



2017 BRC Medical Cover Rules

7.1: Medical And Veterinary Cover

It is the responsibility of the organiser of any equestrian event to ensure that adequate medical and veterinary provision is provided. In order to ascertain what level of cover is required a risk assessment should be carried out which looks at the types of activity taking place, the number of competitors involved, the accessibility of the site, including the ability of the medics and vets to access all areas of the site, and the proximity of the emergency services to the venue. The minimum requirements can be found below. **Any deviation from these minimum requirements may affect your insurance cover. For activities where no minimum requirements are stated, it is up to the organiser to use their risk assessment to ascertain what level of cover they feel would be suitable.**

7.1.1 Minimum Medical Cover for BRC Events

All events and activities must have undergone a medical and veterinary risk assessment documented to establish appropriate levels and control measures in place prior to the event or activity and must take into account nature and number of persons attending, location environment, and type of activity and proximity of external medical and veterinary services. (This list is not exhaustive)

Club or Open Show, Dressage, Riding Test	First Aider(s) holding one of the following: 1) FAW Certificated Qualification accredited by Training Organisation Regulator or Voluntary Aid Society 2) BHS first aid course presented by Skillbase and booked through the BHS All first aiders must have an HSE approved first aid kit. (See Notes)
Club or Open Show, Show & Style Jumping (Includes Working Hunter and Arena Eventing (SJ Phase) Classes	First Aider(s) holding one of the following: 1) FAW Certificated Qualification accredited by Training Organisation Regulator or Voluntary Aid Society 2) BHS first aid course presented by Skillbase and booked through the BHS All first aiders must have an HSE approved first aid kit. (See Notes)
Cross-Country – Cross-Country Phase	Registered and qualified Paramedic and/or Trauma Trained Doctor plus 4WD ambulance capable of moving a casualty from remote site using approved medical rescue equipment as deemed medically appropriate by attending medical staff.
Horse Trials – Cross-Country in addition to other phases	Registered and qualified Paramedic and/or Trauma Trained Doctor plus 4WD ambulance capable of moving a casualty from remote site using approved medical rescue equipment as deemed medically appropriate by attending medical staff.

7.1.2 Minimum Medical Cover for BRC Area Qualifiers

Dressage & Riding Test	First Aider(s) holding one of the following: 1) FAW Certificated Qualification accredited by Training Organisation Regulator or Voluntary Aid Society 2) BHS first aid course presented by Skillbase and booked through the BHS All first aiders must have an HSE approved first aid kit. (See Notes)
Show & Style Jumping	Registered and Qualified Paramedic and/or Trauma trained Doctor plus ambulance or treatment room/ area.
Cross-Country – Cross-Country Phase	Registered and qualified Paramedic and/or Trauma Trained Doctor plus 4WD ambulance capable of moving a casualty from remote site using approved medical rescue equipment as deemed medically appropriate by attending medical staff.
Horse Trials – Cross-Country in addition to other phases	Registered and qualified Paramedic and/or Trauma Trained Doctor plus 4WD ambulance capable of moving a casualty from remote site using approved medical rescue equipment as deemed medically appropriate by attending medical staff.

Notes:

1. Training Organisation Regulator (Ofqual, SQA or the Welsh Government)
2. Voluntary Aid Societies (St. John's, St Andrew's First Aid or British Red Cross) **3. FAW – First Aid at Work Certificate (3 day initial or 2 day refresher)**
- 4. All events and activities must have undergone a medical and veterinary risk assessment**
- 5. BHS First Aid Certificate presented by Skillbase and booked through the BHS (2 day initial or 1 day refresher) BHS first aid courses are presented by CHS training in Scotland and jointly issued by the BHS and Browne McKee partnership in Ireland.**
6. All events and activities must have undergone a medical and veterinary risk assessment documented to establish appropriate levels and control measures in place prior to the event or activity taking into account; nature and number of persons attending, location environment, type of activity and proximity of external medical and veterinary services (This list is not exhaustive)
7. An open show is classed as a competition where non-BRC members are allowed to compete or participate
8. Multiple phase events should treat each phase separately when establishing medical / veterinary cover – Horse Trials minimum three phases
9. Useful links: www.skillsforhealth.org.uk www.hse.gov.uk/firstaid HSE Ref L74 (2013)
- 10. For insurance purposes, any first aiders used must be voluntary (paying expenses is acceptable) or an employee of the Riding Club. If a fee is paid, then the first aider becomes a contractor who would need their own insurance.**
- 11. Any organiser wanting to use a professional with a higher qualification than a FAW / BHS first aid, as the first aider, should contact the BRC office for further details.**
- 12. It is the organiser's responsibility to ensure that the nominated first aider has the relevant qualifications.**

See page 148 of the BRC 2017 Handbook for more information.

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