INTRODUCTION

In some circumstances it may not be necessary to complete your own risk assessment because a perfectly adequate assessment covering all aspects of the activity has already been carried out. In these circumstances a brief questionnaire may be used to ensure that adequate procedures and arrangements are in place to ensure the safety at Pony Club activities.

1. HIRE OF EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES.

Equestrian centres will have completed risk assessments and have their own emergency procedures for accidents and other incidents (e.g., fire). The use of the Questionnaire for the assessment of hired facilities will enable the organiser of the activity to assess the safety procedures at the centre. If those procedures are adequate and cover all aspects of the planned Pony Club activity, there is no need to complete an additional risk assessment. The Child Protection section should be completed if Pony Club members are to be supervised by personnel from the facility.

2. EMPLOYMENT OF CONTRACTORS.

Contractors have to carry out their own risk assessment which will cover their activities. The questionnaire for the assessment of contractors is intended to check that the contractor has the necessary procedures and arrangements in place. A Pony Club assessment will normally be required to cover those aspects of the work that controlled by or involve Pony Club officials and/or volunteers.

Contractors will normally do specialist work associated with events, for example catering, trade stands, or construction work for example cross country course building or the erection of temporary stables.