

Eventing Safety and Risk Management Reporting H1 2018

Introduction

In general, the quality of reporting is improving and demonstrating a high standard of professionalism. Thank you to all the Technical Delegates, fence judges and scorers for providing the information that supports the compilation of this report.

Risk Management

Reporting

I am very pleased to say that the number of unreported items has now dropped close to zero-
thankyou to all involved

Frangible devices

The implementation of frangible devices continues and the number of star class tracks without these devices used has dropped significantly. In two instances (where it was clearly not going to be possible to rebuild in the time allowed), TDs have removed non-compliant fences from the course prior to XC being run-I would like to applaud their actions and their insistence on compliance with the rules and their intent.

Having said that the preferred option is for the TD and CD to work together with the OC well before the event and ensure that fences that can be made frangible are made frangible.

		Period		
Item	Description	H1 17	H2 17	H1 18
Frangible Devices	# star class tracks without devices	24	30	15
	# star class tracks with devices	33	39	31
	# Activations	5	8	3
	# false activations	0	1 failed activation	0

Around 100 people have attended the frangible and front shoulder seminars nationwide and these will continue as required; there is also the possibility of internet seminars for small groups that can't attend in person.

SIMP and Event Risk Management Plan

The reported quality of these essential items continues to increase which is very encouraging.

Item	Description	H1 17	H2 17	H1 18
Event Risk Management Plan	# Events rated 1(unacceptable or unavailable)	3	4	2
	# Events rated 2(acceptable)	14	18	22
	# Events rated 3(Excellent)	8	20	31
	# Events - not reported	14	2	1
Serious Incident Management Plan	# Events rated 1(unacceptable or unavailable)	0	2	1
	# Events rated 2(acceptable)	13	19	12
	# Events rated 3(Excellent)	11	22	36
	# Events - not reported	14	2	1

Concussions

Reporting of concussion and the implementation of concussion protocol is a key item for Equestrian Australia. If you have any questions on the concussion protocol and its implementation please contact me.

Sanctions

The sanction process is an important part of influencing rider behaviour to reduce risk and it is important that it is applied consistently across Australia –the table below indicates the % of sanctions applied in each state in comparison to the % of starters in that state

Rider Sanctions	% Starters H1 2018	% Sanctions H1 2017	% Sanctions H2 2017	% Sanctions H1 2018
NSW	34.8%	32.14%	25.00%	34.38%
Vic	27.3%	53.57%	29.17%	43.75%
WA	15.1%	7.14%	8.33%	3.13%
Qld	13.2%	0.00%	20.83%	6.25%
SA	7.8%	0.00%	16.67%	6.25%
TAS	1.7%	7.14%	0.00%	6.25%

Statistics

The statistics below are for the first half of 2018-in some cases the numbers are too small to draw any systemic conclusion but they are of interest;

Participants

The number of participants has increased at all levels over the same time period in 2017 –most markedly in the 80cm and below levels

Total number of starters per level							
	Up to 0.80 cm	0.95 cm	1m05	1m10	1m15	1m20	Total
H1 17	4280	2100	1505	1049	396	170	9500
H1 18	5198	2337	1496	1092	448	194	10765

Rider Falls

The number of rider falls has increased slightly in absolute numbers but has decreased as a percentage of starters.

Total number of rider falls per level						
	Up to 0.80 cm	0.95 cm	1m05	1m10	1m15	1m20
H1 17	134	50	42	27	7	8
%	3.1%	2.4%	2.8%	2.6%	1.8%	4.7%
H1 18	152	49	34	28	10	7
%	2.9%	2.1%	2.3%	2.6%	2.2%	3.6%
FEI 2017 average%				4.7%	5.2%	6.5%

Horse Falls

The total number of horse falls has declined both in absolute numbers and as a percentage of starters however at the 1* level there has been a significant increase in numbers over the same period last year and the percentage rate is also significantly higher than the average of the 5 largest eventing nations (Australia, France, Germany, Great Britain, USA) at that level in 2017(full year)

Total number of horse falls per level						
	Up to 0.80 cm	0.95	1.05	1m10	1m15	1m20
H1 17	10	6	5	4	3	2
%	0.23%	0.29%	0.33%	0.38%	0.76%	1.18%
H1 18	5	2	6	10	1	1
%	0.10%	0.09%	0.40%	0.92%	0.22%	0.52%
Full year 2017 %	0.16%	0.28%	0.29%	0.29%	1.04%	1.69%
FEI (AU,GB,FR,GER,US average) 2017 %				0.37%	0.49%	1.33%

Of the 10 horse falls at the 1* level:-

- 2 were rotational
- 3 were on the flat
- 1 resulted in a concussion –none of the other falls occasioned serious injury

Summary and Acknowledgement

I hope you find the information below interesting-please let me know of any questions or suggested changes. As we continue the data collection process it will undoubtedly reveal more about our progress in reducing the risk inherent in eventing and tracking our progress in program implementation.

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