

Toowoomba Dressage Inc Risk Management Plan

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Definitions:

1. "Engages in an equine activity" means riding, handling, training, driving, assisting in the medical treatment of, being a passenger on, or assisting a participant or sponsor with an equine animal. The terms includes management of an event or show involving equine animals. The terms does not include being a spectator at an equine activity unless the spectator is in an unauthorised area and in immediate proximity to the equine activity.
2. "Equine animal" means a horse, pony, mule, donkey or hinny.
3. "Equine activity" means":
 - a. an equine animal show, fair, competition, performance or parade that involves any breed of equine animal and any equine discipline including dressage, hunter and jumper horse shows, grand prix jumping, three-day events, combined training, driving, pulling, cutting, polo, steeplechasing, English and Western performance riding, endurance trail riding and Western games, and hunting;
 - b. equine training or teaching activities;
 - c. boarding equine animals;
 - d. riding, inspecting or evaluating an equine animal belonging to another, without regard to whether the owner receives monetary consideration or other thing of value for the use of the equine animal or permits a prospective purchaser of the equine animal to ride, inspect, or evaluate the equine animal;
 - e. informal equine activity, including a ride, trip or hunt that is sponsored by an equine activity sponsor;
 - f. placing or replacing horse shoes on an equine animal.
4. "Equine activity sponsor" means;
 - a. a person or group who sponsors, organises, or provides the facilities for an equine activity including equine facilities for dressage events or dressage training activities or TOOWOOMBA DRESSAGE Inc. workshops/clinics;
 - b. an operator of, instructor at, or promoter for equine facilities including a stable, clubhouse, or arena at which an equine activity is held.
5. "Equine professional" means a person engaged for compensation;
 - a. to instruct a participant or rent to a participant an equine animal for the purpose of riding, driving or being a passenger on the equine animal; or
 - b. to rent equipment or tack to a participant.
6. "Participant" means;
 - a. with respect to an equine activity, a person who engages in the activity without regard to whether the person is an amateur or professional or whether the person pays for the activity or participants in the activity for free; and
 - b. a person who assists that person.

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Risk Management Plan for Toowoomba Dressage Inc. Members, Workers, Organisers of and Participants in an Equine Activity.

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1. To acknowledge the dangers or conditions that are an inherent risk of an equine activity including:
 - a) the propensity of an equine animal to behave in ways that may result in personal injury or death to a person on or around it;
 - b) the unpredictability of an equine animal's reaction to sound, a sudden movement, or an unfamiliar object, person or other animal;
 - c) with respect to equine activities, certain land conditions and hazards, including surface and subsurface conditions;
 - d) a collision with another animal or an object; or
 - e) the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or another, including failing to maintain control over the equine animal or not acting within the participant's ability.
2. To contain the equine activity in the designated areas as allocated by the organising committee of the event
3. To ensure that all equipment or tack used in the equine activity is safe, in good repair and meets current requirements.
4. To ensure that the participant can engage safely in the equine activity and determine the ability of the participant to manage the equine animal taking into account the participant's representations of ability.
5. To maintain a distance of 15 metres if possible but at least 10 metres between the public and the arenas.
6. To maintain a distance of 15 metres if possible but at least 10 metres between the warm-up area and the arenas.
7. To adhere to specific directions and procedures to entering and leaving arenas as dictated by the Organising Committee.
8. To keep the equine animal under control when being ridden to lead.
9. To place a written warning clearly visible on the stable of a known equine animal that bites or kicks.
10. To keep minors under the care and control of the accompanying adult at all times.
11. To maintain dongs on a lease or tied up at all times.
12. To park vehicles, floats, trucks, trailers in designated areas and within reasonable distance of any other vehicle, float, truck or trailer.

Organising Committee of the Event:

1. To provide signs, written notices or verbal warnings to participants concerning known dangerous latent conditions of the land upon which the equine activity is being held.
2. To post and maintain a sign in a clearly visible location that contains the warning as follows: "Toowoomba Dressage Inc is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities."
3. To provide safe arena surrounds as directed by the Dressage Committee, Dressage Queensland.
4. To employ appropriate First Aid person.
5. To ensure veterinarian is available.
6. To compile incident report when necessary
7. To ensure providers of services have Public Liability insurance naming Toowoomba Dressage Inc.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES - Veterinarian

In the case of an accident or illness occurring to a horse/s that requires a veterinarian the following procedure should be follows:

1. Stay calm.
2. Stay with the injured animal/s and send a runner to the nominated person.
3. Remove other animals and bystanders if there is a risk of further injury.
4. Nominated person assesses the situation and phones the Veterinarian if necessary.
5. Send someone to the entrance to guide Veterinarian to the injured animal/s.
6. Record details of incident in First Aid Register.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES - Medical

In the case of an accident or illness occurring to a person/s that requires an ambulance the following procedure should be follows:

1. Stay calm.
2. Remain with the injured person and send a runner or messenger to the First Aid Officer in attendance.
3. Administer first aid if qualified to do so. Reassure the injured person/s.
4. First Aid Officer assesses the situation and phones the ambulance if necessary.
5. Send someone to the entrance to guide the ambulance to the injured person.
6. Record details of incident in First Aid register.

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