

Risk assessment 4 – Horseriding Events

Company name: Musselburgh Camera Club

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What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?	Done
Poor communication between the photographer and event officials	Photographer Photographers may assume a vantage point that is unsafe resulting in affecting the competition or harm to themselves or others	Photographers may assume a vantage point that is unsafe resulting in affecting the competition or harm themselves or others	Photographer must always ensure that they have communicated with event officials within the competition area where they intent to take photos	All photographers attending the event	April 24 th 2025	
Assuming a position on the competition track	Photographer Personal harm from a turnout or causing a competitor to change course rapidly resulting in an accident	Always be aware of course layout, if in doubt ask an event official	No further action at this time	All registered photographers attending the event	April 24 th 2025	

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Photographer not making themselves known to officials	Photographer Event organiser not being aware of registered photographers are present at their event. They in turn cannot inform officials which could lead to confusion and the photographer being requested to return to the spectator areas	Photographers should always ensure they make their presence known to the event organiser in good time	No further action at this time	All registered photographers attending the event	April 24 th 2025	
Assuming a position close to where competitors are travelling at speed (particularly the marathon)	Photographer Being unable to move from your position in order to avoid the path of a competitor travelling at speed in your direction in or out of control	Be frank in the assessment of your mobility and assume a position that is appropriate	No further action at this time	All registered photographers attending the event	April 24 th 2025	

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Not being identified by a competitor during competition	Photographer The competitor or their horse may be surprised resulting in a loss of concentration or sudden change of course and effecting the completion outcome	Always wear your registered photographer bib and ensure your position is clearly visible	No further action at this time	All registered photographers attending the event	April 24 th 2025	