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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 5.0.

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has:

- researched, interpreted and summarised key event rules, regulations and requirements for at least one horse sport or discipline event
- planned and participated in at least two events in one horse sport or discipline, including:
 - organised resources and logistics for each event
 - completed each event complying with specific procedures and rules
 - managed horse health and handled horses safely during and after each event
 - participated in at least one protest, inquiry or appeal for one event.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- range of key horse sports or disciplines, including:
 - Olympic sports – dressage, show jumping and eventing
 - western style disciplines – working equitation, camp drafting, endurance riding
 - team sports – polocrosse, polo
- horse breeds and performance characteristics relevant to discipline
- criteria for determining horse suitability for specific events, including indicators of fitness, condition, health and injury
- basic principles of sports psychology relevant to horse sporting events
- fundamentals of the concept of social licence to operate
- horse sport event opportunities and considerations for planning, including:
 - timing or schedule
 - location and accessibility

- cost
- entry, eligibility and/or qualifying requirements
- options for sponsorship or funding
- horse transport options and effect of transport on horse health and welfare
- horse sport or discipline governing bodies, structure and function
- rules, regulations and event requirements for horse sport or discipline, including:
 - eligibility and qualifying requirements
 - horse requirements and breed standards
 - gear, equipment and presentation of horses
 - withholding periods
 - administration of medication
 - presentation and dress standards for competitors
 - roles and functions of officials and judges
 - disciplinary, protest and appeal procedures
- health and safety hazards and controls when interacting with horses, including:
 - use of safe, low stress handling techniques
 - use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - hygiene, infection control and biosecurity
 - zoonotic and infectious diseases, including those caused by bacteria, fungi, parasites and viruses
 - environmental considerations and waste disposal
 - first aid equipment and event first aid station
- key requirements of current codes of practice and legislation relevant to horses, including:
 - animal welfare, including safe, humane and ethical care of horses
 - transportation of horses.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - an equine workplace, or an environment that accurately represents conditions in a horse sport event
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live horses that have been assessed as suitable for the experience and skills of the individual in relevant horse sport or discipline
 - appropriate gear and equipment for horse and event activity
 - PPE equipment for rider – correctly fitted and appropriate for activity
 - transport for horses
 - record-keeping formats
- specifications:

- current information on event rules and requirements specific to sport or discipline addressed in performance evidence
- current, relevant guidelines for horse transportation and biosecurity.

The *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training* provides advice and sample templates to assist assessors with the risk assessments that should be undertaken to help ensure the safety of all involved in the assessment.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>