RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

Task or Activity Assessed All Tentpegging competition, training and displays: Gallows Horses Judges and ground crew Lances Lemons and other fruit Lorry park and corralling horses Non-wooden pegs Red and green flag system Revolver Riders and Magnets Rings Sword Dummies Swords Timing equipment Wooden pegs	**Assessed by and in conjunction with** Dawn Parker- atkins for the British Tentpegging Association (BTA)	
Department **Mounted competitions, training and displays**	**Date of Assessment** 01/06/2025	**BTA Chairman name:** **Paul Brown BEM**
Area: **Practise area and Competition arenas for all BTA competitions, training sessions and displays**	**Review Date** 01/06/2026	**BTA Chairman Signature:**

Hazard Description	Severity	Who And What Might Be Harmed?	Existing Controls	Likeli Hood	Risk Rating	Additional Action Controls Needed	By Whom	By When
Gallows	3	Ground crew and arena party – back strains, slips and trips	Use correct manual lifting technique, use an assistant to help handle the gallows. Pack the gallows arms down whilst being moved	3	9	Ensure training has been carried out to new ground crew or assistants Wear gloves, do not lift over fences	Ground crew arena party	At all events
	5	Rider falling off -death or serious injury due to the horse shying away from the gallows	Set the gallows up clear of other equipment to ensure the riders do not fall off onto objects other than the ground	2	10	Riders advised to attend training sessions, all riders to wear suitable correctly fitted riding hats to current British standard, turbans can be worn on top of a riding hat that is to current British standard, long sleeves	Rider and judge	At all events
	5	Injury to riders eyes and face or shoulders, arms, hands rider being to close to the gallows and hitting the arm off the gallows with their face.	Rider to use the BTA drills when riding under the gallows for rings and pegs and lemons and peg. Gallows set out at the correct distance as per the BTA rules or international rules. Over or under arm with correct BTA drills to be used	3	15	Riders can wear glasses, riders should wear long sleeves Individual runs only Gallows readjusted by ground crew as necessary for the next rider	Rider	At all events
	5	Gallows falling over and causing injury to rider or hitting horse causing the rider an injury from falling from the horse	Gallows placed at set distances as per the BTA rules or international rules. The gallows need to be secured in the ground with pegs	2	10	Use pipe insulator over the arms of the gallows	Rider and ground crew	
	5	Injury to rider from the suspension apparatus	Wear eye protection, long sleeves , correct head protection, use correct drills. All suspension apparatus with hooks need to point away from direction of on coming rider.	2	10	Rider to wear correct head protection. Ground crew to ensure the gallows is re-set after each rider and pins checked If wire is used ensure the ends are twisted into a hoop.,	Ground crew and competition organiser	At all events

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Horses		Riders, ground crew, officials, members of public, others for the following risks:						At all BTA events
	5	Kick	Red ribbons to indicate that horses kick, keep one horses distance, line up, side by side. Green ribbon to indicate novice horse	3	15	Wear suitable correctly fitted riding hats to current British standard, turbans can be worn on top of a riding hat that is to current British standard head protection,	Rider	At all BTA events
	4	Bite	Only touch horses if you have permission, do not tip bite horses	3	12	Remove known kicker form the line	Owner	At all BTA events
	5	Crush	Be careful when loading horse , do not work under horse's legs in the lorry / trailer Horse falling on rider – use standing /running martingales to help prevent rearing	2	10	If a horse bite use a muzzle if dangerous/aggressive	All	At all BTA events
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	3	Trodden foot	wear closed shoes or boots	3	9	Wear head protection when loading horses that are difficult to load		
	2	Drag	Lead horses using relevant method of restraint	2	4			At all BTA events
	5	Stallions	Identify by using white ribbon in tail	1	5	Only handle horse authorised to do so	Owner/rider	
	3	zoonotic Diseases	Horses must be up to date with vaccinations, Equine influenza and Tetanus as a minimum requirement Do not touch horses unless authorised to do so. Do not bring horse s to competitions unless healthy, fit and well.	2	6	Keep distance from mares in season Wash hands before eating/drinking, use hand sanitizer Judge will prohibit any horse from use if unfit for purpose with regards to physical health or inappropriate behaviour	All horse handlers Judge	At all BTA events

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Judges and ground crew	5	Judges and ground crew being trampled and	Judges and ground crew to use red/green flag system	2	10	Stand at least 10mts from the targets	Judges and ground crew	All BTA events
	5	Riders – horses shying, causing riders to fall,	To follow green /red card system only run when safe to do so.	2	10	Riders Suitable correctly fitted riding hats to current British standard, turbans can be worn on top of a riding hat that is to current British standard	Rider	All BTA events
	4	Dehydration	Stop for lunch breaks, allow water to be drunk at competitions, wear sun hats head protection	3	12	Use shelter for judges to sit under – umbrellas, gazebo on extremely hot add more drink breaks or consider cancel competition	Organisers	All BTA events
	5	Fall of rider/horse / injury from weapon of team member in half/full section classes - make sure correct distances are used between pegs, gallows, brush jumps and other equipment for BTA classes	Use a tape measure to set up courses Use an assistant to help double check distances Use the rule book if unsure on distances	3	12	Ask a senior rider to check distance whilst mounted	Ground crew Judge Rider	All BTA events

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Lances: all designs	5	Death or very serious injury: Riders, ground crew, Judges, other officials, members of the public and horses or other animals such as dogs	• 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	3	8	1868 Pattern – genuine antique lances will be solid male bamboo with a 3 sided fullered cast head and cast lance shoe (butt). They can be made up from male bamboo joined to heads and shoes cast to the original pattern available from BTA. Only solid or at least very thick walled bamboo should be used, thin walled garden cane bamboo is liable to shatter under heavy impact. • Indian Bamboo Pegging Lances- have a thin nail point fixed in a lightweight sheet metal head with blunt butt cap. • Wooden shafts- should be straight grained and strong, ideally should be taped to prevent shattering if they break. • Aluminium Shafts- often encountered with nail points, strong but offer no shock adsorption, especially on wooden pegs! • Carbon Fibre Shafts, strong and light but must have a good wall thickness. • Judges and/or officials to carry out spot checks to ensure lances are of correct standard. • Judges to check any weapon reported not to BTA rule specification • Novice riders should always take the furthest right hand lane when riding in pairs or teams	Rider Judge/Official As above Rider	
	4	Puncture wound, cuts: Riders, ground crew, Judges, other officials, members of the public and horses or other animals such as dogs	• Rides must use correct British drills • Pegs must be at least a minimum of 4yards / 3.7m apart for pair and team events • Riders to use correct British drills	3	7			
	4	Dropping a lance and the lance causing an injury to the riders horse, other horses other competitors, ground crew, officials and members of he public	• Riders to keep lance at the carry when not running for a peg • Weapons must be dropped using the correct method as per the rules if the rider has problems with the horse, the lance needs to be retrieved as soon as it is safe to do so by ground crew or official.	3	7			
	5	Rider pole vaulting off horse due to lance getting stuck in the ground	• Ground conditions must be safe to run on e.g. not rock hard or extreme mud and soft conditions. The lance could penetrate the ground if very wet conditions. The rider should attempt to let go of lance before being unseated	1	6			
	5	Rider hitting themselves on the back of head, neck, shoulder with lance butt: Death or serious injury, concussion, head ache, blurred sight, bleeding from ears, eyes, nose.	• All riders must wear suitable correctly fitted riding hats to current British standard, turbans can be worn on top of a riding hat that is to current British standard with the following standards at all times when mounted.	2	7			

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Lances: all designs	3	Ground crew, armour, other riders and riders, official,member of the public, friends/family of riders, children when passing a lance to a rider or taking a lance from a rider they could get a puncture wound, trampled by the horse, barged out the way by the horse	All weapons must be passed to the riders right hand on the horse off side. Ensure the horse is stood still, or if the horse is being difficult the person giving/receiving the lance will stand still and hold the lance vertical with the point up and the rider can walk past and take /give the lance in their right hand. Riders must not mount/dismount whilst carrying a lance	2	5	• Judges will eliminate any ride deemed dangerous with their lance drill and the rider will be required to have further training by a BTA instructor and will only be allowed to compete again when authorised as competent • Riders need to ensure riding hats fit correctly and are replaced in the event of a fall or when damaged • If a rider does hit their head hard and the rider complains of headache, blurred sight or is bleeding from nose, eyes, ears they must call emergency services immediately and treat injury as life treating emergency • All lances must be stored in a safe place away from public access , where possible an allocated armour should be allocated • All riders to take responsibility for not leaving their lances unattended anywhere, including lorry park. • Eliminate riders using unsafe lance drills immediately • Covers should be put on lances when not in use • allow hand to slide in heavy impact riders with weak wrist can strap wrist	Judge Rider Judge/ Official Rider, ground crew, amour all riders Judge/ official		
	5	Members of the public untrained people handling lances including children	Ensure all lances are stored away from public access and manned by an armour where possible	1	6				
	5	Lameing a horse ,the riders or another's mount and causing the horse to unseat rider, horse to fall on top of rider or causing a rotational fall	Use correct drills, rider not to engage target if horse is to close. ensure pegs are at correct distance as per rules.	2	7				
	4	Lances falling over and causing injury to riders, ground crew armour, officials judges and public	Use lance stands in a safe place away from members of the public	3	7				
	4	Concusive injury from lance	Use correct drills	4	12				

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Lemons/fruit	5	Rider and ground crew – fruit juice getting into eyes causing a fall from a horse or other serious injury	Riders can wear eye protection	1	5	Riders to wear riding hat to current British Standards, Ensure riders have epi-pens and have completed next of kin forms	All	At all BTA events
Bee/Wasp stings	5	Riders ground crew officials, other people	Identify anyone who is allergic to stings tell first aider on medical /NOK form and immediately to others after being stung. Put cut fruit into a sealed bag or tub	3	15	First aider on site	All	At all BTA events
	2	Ground crew straining; slips / trips / falls when hanging rings / fruit	Use a sturdy object to stand on to suspend the rings / fruit. Ensure it is level before standing on it.	2	4	If sturdy object is not available, two people to hang rings / fruit: one to tilt gallows and the other to suspend object as required.	Ground crew and competition organiser	At all BTA events
	2	Injury to hand whilst preparing fruit to hanging on gallows using wire	Be careful; Use correct equipment to cut the wire and use the wire to pierce the fruit. Store cutters with blade shut. Pass cutting tool to others holding bald so they can take the handle. Secure cutting tools in safe location when not in use away from other including members of public	2	4	Use gloves if required.	Ground crew	At all BTA events

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Lorry and horse trailers with pulling vehicles	5	All people - getting run over or crushed by a vehicle	Vehicles to travel at 5mph once arrived and parked no unnecessary driving through the lorry park	1	5	Reverse lights and beeping must be used when reversing vehicles Use lights in poor lights	Driver	At all BTA events
	5	Handlers/ BTA members /members of public and riders Ramps crushing people	Stand to side when dropping ramps, use an assistant	1	5	Wear suitable correctly fitted riding hats to current British standard, turbans can be worn on top of a riding hat that is to current British standard hats and PPE when opening and closing ramps, stand to the side of the ramp	Driver/ owner/rider and handler	At all BTA events
			Only touch horses that you have authorisation to do so.	1	5			
	5	Handlers/ BTA members /members of public and riders Injury from horse; kick, crushed, bitten, trampled etc	Do not touch electric fences. Ensure fences are turned off when entering enclosures and turned back on once completed. Put sign on fence warning "Electric Fence"	3	3			
						Do not leave horses tied up to the vehicle unsupervised	All, horse owners/handlers member of BTA and public	At all BTA events
	1	Handlers/ BTA members /members of public and rider's Electric shock	Do not touch horse without permission	2	6			
	3	Handlers/ BTA members /members of public and riders Spread of zoonotic disease	Do not bring horses with zoonotic disease to shows/competitions. Vaccinate horses for equine influenza and tetanus as a minimum requirement and have passports ready for inspection. Follow guidelines of manufacture instructions for timeframes of vaccination programmes and cover. Follow venue guidelines regarding vaccination requirements	2	6	Remove all droppings, wash hands before eating/drinking and do not allow horses to touch noses, share water hay etc. Disinfect after touching horses which have suspected zoonotic disease	All, horse owners/handler's member of BTA and public	At all BTA events

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Pegs made from: Plastic, cardboard, foam	4	**Ground crew/Judges/public:** Back injuries lifting the bucket of pegs,	• Use correct manual lifting procedure	2	8	Plastic pegs made from congregate plastic should ideally be glued together so the congregated lines run in opposite directions to make the peg sturdier for the ground crew to hit into the ground. Latex gloves no sniffing glue	Ground crew	For all points made it applies to all warm up sessions, all competitions/classes and practices sessions/displays or BTA events
	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 from plastic, paper cuts	• Wear gloves when handling pegs and knocking into the ground. Remove any large splits from the side of a peg	3	3			
	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	All pegs should be white Cardboard pegs need to be 1 inch thick to be penetrated by a sword or lance without disintegrating and should be sealed on all sides		All BTA events All BTA events
	2	Hit by peg coming off the end of a weapon	• Stand back from the peg line	1	2			
	1	**Rider:** bruise to: hand, wrist, elbow, shoulder from impact of hitting peg	• Riders are taught correct drills for holding lance and sword to engage a peg. Riders can wear gloves	1	1		Rider	All BTA events
	2	Concussion to: head, wrist, elbow, shoulder from impact of hitting peg	• Pegs are place into the ground on approx. 70 degree angle and once hit into the ground are moved forwards and backwards to loosen it slightly. • If the ground is very hard, it is advisable to water the ground where the peg is positioned	2	4	Suitable correctly fitted riding hats to current British standard	Riders, Judge Rider	All BTA events All BTA events
	4	Fracture to: wrist, elbow, shoulder from impact of hitting peg	• 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	2	8	Use correct BTA drills, riders can wear wrist supports first aider on site	Rider	All BTA events
	2	**Horse / team member / BTA member or member of public:** Getting hit by a peg coming off from a weapon	• Pegs need to be a minimum of 4yards / 3.7m apart.	3	6	wear correct head protection Set course up using correct distances as provided in the rules	Ground crew	All BTA events

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Red flag	5	Rider could fall off, run over ground crew, official or other person	No rider is to run when the red flag is being shown	3	15	Separate flag not attached to green flag to prevent confusion to riders	Ground crew	At all BTA events
	5	Ground crew /officials holding up horse on the start line, and causing the horse to become difficult to manage and causing the rider to fall	Ground crew in charge of flag is given instruction when Judge is ready for the next competitor. Competitor should only come onto the the track when the flag is green. Do not hold the rider up on the start line.	3	15	Flag controller must not produce a red flag once a green flag has been displayed	Judges and officials and riders, flag controller	At all BTA events
Green flag	5	Rider could fall in the event of a green flag	The horse should be suitable for the sport and schools to behave on the start line	3	15	Suitable correctly fitted riding hats to current British standard, turbans can be worn on top of a riding hat that is to current British standard ensure the girth is tight, do not run if it is not safe to do so even if you have a green flag.	Judges and officials and riders, flag controller	At all BTA events

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Revolver	4	Loss of sight, cosmetic injury to face, To self or others	Only experienced, responsible members of the BTA to train and enter the SLR class Do not point the revolver at anyone or horses, do not look down the barrel of the revolver	1	4	Any member acting irresponsible with their revolver will be given a verbal warning and this could lead to immediate disqualification from the event. Repeated offences will be severely disciplined and could be excluded from the BTA	Rider	For all warm up sessions, all competitions/classes and practices sessions/displays or BTA events
	3	Bruise concussion Self, others or horse	Fire away from self, other or horses legs Suitable correctly fitted riding hats to current British standard, turbans can be worn on top of a riding hat that is to current British standard	1	3		Rider	
	5	Death, serious injury Rider falling from horse due to reacting to report from the revolver	Announce when the SLR class will be held, remove horses from area if know to panic due to noise, use ear muffs in horses that are worried about the noise, Suitable correctly fitted head protection riding hats	1	5	Train horses with minimum noise to represent the bang e.g. starting pistol Hold SLR class either as the first or last class so horses that are not trained can be out of firing noise/location of ring side. At open shows make an announcement to fellow competitors	Rider	Before competitions and at every BTA tent pegging event
	5	Gun back firing due to being loaded with incorrect ammunition	Only experienced and trained personal to handle the pistols. Riders should be over the age of 16 and must undergo SLR training with a BTA riding instructor before being allowed to enter the class	1	5	Guns loaned to other competitors must be leant out with the normal ammunition, for that weapon Only the rider or trainer to load the pistol Ammunition needs to be in a secure place when not in use. E.g. locked horse box 4x4	Rider	At every BTA tent pegging event
	3	Misuse of the revolver causing offence or fear to member of the public or other	Correct BTA drills to be used whilst handling a weapon. Weapons must only be on display for the duration of this class and should then be returned to a secure place. Revolvers must be stored in a holster when not being used. Misuse or inappropriate use of revolver could lead to elimination of the venue and reported to police	3	9	Revolvers must be stored empty of ammunition. Revolvers must only be handled by trained personal.	Rider and armour	At every BTA tent pegging event
	3	Deafness to rider and others	Advise riders to wear plug in ear defenders, ear defenders can be worn on horses	3	18	Use low charge cartridges, only fire pistol during actual round of SLR	Rider	At every BTA tent pegging event

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Riders	5	Rider – fall due to inadequate tack/equipment	Riders are responsible for their own safety of tack and equipment of the horse. Riders should clean tack and replace any tack or equipment that is cracked, broken, with loose stitching. Bridles and saddles should be correctly fitted. Saddles should be professional checked at least once a year	1	5	Judge ground crew to warn rider of ill-fitting tack or equipment when noted. Suitable correctly fitted riding hats to current British standard. Rider responsible for ensuring that it is fit for purpose.	Rider	At all BTA events
	5	Rider Saddle slipping	Rider to ensure the girth is tightened once mounted and after the horse has been warmed up and during the event	3	15	Judges to brief riders to check girths during welcome brief	Rider and grooms	At all BTA events
	5	Rider Causing injury to another rider	Pass right hand to right hand, ensure weapons are carried correctly, pass wide and keep distances Stay off the run line during the warm up unless running, Riders to attend training sessions	3	15	Ensure riders are suitable correctly fitted riding hats to current British standard, turbans can be worn on top of a riding hat that is to current British standard, put red ribbons in tails of horses known to kick Eliminate riders with dangerous weapon handling, e.g. points down	Riders Judge	At all BTA events
Mounted Magnets	5	Rider Cause a rider to fall	Stand in line of the peg to prevent their horse from drifting, pay attention, only move once the rider has recovered and if their horse is going to cause you a problem	2	10	If the magnates horse becomes distressed about magnate by itself the rider can request that another rider stays with them	Rider	At all BTA events
Ground crew	5	Ground crew/ BTA rider/BTA member / Member of public injury /fatality whilst handing weapons with rider	Rider must ensure the horse is stood still for the armour to approach safely, communicate, always pass weapons to right hand			If the horse will not stand still armour must stand still and pass weapon to rider's right hand as they walk past. Use two separate movements one to take weapon from the rider and then hand weapon to rider.	Ground crew and rider	At all BTA events

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Metal rings and gallows holding the rings	5	Rider – eye or facial injury, head injury	Use correct BTA drills, do not ride directly at the ring Riders to wear correctly fitted British standard head protection	3	15	Recommended to: Wear eye protection Wear gloves Long sleeves Correctly fitted riding hats to current British standard, turbans can be worn on top of a riding hat that is to current British standard fitted riding hats / turbans to be worn. Rider responsible for ensuring that is fit for purpose.	Rider Organiser of show	At all BTA events At all BTA events
	2	Rider – injury to fingers, thumb and hand	Use correct size rings as per the BTA rules or international rules Rider to use correct drills	3	6	Use a guard on the lance to prevent the rings firing down over fingers	Judge Ground crew and rider	At all BTA events

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Sword Dummies	4	Ground crew/arena party, back strain/sprain	Use correct manual lifting procedure	1	4			
	5	Rider falling off -death or serious injury due to the horse shying away from the	Set the s. dummies up clear of other equipment to ensure the riders do not fall off onto objects other than the ground	1	5	Riders advised to attend training sessions, all riders to wear correctly fitted riding hats to current British standard, turbans can be worn on top of a riding hat that is to current British standard fitted riding hats / turbans. Rider responsible for ensuring hat is fit for purpose. long sleeves	Rider	At all BTA events
	5	falling over and causing injury to rider or hitting horse causing the rider an injury from falling from the horse	Set dummies up at the correct distance , away from other equipment. Riders to use correct BTA drills	3	15		Ground crew	At all BTA events
	3	Rider -Concussion to: wrist, elbow, shoulder from impact of hitting	Use correct BTA drills and swords as recommended by the BTA .	3	9	Secure to the ground with pegs or sand bags, ideally dug into the ground	Ground crew	At all BTA events
	4	Rider - Fracture to: wrist, elbow, shoulder from impact of hitting	Use correct BTA drills and swords as recommended by the BTA . Dummies set at correct distances as per the BTA rules Centre of the target attached to the dummy clearly marked	3	12	Dummies to be stuffed with material to take an engage from the sword that can be penetrated	Rider ground crew	At all BTA events
	1	Ground crew - Slip trip fall Whilst attaching target	Stand on a stool, ensure level and safe to stand on, ensure the route is free from hazards Use an easy apparatus to attach the target, e.g elastic bands, or large paper clip already attached onto the dummy	1	1	Dummies to be stuffed with material to take an engage from the sword that can be penetrated first aider on site, writes supports can be worn	Judge Ground crew	At all BTA events At all BTA events
	5	Sword bouncing out of dummy and causing puncture wound to a by stander/competitor/ground crew	Ensure dummies are positioned at least 15m from side of arena	3	15	Fence off area of arena if sword can disengage from dummy and land on outside of arena	Ground crew and officials	At all BTA events

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Sword	5	Death or serious injury: Riders, competitors, judges, ground crew, members of public	Swords should be stored in scabbards until required, when not in use stored on the weapon rack out of reach of the public, safe for riders to access. Swords need to be handled using correct method and drills. Riders must not attempt to swap weapons or pick up own sword whilst mounted. Swords must not be left unattended Ground crew/amour must be fully trained in sword handling No sword fighting permitted. Miss use or inappropriate use of sword could get you eliminated from the venue and reported to police	1	5	Use of inappropriate use of sword will be caused for a warning and disqualification. Additional training will be required before attending the next event. Correctly fitted riding hats to current British standard. Rider responsible for ensuring hat is fit for purpose. Do not point swords at anyone/horses	Sword owner /user/ground crew/ judges	At every BTA event
	4	Puncture wounds and cuts: Riders, competitors, judges, ground crew, members of public, horses	Correct sword handling and BTA drills All new members trained and all members reminded about sword handling in briefing Riders must carry at the carry or slope whilst mounted. Swords can be stored in scabbard on saddle, but riders must not store sword under leg whilst mounted When dropping a sword in an emergency hold out to side of horse and parallel to ground and release, only collect when you have the horse back under control A dropped sword in Indian file – riders to ensure at least one horses distance, manoeuvre horse out of the swords path. For SLR set up sword dummies at least 10 metres away from the audience /arena side	2	8	In correct handling whilst mounted will lead to a warning and possible disqualification until re-training has taken place by qualified Tentpegging instructor Ground crew to quickly retrieve and make safe a dropped sword Practise Indian file with sword only with experienced riders who are competent with the sword and ensure large gaps between rider until competent at sword handling Fence off area beside sword dummy to avoid member of public getting injured. SLP – place sword into bucket or point into ground slowly so it doesn't bounce point up into horse/person	Sword owner /user/ground crew/ judges	Every time when using a sword At every BTA event
	5	Injury to another rider or horse when riding pairs/section events that cause the rider to be unseated, rotational fall, death, serious injury	Use correct BTA drills, riders should attend training sessions, Match horses' suitability, temperament, speed Pegs set out at least minimum distance as per BTA rules Use horse magnets to encourage horses to run straight Swords must be back at the slop, at end of the run	3	15	Explain to the magnates that they can move once the rider has passed the peg line especially if the rider coming towards them causing stress to their own mount. Allow new horses/inexperienced riders to ride at a slower pace than a gallop to build accuracy and skill of drills – rider must inform judge of reason for slower pace Leg protection on the horse can be used as necessary	Sword owner /user/ground crew/ judges/rider	at all times when using sword At every BTA event
	4	Slicing horse's ears	Use correct BTA drills for lemon slicing event, if the horse has a naturally high head carriage or erratic head carriage then re-consider using the mount for this event Rider to attend training sessions	1	4		Rider	Whilst mounted and during events and training At every BTA event

Sword	1 4	Bruises, concussion Rider Breaking fingers, wrist, hand whilst engaging sword dummy	Use BTA drills to hold and carry sword correctly padding in the sword hilt, blade and shaft should have spring to take shock Use correct BTA drills. Ensure dummy's are stuffed with suitable materials to take concussion of engage, but allow the sword to be released or held securely when released.	3 2	3 8	Practise whilst un-mounted to perform drills – attend training sessions Riders can strap weak wrists, use wrist bands as applicable, Attend training sessions with BTA qualified instructors	Rider Rider	Before attending first competition At every BTA event Before attending first competition At every BTA event	

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Timing equipment	3	Ground crew – back strain, sprain	Use correct manual lifting procedure, use of chair to take strain off back	1	3		Timekeeper	At BTA events where timing equipment is used
	5	Ground crew and officials, deafness	Set equipment at sensible volume	1	5	Controller to wear ear plugs if necessary	Timekeeper	At BTA events where timing equipment is used

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Wooden Peg	4	**Ground crew/Judges/public:** Back injuries lifting the bucket of pegs,	⅄ Use correct manual lifting procedure	1	4		Ground crew	At all BTA events
	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.		At all BTA events
	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		At all BTA events
	2	Hit by peg coming off the end of a weapon	⅄ Stand back from the peg line 15m ⅄ soft wood is used; such as pine wood and the peg needs to be wired top and bottom	3	6	Correctly fitted riding hats to current British standard,. Rider responsible for ensuring hat is fit for purpose.	Rider	At all BTA events
	1	**Rider:** bruise to: hand, wrist, elbow, shoulder from impact of hitting peg		1	1			
	5	Head injury in event of fall	Suitable horse to match rider experience	1	5	Judge to eliminate anyone deemed unsafe on their mount	Judge	
	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	Riders can use wrist supports, use correct BTA drills	Rider	At all BTA events
	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 Rider Rider Rider	At all BTA events If the ground begins to crumble For all warm up sessions, all competitions/classes and practices sessions For all warm up sessions, all competitions/classes and practices sessions As above

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		Horse						At all BTA events
Wooden peg	2	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	
Flamming 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 of event

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