

Fence Attendants Briefing Checklist

General. The fence attendants, and other staff working on the racetrack, should be briefed an hour before the first race (ensure no conflict with medical and veterinary briefs).

Present. The following as a minimum should be present:

Clerk of the Course (to brief)

Local/BHA Inspector (if present)

SRMO (to brief) – preferably paramedic representation as well

SVS (to brief) – preferably recovery man

Course Repair Team

Fence Attendants

To be Briefed (below is outline - more detail needed at briefing)

- Duties of Fence Attendant
 - Wear distinctive vest/armband
 - Check you have right equipment: flags, whistle, fence paddle
 - Personal safety
 - All day – repair and maintenance of fence and ground around it. Bypass area kept clear at all times
 - Check time taken to do a circuit and therefore time to make a decision
 - If the fence (or course within vicinity) is broken or obstructed:
 - Direction markers in fence (ensure pointing right way) directly opposite where person/horse down so loose horse does not jump into them
 - Flags/radio – doctor, vet, warning
 - Go 70 yards (dependent on geography of course) towards approach of fence, and stand opposite side of fence to which horses and jockeys will go
 - Wave checkered flag above head and blow whistle. Stay there for whole race.

NB: once direction markers are in, they remain so for whole race.

NB2: Nothing serious should be said over radio which may be overheard by public.

 - If incident is prolonged:
 - Dos and donts for Horse down – SVS
 - Dos and donts for jockey – SRMO
 - Screens
- Stop race procedure – (yellow and orange diablo flag only used by those authorised)
- Vehicles positioning – not on racing line/blocking crowd view
- Screen availability – who to hold (need them up quickly); when used/not used
- Water availability.