

## APPENDIX C

### GUIDANCE NOTES ON HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR MEMBERS AND COMPETITORS

#### Introduction

The North Eastern Driving Trials Ltd (NEDTL) has developed a Health and Safety Policy and associated Manual of which this is a part. The full documents are available from the Secretary or can be seen at the Event office.

The Policy and Manual are your documents and this section is only a summary of the more relevant items. If you have any questions or suggestions on the documentation these will be most welcome and they should be addressed to the NEDTL Secretary in the first case. If you have any Health and Safety concerns of an immediate nature these should be discussed with the Event H&S Adviser.

#### Important Statements

“The North Eastern Driving Trials Ltd has taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey all reasonable instructions of the organiser, officials and stewards.”

“The North Eastern Driving Trials Ltd’s statement on Health and Safety states that NEDTL is committed to fulfilling its obligations under the Health and Safety legislation!

A list of officials and local emergency services is posted on each Event Notice Board.

The following items are for your general guidance (for details see the Manual). Where items are shown in BOLD type they are mandatory and when in normal type they are advisory.

#### Competence and Training

**Members who are competing in a club event must be competent for the class entered.** New drivers (including Young Drivers) must be assessed in accordance to BHDТА Affiliated Club Pack Section 10.

Young drivers must drive at least two events, without elimination, with the horse/pony with which they were assessed. Any change of animal must be notified to the Assessment Officer

No competitor will be allowed to compete at a NEDTL outdoor event unless they have been assessed by the NEDTL or by a club affiliated to the BHDТА .

#### Risk Assessments

The Event Co-ordinator will have completed Risk Assessments using the Generic R.A.s shown in the Manual and will have summarised these identifying significant / unusual aspects of the trial. This summary is posted on the Event Notice Board and **you should read this and take the appropriate actions.**

### **All Terrain Vehicles and Motorcycles**

Such vehicles are reported as needing expert handling as they are allegedly inherently unstable

**They must be driven in accordance with licence and insurance restraints.**

All drivers must be 17 years of age or over for ATVs and 16 years of age for motor cycles.

**Passengers must not be carried unless the vehicle is designed or adapted for that purpose except in an emergency**

**Drivers, riders and passengers must wear appropriate safety helmets**

### **Carriages**

Never strap children into a carriage

### **Children**

Please ensure that they are under appropriate supervision

The NEDTL follows the guidance of the BHDTA with respect to the Child Protection Legislation

### **Competitors**

Drivers must ensure that grooms are fit to render assistance in case of emergency

Drivers must inspect the obstacles for unmarked elements such as roots, tree stumps, ruts, boulders, etc and then determine their safest route compatible with their anticipated speed

**Safety HATS (Approved to BS) must be worn on the marathon**

**Safety hats must be worn when riding**

Clean and tidy Safety hats may be worn for Dressage or Cones without penalty in presentation

**On the Marathon phase Young Drivers and Young Grooms must wear body protectors**

Young Drivers must be 12 years of age on the day of the event and if under 18 years of age they must be accompanied by a competent adult over 18 years of age

**Grooms on vehicles, driven by an adult, must be 14 years of age for the marathon and 12 years of age for dressage or cones**

### **Dogs**

**All dogs must be kept on leads at all times**

### **Harness**

Harness must be safe and will be subject to inspection at the start of the marathon

### **Horses**

Never leave a horse harnessed to a vehicle without a driver in control of the reins or a groom holding the bridle

Never tie up a horse whilst it is harnessed to a vehicle

Never remove the reins or the bridle of any horse whilst it is harnessed to a vehicle

### **Stable Area**

For Two-Day Events, the Stable Area will be open from 12.00 hours on the Friday till 18.00 hours on the Sunday. Competitors arriving before or leaving after these hours do so at their own risk

Speed limit of 10mph for motorised vehicles must be observed.

As a fire precaution, to prevent the spread of fire between parked vehicles, appropriate gaps must be maintained. **Gaps of 6 metres between encampments** and a minimum of 3metres between units in that encampment are recommended

**All caravans and horse boxes with living accommodation must each carry a 1 kilo. fire extinguisher.**

Keep all roadways clear to allow passage of emergency vehicles  
Always proceed at the walk in the stable area and in crowded areas

### **Electric fencing**

In 2007 the Committee decided that this would be allowed. However this has been abused by taking up excessive ground.

**Restrictions which you must comply with.**

**Maximum area to be length of truck/ trailer and depth (from side of Truck/trailer to be 4 metres. (This is for one animal, 8 metres for two Animals)**

**Fencing to have proper signage to advise that it is live.**

**Please ensure that it does not constitute a trip hazard in the dark**

**Tethering / Hobbling are not allowed**

**Open-railed corralled fencing is not allowed**

**Horses tied to lorry by halter**

Should a horse be identified as having a history of breaking its halter rope it will not be accepted for future events unless an alternative method of “stabling” is provided.

**Air Ambulance**

Should an Air Ambulance be required a warning system will be activated.

The TD will instruct the competition to cease immediately and only the TD will determine when it can be resumed.

All walking handlers must return to their animals in the stable area immediately and those in carriages are strongly recommended to uncouple immediately and lead their animals to a “safer” location.

See Form 3 Appendix A for details

Please remember that YOUR ACTIONS are the key to a SAFE EVENT

BE CAREFUL