



## AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE SOCIETY

### FIRST AID POLICY

#### **FIRST AID, AMBULANCE AND MEDICAL STAFF REQUIREMENTS**

For Training/Clinics and non-competition days there is an ASHS Events - Medical & First Aid Matrix that sets out the requirements for First Aid and Medical Staff depending on the type of event, the number of participants, and the proximity to the nearest emergency care facility.

#### **FIRST AID**

##### **Ambulance/Medical Staff Requirements**

#### **COMPETITIVE EVENTS**

A Branch is to make arrangements for an ambulance or suitably accredited medical officers to be in attendance on the grounds throughout a competitive show, camp draft or other competitive event approved by the Society.

Should an ambulance have to leave the grounds the Committee shall not allow the event to proceed until another ambulance or alternative suitably qualified medical assistance is available.

All premises must have an effective communication link for contacting emergency services. All officials and staff should be aware of the location of the communication link.

Committees must supply to Head Office, before your event the following information;

1. The name of the alternate medical aid you will have at your event e.g. St Johns Ambulance, SES, etc.
2. A list of the personnel of these organisations, their qualifications, and the equipment they will be carrying, bearing in mind they must have resuscitation equipment and be qualified in the use of such equipment.

#### **TRAINING DAYS/NON-COMPETITION DAYS**

A Branch must adhere to the ASHS Events - Medical & First Aid Matrix when assessing the appropriate medical service required at any type of training day.

All premises must have an effective communication link for contacting emergency services. All officials and staff should be aware of the location of the communication link.

Before conducting any Training or non-competition day, the Branch must complete all required Event Notification, Site Inspection and Event Management Documentation which is to be forwarded to ASHS for approval and must contain the following details;

- a) The type of training day.
- b) An accurate estimate of the number of participants
- c) The type of and distance to the nearest Emergency Medical Care Facility.
- d) The type of medical Intervention to be used.
- e) A copy of the qualifications of the person that will act on the day.
- f) The effective method of communication for contacting emergency services.

**Note** f) Not required if an Ambulance or Commercial Paramedic is used.

Branches may charge a levy per entry to help with the cost of having approved medical attendants in attendance.

## ASHS Events - Medical & First Aid Matrix

Minimum ASHS Requirements for First Aid at Events			
	EVENT TYPE		
	Campdraft, Team Penning, Events with Cattle including training days	Competition - Show, Gymkhana, Youth Camps – no cattle	Training Day – no cattle, Fun Days – non-competition days
<b>Risk Level</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Low</b>
	<b>LEVEL OF FIRST AID REQUIRED depending on Distance from Hospital or Emergency Centre (ECF) &amp; access to Ambulance &amp;/or Rescue Helicopter</b>		
< 40kms to ECF	AFA + Resuc or COM	AFA or QFA	QFA
40 – 100kms to ECF	AFA + Resuc or COM	AFA	QFA
100kms + to ECF	COM	AFA + Resuc or COM	QFA or AFA + Resuc

### Key

QFA	Qualified First Aid (HTLAID011)
AFA & AR&O	Advanced First Aid & Advance Resuscitation and Oxygen (HLTAID014 & HTAID015)
+ Resuc	Plus Resuscitation Equipment to be used by Qualified Personnel
COM	Ambulance / Commercial Paramedic

There are a number of other factors that need to be considered when setting requirements for first aid as:

- Distance to nearest Emergency Care Facility
- Number of Participants
- Age of Participants
- Experience Levels of Participants
- Non-Members (Temp Members) – some of these riders may not be known to the committee and their skill levels may vary greatly
- Unregistered Horses – again with horses that are unknown to the committee there may be issues with temperament, manners and behaviour as they may vary greatly

## POLICY REVIEW

The Australian Stock Horse Society will review and update this policy from time to time and ensure that it complies with current policy and practice for junior and equestrian sport. The revised policy will be posted on the ASHS website.

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