

RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

Task or Activity Assessed Gallows - Tentpegging competition, 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
Gallows	3	Ground crew and arena party – back strains, slips and trips	Use correct manual lifting technique, use an assistant to help handle the gallows. Pack the gallows arms down before being moved	3	9	Ensure training has been carried out to new ground crew or assistants Wear gloves, do not lift over fences	Ground crew arena party	At all events
	5	Rider falling off -death or serious injury due to the horse shying away from the gallows	Set the gallows up clear of other equipment to ensure the riders do not fall off onto objects other than the ground	2	10	Riders advised to attend training sessions, all riders to wear suitable correctly fitted riding hats to current British standard, long sleeves	Rider and judge	At all events
	5	Injury to rider's eyes and face or shoulders, arms, hands rider being too close to the gallows and hitting the arm off the gallows with their face.	Rider to use the BTA drills when riding under the gallows for rings and pegs and lemons and peg. Gallows set out at the correct distance as per the BTA rules or international rules. Over arm only to be used in international classes	3	15	Riders can wear glasses, riders should wear long sleeves Individual runs only Gallows re adjusted by ground crew as necessary for the next rider Use pipe insulator over the arms of the gallows	Rider	At all events
	5	Gallows falling over and causing injury to rider or hitting horse causing the rider an injury from falling from the horse	Gallows placed at set distances as per the BTA rules or international rules. The gallows need to be secured in the ground with pegs, sand bags or other suitable solid heavy object that a horse cannot get a hoof / leg through	2	10	Rider to wear correct head protection. Ground crew to ensure the gallows is re-set after each rider and pins checked	Rider and ground crew	At all events
	5	Injury to rider from the suspension apparatus	Wear eye protection, long sleeves, correct head protection, and use correct drills. All suspension apparatus with hooks need to point away from direction of oncoming rider.	2	10	If wire is used ensure the ends are twisted into a hoop.	Ground crew and competition organiser	At all events
	1	Ensure BTA gallows are stored correctly so they do not fall over and cause an injury. Collapse the gallows as far as possible. Store on the ground.	Use manual lifting procedure to handle the gallows. Ask an assistant to help carry if necessary. Avoid storing above waist height. Could cause strains and sprains and bruises Keep gallows locked to prevent injury in event of theft	2	2		BTA members who are authorised to store and maintain and distribute the gallows	After events/training and prior to events / training and during transportation

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