

# Risk Assessment (Stockjudging)



Event / activity name:	Stock judging	Assessment date:		Review date:	
Areas being assessed:	Named venue and postcode		Assessor(s) name:	Club/District Officer Julie Spink, County Coordinator Darren Coates, H&S Officer	

<p><b>Introduction to the Event/Activity</b></p> <p>Stock judging involves inspecting livestock at close quarters and placing animals in an order of preference based upon sound and logical reasoning and then explaining those reasons to a judge.</p> <p>This event involve the judging of [number] of [type of animals] by [number] junior [and/or senior] stockpersons as part of the [location show/rally].</p> <p>These events includes the planning, organisation and build up of the stock judging areas and associated venues as well as the management of the event and its dissolution.</p> <p>The event is due to take place on [date] and last for [hours/days].</p>	<p><b>Activities Assessed as part of this Risk Assessment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manual handling risks</li> <li>Slip, trip and fall hazards</li> <li>Crowd management</li> <li>Animal management</li> <li>Safe use and storage of hazardous substances</li> </ul> <p><b><u>The Safe Operating Procedure Protocol for Stock Judging must be followed and used in association with this document.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Where this activity is part of an event, please refer to the General Event Risk Assessment for general site risks including traffic management, siting of marquees etc.</u></b></p>	<p><b>In addition to the inherent hazards and dangers of the activities have you considered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The environmental conditions?</li> <li>The Premises/Site conditions?</li> <li>The weather?</li> <li>The age, knowledge and experience of the attendees?</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 20px;"> <p><b>Important information:</b></p> <p><b>First Aiders:</b></p> <p><b>Nearest hospital:</b></p> <p><b>What3words:</b></p> </div>
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<b>Manual Handling</b>	Installation of animal pens and movement of hay bails	Stewards may get musculoskeletal problems, e.g. back pain from handling heavy and/or awkward objects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical handling equipment used where possible.</li> <li>Two man lift where heavier equipment is to be used.</li> <li>Manual handling and training.</li> <li>Selection and use of correct tools/equipment to assist the handling of items.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remind stewards of the importance of safe lifting techniques.</li> <li>Download HSE guidance on manual handling in agriculture to check that current control measures are sufficient. <a href="http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg125.pdf">http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg125.pdf</a></li> </ul>	Named person and club		
<b>Slips trips and falls</b>	Public Areas	Stewards, competitors and the public may suffer injuries such as fractures or bruising if they slip or trip on uneven or slippery surfaces or over objects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waste collection arrangements in place to remove litter.</li> <li>Cable ties and cable tidies used where possible.</li> <li>Cables across walkways protected and highlighted.</li> <li>Slippery areas due to ice / mud etc. identified and warning signs used to identify the hazard.</li> <li>Avoid slippery areas where possible and redirect vehicle and pedestrian traffic routes.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure stewards understand the importance of good housekeeping.</li> <li>Stewards should wear strong, comfortable footwear with a good grip.</li> <li>Regular checks should be carried out during the event to ensure these areas are free from obstruction and tripping hazards. These should be recorded.</li> <li>Use protective ground covers where people and vehicles need to cross slippery areas.</li> </ul>	Named person and club		
	Animal Areas	Stewards, competitors and the public may suffer injuries such as fractures or bruising if they slip or trip on uneven or slippery surfaces or over objects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waste collection arrangements in place to remove animal waste.</li> </ul>			Named person or venue		
	Competition Areas	Stewards, and competitors may suffer injuries such as fractures or bruising if they slip or trip on uneven or slippery surfaces or over objects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waste collection arrangements in place to remove animal waste.</li> </ul>			Named person or venue		
	Administration Areas	Stewards, competitors and the public may suffer injuries such as fractures or bruising if they slip or trip on uneven or slippery surfaces or over objects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Furniture provided by stewards and set up by stewards to standard layout for events.</li> </ul>			Named person at club		

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<b>Crowd control failure related hazards (e.g. crushing, panic, stress)</b>	Provision of escape routes	Stewards and competitors and the public may suffer crush injuries or fire-related injuries in the event of an evacuation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of stewards</li> <li>Provision of steward training.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Display "Keep Out" warning signs to certain areas (e.g. animal storage areas).</li> <li>Regular audits to take place during the event to monitor escape routes.</li> <li>Refer to the HSE guidance document 'Managing Crowds Safely': A Guide for organizers at events and venues' <a href="http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/hsg154.htm">http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/hsg154.htm</a></li> </ul>	Named person at club		
	Layout of registration point and competitors holding area	Stewards and competitors may suffer crush injuries in the waiting area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of stewards</li> <li>Sensible arrangement of desks and registration points to prevent obstruction and crushing especially in case of emergency.</li> <li>Stewards provided to monitor junior competitors and give directional and security assistance.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to the HSE guidance document 'Managing Crowds Safely': A Guide for organizers at events and venues' <a href="http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/hsg154.htm">http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/hsg154.htm</a></li> </ul>	Named person at club		
	Provision of First Aid	Stewards, competitors and the public may suffer prolonged injuries and pain without the adequate provision of first aid.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liaise with stewards.</li> <li>Stewards to be familiar with arrangements for calling first aid if required.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to the HSE guidance document 'Managing Crowds Safely': A Guide for organizers at events and venues' <a href="http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/hsg154.htm">http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/hsg154.htm</a></li> </ul>	Named person at club		
	Emergency Procedures	Any persons could be harmed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To follow the site emergency evacuation plan.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to the HSE guidance document 'Managing Crowds Safely': A Guide for organizers at events and venues' <a href="http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/hsg154.htm">http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/hsg154.htm</a></li> </ul>	Named person at club		
Impact / crushing / goring / biting from animals.	General animal activities	Stewards, competitors and the public may suffer from being crushed, trampled, bitten, or gored by animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only experienced and authorised stewards may work with animals.</li> <li>Vets undertake tasks such as foot trimming, pregnancy detection, etc prior to the event.</li> <li>So far as is reasonably practicable, cattle are not located in areas with public access.</li> <li>Competent handlers on standby at all times.</li> <li>Protective clothing and safety shoes worn.</li> <li>Animals transported by competent drivers in suitable vehicles.</li> <li>Welfare of animals regularly monitored.</li> <li>Adequate space in pens.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Download HSE guidance on handling &amp; housing cattle to check that current control measures are sufficient. <a href="http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/ais35.pdf">http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/ais35.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/ais17ew.pdf">http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/ais17ew.pdf</a></li> <li>Barriers must be regularly checked during the event to ensure cattle cannot escape.</li> <li>Animals that display aggression are removed prior to event.</li> </ul>	Named person at club		

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of escape routes for personnel.</li> <li>Competitors briefed on safety prior to entering ring.</li> <li>Competitors should not enter livestock pens.</li> </ul>					
	Animal Escape	Stewards, competitors and the public may suffer serious, possibly fatal, injury if struck by an animal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only experienced and authorised stewards may work with animals.</li> <li>Vets undertake tasks such as foot trimming, pregnancy detection, etc prior to the event.</li> <li>So far as is reasonably practicable, cattle are not located in areas with public access.</li> <li>Competent handlers on standby at all times.</li> <li>Protective clothing and safety shoes worn.</li> <li>Animals transported by competent drivers in suitable vehicles.</li> <li>Welfare of animals regularly monitored.</li> <li>Adequate space in pens.</li> <li>Provision of escape routes for personnel.</li> <li>Competitors briefed on safety prior to entering ring.</li> <li>Competitors should not enter livestock pens.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A two-gate system should be installed between the animal eventing areas and the public highway/road system.</li> <li>Barriers must be regularly checked during the event to ensure cattle cannot escape.</li> <li>Animals that display aggression are removed prior to event.</li> </ul>	Named person at club		
<b>Hazardous substance</b>	Veterinary medicines	Stewards and competitors risk skin problems from contact with veterinary medicines or breathing problems from vapour. Similarly, emergency veterinary procedures may be required during the event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where necessary, stewards are trained in safe use of veterinary medicines.</li> <li>When using veterinary medicines, stewards told to read the instructions on the container and follow them.</li> <li>Suitable PPE available for handling medicines.</li> <li>Sharps box provided for the safe disposal of hypodermic needles.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stewards told to report to manager any health issues they believe is associated with the event or their work.</li> <li>Stewards to undertake biennial health surveillance by trained, responsible persons.</li> </ul>	Named person or venue		
	Zoonotic & other diseases	Stewards, competitors and the public risk ill-health from contracting diseases from animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stewards told to use PPE when necessary.</li> <li>Hot/cold water, soap and paper towels available in mess room.</li> <li>Stewards told to wash hands after contact with animals, and especially before eating, drinking or smoking.</li> <li>Bio-security measures (as advised by Government Officials) implemented in the event of a contagious disease (e.g. foot &amp; mouth).</li> <li>Suitable hygiene facilities available for all personnel.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remind steards and competitors to cover small cuts and abrasions with plasters.</li> <li>Download HSE guidance on common zoonoses in agriculture to check that current control measures are sufficient. <a href="http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/ais2.pdf">http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/ais2.pdf</a></li> </ul>	Named person or venue		

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			<div>Hot/cold water, soap and paper towels available.</div> <div><div>■</div> Arrangements for collection and disposal of animal waste are in place.</div>					

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