge
- Height of ground line

The aim is to collect and analyse the information which could lead to improvements in Course Design and construction.

By ‘front leading edge’ (FLE) of a fence it is meant the front of any part of the fence which a horse may hit. For example the front of a top rail, front of a roof of a house, front of a table type of fence, front of an ascending or square oxer, etc. provided that the front is more than 90 cm in height. N.B. Anything below 90 cm would not be significant and should therefore not be mentioned. Please put N/A with a brief explanation in the remarks column.

The column “remarks” can be used to clarify or explain the fence if necessary.

Some types of fence do not have a ‘front leading edge’, for example a roll top, please put N/A in the column and add a short explanation in the remarks column.

By ground line it is meant any sort of ground line whether it is a rail, mulch, flowers, etc.
N.B. Anything below 90 cm would not be significant and should therefore not be mentioned.