

## **ANNEX VIII – SERIOUS ACCIDENTS**

### **1. GENERAL**

As part of his preparation for the event, the TD will have ensured that the OC has created a Crisis Management Plan adapted to its own organisation and circumstances. This Plan will probably be based on the example given in Annex IX.

This plan is to help the OC prepare for the most serious accident – a fatal one to a rider. The plan (or parts of it) may of course be put into operation for other accidents such as a fatal accident to a horse in a high profile situation.

### **2. ROLE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GROUND JURY**

**As senior Technical Official at the Event**, the President has a duty to assist and advise the OC during the crisis, but the responsibility for handling the matter lies with the OC.

**He is also required to organise, in the event of a fatal accident, the preparation of a short and strictly confidential report for the FEI.**

- The President of the Ground Jury is asked to nominate and preside over a small ad-hoc committee of 3 – 5 members, to study within 24 hours the information available at the event. Such information will include veterinary and/or medical reports, type and dimensions of any obstacles involved, evidence from eyewitnesses, TV or video, the state of the ground and any other factors that might explain the reason for the accident and for its severity.
- It is considered best practice for the President to create this committee during the days before the cross-country test, and to set up the means of activating it by code-word or somesuch.
- The membership of the ad-hoc committee will be at the discretion of the President. However, it should not include anyone directly involved with the organisation of the event. The Technical Delegate will not be a member but will assist and advise the committee. Potential members might include an experienced rider, course designer, judge, technical delegate, veterinarian, doctor, trainer or Chef d'Equipe.
- The President should report the findings to the FEI, together with a note of any further investigations that are being undertaken.
- The FEI Eventing Committee will consider all such reports as quickly as possible, in case any general advice should be issued to NFs/OCs/Officials as a result.