

RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

Task or Activity Assessed SLR - Balloons - Tentpegging competition and training and displays	Assessed by and in conjunction with Dawn Watkins for the British Tentpegging Association (BTA)	
Department Mounted competitions, training and displays	Date of Assessment 26/01/19 Reviewed 11/3/21	
Area: Practise area and Competition arenas for all BTA competitions, training sessions and displays	Review Date 29/03/2024	

Hazard Description	Severity	Who And What Might Be Harmed?	Existing Controls	Likeli Hood	Risk Rating	Additional Action Controls Needed	By Whom	By When
Balloons	1	Ground crew – checks strained whilst blowing up balloons	Stretch out the balloon before blowing up.	2	2	Ensure riders are wearing correct riding hats to current British standards, only bring balloons out for the SLR classes training session. Keep all other blown up balloons in a bag, haynet out of the way of riders. Judge to eliminate rider as per rules and if horse and rider are unsuitable the rider to be spoken to and eliminated for safety reasons	Ground crew	At all BTA events
	5	Rider falling due to horse spooking at the balloon, refusing the fence or leaping fence due the balloon being popped.	Only put out three balloons at a time for the SLR class or training, ensure the balloons are securely attached to the fence using a drawing pin.	2	10		Judge	At all BTA events
	1	Littering, causing an offence, ingested by animals	Ground crew to pick up debris of popped balloons Use manual lifting technique	3	3		Ground crew	At all BTA events
	1	Injury whilst securing the balloons to the fences and ground target	Use clothes pegs and string, drawing pins where possible and tape when not possible or balloon sticks to secure the balloons safely. Do not touch sharp end of drawing pin, remove drawing pin with blunt implement to avoid breaking finger nails.	2	2		Ground crew	At all BTA events
	1	Person blowing up balloon – balloon popping in face, could lead to shock	Blow balloons up in a sheltered area, turn away from the wind	1	1		Ground crew and public/ BTA members supporting ground crew	At all BTA events

RISK RATING		ACTION LEVELS		
LIKELIHOOD	SEVERITY	POINTS	RISK	ACTION
5 - Very likely	5 - Fatality or very serious damage	1-2	TRIVIAL	No action required
4 - Likely	4 - Major injury or environmental damage	3-5	TOLERABLE	Apply reasonably practicable rule
3 - Possible	3 - > 3 days absence, complaint of environmental damage	6-12	MEDIUM	Some action required
2 - Unlikely	2 - < 3 days absence/temporary damage	15-16	HIGH	Positive action required to control and reduce the risk
1 - Very Unlikely	1 - Minor first aid injury/ little environmental effect	20-25	INTOLERABLE	Immediate action - cease the activity or do not start