Ambulance providers must be registered with the Care Quality Commission. The range of services on each provider’s registration can be checked on the Care Quality Commission website www.cqc.org.uk.

Organisers should confirm that the Paramedic(s) they have booked to be the first aid cover at a Pony Club event is registered with the governing body, the Health Professions Council (HPC). This can be done by asking the Paramedic for their personal identification number before the event. This number can be used to confirm the Paramedic’s registration on the HPC website, www.hpc-uk.org/.

A professional or organisation that cannot provide these details should not be used and consideration of reporting these details to The Pony Club’s Stoneleigh Office should be given.

All Ambulances must be adequately equipped for pre-hospital resuscitation, immobilisation of the casualty where necessary and transportation if required. It would be expected that Ambulance Personnel, trained to Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), would be capable of carrying out the procedures necessary to stabilise the injured patient while awaiting the arrival of the County Ambulance service. The list of equipment below is the minimum that is considered necessary to effect these procedures and it would be expected that an Ambulance classified as carrying trained personnel would be capable of using this equipment in an emergency situation to resuscitate and stabilise an injured person.

Often there may be a Doctor assisting at events and it is important that he / she is aware of the equipment that is contained in the Ambulance and the skill mix of the Ambulance team. It is important that the senior member of the Ambulance team reports to the Organiser for the event on arrival and introduces him / herself to the Doctor, if there is one in attendance, prior to the event commencing. It is important to be aware of:

1. The schedule for the day.
2. Where the best place for the Ambulance to be positioned is.
3. What the arrangements for communication (radios or mobile phones) are.
4. What the arrangements for food / comfort breaks are.
5. Whether the Secretary for the event will ask for a medical briefing at the time that the fence judges are being briefed.

Should it be necessary for an injured person to be transferred to hospital, it is essential that the First Aid Provider contact the Accident & Emergency department of that hospital to ascertain that the hospital is an appropriate one to accept the type of injury that the casualty has sustained. Clearly it is important for the First Aid Provider to ensure that they have the contact telephone numbers of the local and District General hospitals that might be involved.
Equipment

**Standard Items:**
- Stethoscope
- Sphygmomanometer
- Torch
- Stationery and pen
- Protective gloves

**Airway:**
- Pocket mask with oxygen port and tubing
- Nasal airways sizes 6 and 7
- Gudel oro-pharyngeal airways sizes 2, 3, 4, and 5
- Face masks sizes 3, 4, and 5
- Resuscitator with non-re-breathing valve
- Oxygen reservoir bag
- Suction unit with 14G suction catheter (smaller size for children)
- Yankauer suction catheter
- Laryngoscope with spare batteries and bulbs + adult and child blades
- Endotracheal tubes sizes, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8.5 and 9 with connectors
- Introducer
- Magill forceps
- Spencer Wells forceps, 5"
- KY gel
- 10ml syringe
- Bandage, 1” roll
- Crichthyrotomy set or size 12 Venflon
- Laryngeal mask airways (LMA’s) sizes 2, 3, and 4.

**Breathing:**
- Oxygen cylinder with connecting tube and mask
- Portable Oxygen cylinder with connecting tube and mask
- Entonox cylinder with tube and mask

**Circulation:**
- Defibrillator, e.g. advisory
- Hartmann’s solution 500mls x4
- Normal saline 500mls x2
- Administration set x2
- Velcro tourniquet
- Cannulae of different gauges (Venflon, 14G, 16G and 18G)
- Hep flush 2 x 2mls or Sodium chloride
- Roll of adhesive tape or adhesive film
- Sharps mini-bin
- Antiseptic wipes

**Syringes:**
- 2ml x5
- 10ml x5
- 20ml x5

**Needles:**
- 21G 1.5” x5
- 23G 1” x5
- 25G 5/8” x5

**Splinting**
- Tuf cut scissors
- Cervical collars (range of sizes)
- Splints, e.g. lower limb box splint, vacuum splint, short arm splint, traction splint (Segar or Donway, optional)
- Triangular bandages x4

**Transporting:**
- Spinal board
- Scoop stretcher or Donway lifting frame
- Vacuum mattress (optional)

First Aid equipment e.g. bandages, elastoplasts, various dressings, eye pads, micropore tape, scissors, safety pins, cling film roll, etc.