

## **Veterinary Personnel Requirement (Sect 8.1)**

### **(c) Briefing**

The Clerk of the Course has the responsibility at the beginning of the day to hold a briefing for all staff working on the racetrack on the use of each of the respective flags, the procedures for marking hazards at fences and directing the field around them (including the blowing of a Fox 40 whistle) and the emergency procedure for stopping a race. A 'Clerk of the Course Briefing Checklist' is at Appendix (8)K. The briefing MUST include a practical demonstration at a fence. Prior to the briefing, the Clerk of the Course, SRMO, SPVS and Incident Controller (IC) should meet face to face to plan the management of any entrapment or serious incident. Thereafter, at the briefing the SRMO and SPVS, who should both be in attendance, should be asked to add their own comments. The Local Inspector should also be in attendance. Note: At fences where direction markers are deployed arrangements should be made for either the IC, Clerk of the Course, their assistant or a Steward to be present where possible.

### **(f) Veterinary Personnel**

The Clerk of the Course shall ensure that (S)PVSS:

(i) have access to all parts of the course or have suitable locations provided to give veterinary coverage for the whole course;

(ii) do not leave the course until all horses have been accounted for after the last race, and all requests for veterinary attention have been dealt with;

(iii) have a suitable high-sided, covered recovery vehicle with specified driver who must remain with the vehicle throughout racing;

(iv) have a horse ambulance with towing vehicle and specified driver, who is experienced in handling horses and must remain with the vehicle throughout racing. The horse ambulance must have been regularly serviced, contain partitions to allow an injured horse to be fully supported and have a front ramp so the horse can be unloaded in a forward direction. In the event that the horse ambulance becomes unavailable, on agreement with the SPVS, a suitable trailer may be used but must still have the requisite front ramp. Note: No race should be commenced until the horse ambulance is in position.

(v) are ideally provided with screens at the last two fences, on the Rapid Response Vehicle, horse ambulance and recovery vehicle, and at the unsaddling enclosure and Parade Ring; Note: Ideally, a minimum of seven (7) screens should be available on every course. They should be 8' high with windows and, those who may have to utilise them, to have received practical training in their use.

(vi) are provided with ABUNDANT SUPPLIES OF FRESH, COOL WATER with which to treat horses potentially suffering from heat exhaustion. Water should be positioned adjacent to the Parade Ring, unsaddling enclosure, between the pull up and unsaddling enclosure (at a site agreed with the SPVS), and at the horse box park. Ideally it should also be available at the last two fences. Water must also be carried on the horse ambulance and on the Rapid Response Vehicle. Static supplies may be provided in the form of ICBs or water butts, with buckets.

(vii) are all provided with a radio

**(m) Horse Disposal**

The Clerk of Course must have a designated area, agreed in advance with the Local Inspector, for the placement of dead horses during the day, which is both secure and inaccessible to the public. All dead horses must be covered at all times so that aerial photos cannot be taken. The recovery vehicle should not keep dead horses on board or try to drag a second horse onto the first at the site of the incident. No race should be started until such time as the recovery vehicle is empty and back in position.

**(n) Rapid Response Vehicle**

The Clerk of the Course must ensure that a four wheel drive vehicle is provided to the person designated by the Organising Committee as the Incident Controller (IC), so as they can rapidly attend any incident and take control of its management on the ground (see Appendix (6)A 'Point-to-Point Incident Management').

The Rapid Response Vehicle must also carry screens and water.