

RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

Task or Activity Assessed SLR – revolver. 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
Revolver	4	Loss of sight, cosmetic injury to face, To self or others	Only experienced, responsible members of the BTA to train and enter the SLR class Do not point the revolver at anyone or horses, do not look down the barrel of the revolver	1	4	Any member acting irresponsible with their revolver will be given a verbal warning and this could lead to immediate disqualification from the event. Repeated offences will be severely disciplined and could be excluded from the BTA	Rider	For all warm up sessions, all competitions/classes and practices sessions/displays or BTA events
	3	Bruise concussion Self, others or horse	Fire away from self, other or horses legs Suitable correctly fitted riding hats to current British standard, turbans can be worn on top of a riding hat that is to current British standard	1	3		Rider	
	5	Death, serious injury Rider falling from horse due to reacting to report from the revolver	Announce when the SLR class will be held, remove horses from area if know to panic due to noise, use ear muffs in horses that are worried about the noise, Suitable correctly fitted head protection riding hats	1	5	Train horses with minimum noise to represent the bang e.g. starting pistol Hold SLR class either as the first or last class so horses that are not trained can be out of firing noise/location of ring side. At open shows make an announcement to fellow competitors	Rider	Before competitions and at every BTA tent pegging event
	5	Gun back firing due to being loaded with incorrect ammunition	Only experienced and trained personal to handle the pistols. Riders should be over the age of 16 and must undergo SLR training with a BTA riding instructor before being allowed to enter the class	1	5	Guns loaned to other competitors must be leant out with the normal ammunition, for that weapon Only the rider or trainer to load the pistol Ammunition needs to be in a secure place when not in use. E.g. locked horse box 4x4	Rider	At every BTA tent pegging event
	3	Misuse of the revolver causing offence or fear to member of the public or other	Correct BTA drills to be used whilst handling a weapon. Weapons must only be on display for the duration of this class and should then be returned to a secure place. Revolvers must be stored in a holster when not being used. Misuse or inappropriate use of revolver could led to elimination of the venue and reported to police	3	9	Revolvers must be stored empty of ammunition. Revolvers must only be handled by trained personal.	Rider and armour	At every BTA tent pegging event
	3	Deafness to rider and others	Advise riders to wear plug in ear defenders, ear defenders can be worn on horses	3	18	Use low charge cartridges, only fire pistol during actual round of SLR	Rider	At every BTA tent pegging event
	4	No BB guns to be used for SLR classes or by BTA members at BTA events/training	Puncture wounds, serious injury to BTA members, members of public and horses	3	12	Elimination from the class and additional training will be required before entering the SLR class again	Rider	At every BTA tent pegging event

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