

RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

Task or Activity Assessed Non-wood pegs - Tentpegging competition, training and displays	Assessed by and in conjunction with Dawn Watkins for the British Tent pegging 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
Pegs made from: Plastic, cardboard, foam	4	Ground crew/Judges/public: Back injuries lifting the bucket of pegs,	⚠ Use correct manual lifting procedure	2	8	Plastic pegs made from congregate plastic should ideally be glued together so the congregated lines run in opposite directions to make the peg sturdier for the ground crew to hit into the ground. Latex gloves no sniffing glue	Ground crew	For points made it applies to all warm up sessions, all competitions/classes and practices sessions/displays or BTA events
	1	Slips trips falls over pegs	⚠ Place in a safe place when not in use, pick up any stray pegs and store in a neat pile/bucket	3	3			
	1	Splinters from plastic, paper cuts	⚠ Wear gloves when handling pegs and knocking into the ground. Remove any large splits from the side of a peg	3	3			
	2	Hitting fingers with hammer when putting into the ground	⚠ Make an adequate hole in the ground. Hold peg ¾ way down when hitting into the ground	3	6			
	2	Hit by peg coming off the end of a weapon	⚠ Stand back from the peg line	1	2			
	1	Rider: bruise to: hand, wrist, elbow, shoulder from impact of hitting peg	⚠ Riders are taught correct drills for holding lance and sword to engage a peg. Riders can wear gloves	1	1	Suitable correctly fitted riding hats to current British standard	Rider	At all BTA events
	2	Concussion to: head, wrist, elbow, shoulder from impact of hitting peg	⚠ Pegs are place into the ground on approx. 70 degree angle and once hit into the ground are moved forwards and backwards to loosen it slightly.	2	4		Riders, Judge	At all BTA events
			⚠ If the ground is very hard, it is advisable to water the ground where the peg is positioned				Rider	At all BTA events
	4	Fracture to: wrist, elbow, shoulder from impact of hitting peg	⚠ Lances may be of any material but must be a minimum of 7feet 6inches with a smooth 3 sided metal point without any serrations or barbs	2	8		Rider	At all BTA events
			⚠ swords should be Cavalry thrusting 1908 type or of similar pattern (as per the BTA rules)					
			⚠ correct British drills are used					
	2	Horse / team member / BTA member or member of public: Getting hit by a peg coming off from a weapon	⚠ Pegs need to be a minimum of 4yards / 3.7m apart.	3	6	wear correct head protection Set course up using correct distances as provided in the rules	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