

AMBULANCES AND PERSONNEL

Organisers should ensure that the Paramedic(s) booked to provide medical cover at a Pony Club event is registered with the governing body, Health Care Professions Council (HCPC) – www.hcpc-uk.org. A professional or organisation that cannot provide these details should not be used.

All Ambulances must be adequately equipped for pre-hospital resuscitation, immobilisation of the casualty and transportation. This is the responsibility of the First Aid Provider. Ambulance personnel should be capable of physically stabilising an injured patient while awaiting the arrival of the NHS Ambulance Service.

It is the responsibility of the organiser to clarify the event activities and of the first aid provider to allocate suitably trained and qualified professionals. A paramedic or doctor may need skills and access to drugs to affect a resuscitation.

A Doctor assisting at an event should be aware of the equipment contained in the Ambulance and the skill mix of the Ambulance team. It is important that the senior member of the Ambulance team reports to the event organiser on arrival and introduces themselves to the Doctor, if there is one in attendance, prior to the event commencing.

The risk assessment should assess and establish the best location for the medical team/ambulance to be stationed and define communication arrangements.

The following information should be supplied to the medical team ahead of the event:

1. Schedule for the day
2. Planned position for the ambulance and medical staff
3. Arrangements for communication (radios/mobile phones)
4. Arrangements for food/comfort breaks
5. Medical briefing plan with fence judges

The First Aid Provider should be aware of the accident and emergency units available locally.