

MEDICAL BRIEFING NOTES



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MEDICAL TEAM 2024

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Incidents at Thoresby

Please read all information supplied so that you are familiar with all the arrangements.

Please refer to Asset deployment to ensure you are aware of your designated locations. We work on the following medical protocol at Thoresby. Control will deploy a Rapid response vehicle to ALL fallers. Once on the scene they will call for required assistance. A 4x4 fully crewed ambulance and Doctor will be stationed at the medical HQ. This can be deployed as

required, we ask that this does not move unless requested by control. From medical HQ it is easy to access ALL sections of the course. Please ensure that you are aware of access routes before the start of the day

A second doctor will be stationed in Start / Finish (sector1) They can deploy back to the stable field via a route through the trees if required.

It is essential that all fallers return via start/Finish to see the doctor. They are able to return mounted (Often safer) if Rapid response are happy for them to do so – if concerns please ask them to return on foot.

Sector stewards will be in attendance and can assist with return routes.

Fallers in the International Show Jumping can be seen by the doctor in medical HQ before returning to the stables.

PLEASE can we ask that assets stay in location and riders come to them, rather than driving around the site to try to find riders

Arrive at your designated position 30 minutes before the first horse is scheduled to start and have your radio switched on from that time. Radio checks will be carried out to make sure Control has good communication with you. Please ensure you are at sector HQ 30 minutes before the first horse is due to start.

Vets and Doctors please wear your red distinguishable bibs at all times, so when at an incident you can be easily recognised. Without these bibs fence judges will not know who you are!

The first line of contact should always be by radio. However, only as back up, please keep your mobile phone to hand as well. For sensitive information you may want to communicate telephones may be appropriate. You will be issued with an emergency contact list for this use. Please be aware that if transmitting messages on a radio this may be heard by public.

Well before the first horse is due on course **familiarise yourself with your sector**, introduce yourself to the other professionals in your sector including Steward, Paramedics, horse ambulance and Fence Repair Team.

Ensure that you know how to drive to each of the jumps within your sector. Be aware that in some circumstances the access point to the take-off and landing side of a jump may be different; for example, a jump over a hedge row.

Please be aware that present ground conditions have some areas impassable by vehicle. It is your responsibility to ensure you have had a brief from the course crew as to how to access ALL areas in your sector. We do not want a vehicle stuck when travelling to an emergency. Please use your head when driving to a call

Ensure that you, the ambulance driver and your sector steward are aware of the location of screens.

Please remain at your sector HQ unless asked by control to attend an incident. Whilst we appreciate that the day could be boring, it is essential that control is aware of your location at all times so, if needed, they can deploy as required.

When Attending an Incident

Keep in mind that **your first priority is the welfare of the rider and horse** but, secondly, you should endeavour to clear the course as quickly as possible so that the competition can continue. A horse that can walk should be moved to the side of the course before attention is given.

Please do not move until instructed by control. If there is an incident on the cross country / marathon fence judges will radio control. It is instinct to drive at the first call, HOWEVER we ask that you start your engine, prepare to leave, BUT do not depart until asked by control. However, if you see an incident in your area and start to move immediately towards it, be sure to notify Control where you are moving to by indicating what fence number.

Do not drive on the course unless absolutely necessary in an emergency situation. Please be aware that some of the course may still be live, travel on the course in the direction of horses if at all possible to avoid driving into an oncoming galloping horse. Please take care when parking your car before attending an incident so that your car is not accidentally blocking another jump. Control will deploy assets as required. If multiple assets are deployed it would be advisable for you to travel in convoy. The fence repair team will know the most direct route to the incident, so it is advisable to follow them. PLEASE TRAVEL WITH CARE AS THE EVENT SITE REMAINS LIVE.

On arrival at an incident please assess the situation immediately. If the incident requires support, please ask control for back up. Park accordingly to the incident. If serious – rider of horse – it may be useful to park your vehicle in the public line of sight as vehicles act as good sight barriers. Vets and fence repair will carry screens that can be deployed immediately. Screens are deployed at any incident to ensure privacy – they do not automatically indicate a fatality or serious injury.

If there is a serious incident, it is likely that control will have also dispatched the critical care team. If on arrival at an incident the rapid response paramedic/veterinary requires back up, they are to instruct control for more support. Control will send assets from the nearest location.

At any incident the person in control of the area is the Sector Steward. This allows the attending Paramedic/ Veterinary Surgeon to concentrate on the casualty. Therefore, all requests should be made directly to the Steward regarding manpower, equipment, screens etc.

The Sector Steward is responsible for keeping all unauthorised persons away from an incident (i.e. outside screens once they have been erected) and for moving the ropes back from the scene if necessary.

Consider handing your radio to a responsible assistant or to the Sector Steward and delegating them with the responsibility of informing Control of what is going on. This will allow you to focus on the casualty whilst full contact is maintained with Control at all times.

When contacting Control in regards to a rider or horse please use the competition number at all times.

Remember to keep control informed of any **relevant** information after arriving at the incident, in depth clinical findings should not be broadcast openly.

After the dealing with the incident please return to your sector HQ. If you need to re stock vehicles please ensure control are aware and do not re commence the competition until sufficient cover is available

At the conclusion of the Cross-Country Competition please return to the same meeting point used in the morning. Return your radios and debrief with the relevant teams as required.