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Rule Change Intent

While qualified medical personnel are typically onsite during competition hours and available to assist in evaluating potential concussion, non-medically trained people at a show may be assisting individuals who experience a head injury when QMPs are not immediately available. The concussion recognition tool developed by the Concussion in Sport Group (<https://www.concussioninsportgroup.com/scat-tools/>) should be made available to aid in the identification and immediate management of a suspected concussion. Making this tool available at the show office and other areas where riding occurs as well as providing it to noted competition staff would help individuals tending to anyone experiencing a potential head injury recognize symptoms of concussion, determine when to call an ambulance, and encourage the injured to seek medical treatment.

Link to concussion tool: <https://bjsm.bmj.com/content/bjsports/57/11/692.full.pdf>

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Linked Rules Comments



## HJ105 Safety and Welfare

### 1. Definitions

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c. Accident Preparedness: An operable landline or cell phone must be reserved and accessible at all times for the purpose of contacting emergency personnel.

1. The following information must be posted outside the showoffice, and readily available to anyone on the competition grounds:

- a. All 24-hour telephone numbers for horse and human emergencies;
- b. Map of competition grounds;
- c. Directions from competition to nearest hospital and equine veterinary center;
- d. Facility address; **and**
- e. GPS coordinates of facility address; **and**
- f. ***The most current version of the CRT concussion recognition tool posted on USEF.org (also recommended at any rings where riding or lunging are assigned)***

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3. In addition to the requirements of GR 845, Federation licensed competitions with Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and/or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed must do the following:

- a. Competition management is responsible for ensuring that all appropriate competition officials and competition staff including but not limited to Safety Coordinator, Medical Personnel, In-gate Starters, Licensed Officials, Announcers, Technical Coordinator, Stable Manager, Veterinarian, are provided a written copy of the accident preparedness plan, ***the most current version of the CRT concussion recognition tool***, and isolation protocol for horses, prior to the commencement of duties.

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