

RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

Task or Activity Assessed Wooden pegs – tnetpegging competitions, 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 11/3/21 Reviewed 03/04/22	
Area: Practise area and Competition arenas for all BTA competitions, training sessions and displays	Review Date 03/04/2025	

Hazard Description	Severity	Who And What Might Be Harmed?	Existing Controls	Likeli Hood	Risk Rating	Additional Action Controls Needed	By Whom
Wooden Peg	4	Ground crew/Judges/public: Back injuries lifting the bucket of pegs,	⚡ Use correct manual lifting procedure	1	4		Ground crew
	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	⚡ Remove any large splinter from the side of a peg			Wear gloves when handling pegs and knocking into the ground.	
	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	Only trained ground crew to carry out task	
	2	Hit by peg coming off the end of a weapon	⚡ Stand back from the peg line 15m	3	6		
	1	Rider: bruise to: hand, wrist, elbow, shoulder from impact of hitting peg	⚡ soft wood is used; such as pine wood and the peg needs to be wired top and bottom	1	1	Correctly fitted riding hats to current British standard,. Rider responsible for ensuring hat is fit for purpose.	
	5	Head injury in event of fall	Suitable horse to match rider experience	1	5		
	3	Concussion to: wrist, elbow, shoulder from impact of hitting peg	⚡ pegs are soaked in water overnight prior to the competition and pegs are painted white using emulsion not gloss paint	3	9	Judge to eliminate anyone deemed unsafe on their mount Riders can use wrist supports, use correct BTA drills	
	4	Fracture to: wrist, elbow, shoulder from impact of hitting peg	⚡ pegs are to be place into the ground on approx. 70 degree angle and once hit into the ground are moved forwards and backwards to loosen it slightly	3	12	Additional action to prevent fractures: ⚡ if the ground is very hard, it is advisable to water the ground where the peg is positioned ⚡ 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 ⚡ swords should be Cavalry thrusting 1908 type or of similar pattern (as per the BTA rules) ⚡ correct British drills are used	
							Ground crew

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Wooden peg	2	Horse Getting hit by a peg coming off from a weapon	Pegs need to be a minimum of 4yards / 3.7m apart	3	6	Correctly fitted riding hats. Rider responsible for ensuring hat is fit for purpose.	Ground crew	At all BTA events
Flaming peg	5	Ground crew burns, rider falls	Use engine oil: petrol soak small flammable item attached to the back of the peg Allow excess to burn off prior to rider engaging peg Fire extinguisher / bucket of sand and fire proof gloves for ground crew. Ground crew in full closed sturdy boots/shoes rider to drop lance to the ground and ground crew to allow ground crew to knock peg off weapon	3	15	Experienced horse/rider combination as horse could spook and un-seat rider. All riders to halt and ground crew to attend faller and catch loose horse Follow first aid RA and await trained medical assistance when appropriate	Ground crew and riders	On day

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