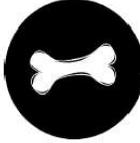




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2005**



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Chairman's Foreword

Welcome to the 2005 Polocrosse Season. This promises to be one of our busiest and exciting years.

Last year saw us host the first tour from S.Africa who played our U.K ladies team. Many people were involved in the planning and execution of the event which finished with the U.K victorious. Our players in the under 21's, men's and Juniors competed in the Tri Nations against Ireland, well done to Wales who managed to field a team of Welsh players in the junior section for the first time. The Tri Nations will once again be held in Cardiff but in 2006 will be held in Ireland.

This year our men's team will be travelling to the USA to compete and our Men, Ladies and Under 21's will be hosting a tour from Zimbabwe and the junior team will be travelling to Ireland to play a test match – so good luck to all our squads.

The Executive Committee have worked hard through the Winter and a coaching accreditation scheme is now underway and the new hat standard rule has come into play. Please read this year book to check all the information on current rules, grading and safety issues and lots of other things that will help you to play polocrosse successfully and safely. Our website will be displaying current umpiring grades and players grades which will be updated throughout the season.

On behalf of myself and the Executive Committee may I wish you good luck for a successful, enjoyable season.

Dave Brookes

UNITED KINGDOM POLOCROSSE ASSOCIATION

MISSION STATEMENT 2005

The objectives of the Association as stated in the revised UKPA Constitution are to:

- promote and encourage Polocrosse in the United Kingdom and to provide financial assistance to develop the sport.
- exercise control of the game of Polocrosse within the United Kingdom.
- apply Rules and Regulations with regard to the conduct and management generally of Polocrosse within the United Kingdom and to enforce the carrying out of such Rules and Regulations. The Association has adopted the International Polocrosse Rules and all rules issues are to be dealt with by the Executive Committee.
- encourage and promote the holding of Polocrosse Tournaments and to regulate and control such Tournaments.
- purchase, hire or otherwise acquire and maintain land, houses, livestock, furniture, implements, tools, utensils and all things required in connection with carrying out of the objects of the Association and to sell, demise, give in exchange, mortgage and dispose of same.
- let or lease or hire the whole or any part of the immovable and moveable property of the Association on such terms as the Association shall from time to time determine.
- promote and hold, either alone or jointly with any other Club or Association or persons, Tournaments and equestrian events and to offer or contribute towards prizes and awards and to provide any kind of entertainment.
- subscribe to, affiliate to and become a member of any other Club or Association having objects similar to the objects of the Association.
- subscribe to, affiliate to and become a member of any organisation concerned with the development and/or promotion of sport in general and in particular equine sport.
- grant consent to persons, not being members of the Association, to use Association property and to enter the grounds and buildings used and leased or owned by the Association upon such terms as may be decided.

- arrange, authorise, regulate, organise and, if necessary and practicable, assist with the finance of, the visits of Polocrosse teams, coaches, players and other representatives of the sport either to or from other countries either solely or in conjunction with other Associations or Clubs whose objects are compatible with those of the Association and to have authority to withdraw support from such visits.
- promote and encourage the breeding and training of horses, horse skills, and resources, facilities and services which could support or expand the sport.
do anything which may be deemed necessary or advisable in the best interests of the Association and to keep the cost of the sport of Polocrosse within reasonable limits
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The Executive Committee believes that much has been done in recent years to improve the potential effectiveness of the Rules and Regulations with regard to the management generally of polocrosse within Great Britain. However, the Committee is concerned that, while it is possible to continue to improve the range of rules and regulations to exercise control of the game of polocrosse within Great Britain, and to up-date the constitution itself, **the priority for the Association in 2005 should continue to be:**

- *to ensure that where rules and regulations exist or have been recently introduced they are enforced at all times, particularly at UKPA Tournaments, to protect the health and safety of horses and players for the benefit of the enjoyment of the sport by all participants.*

The number of UKPA tournaments and training weekends has increased in recent years to the extent that there are now UKPA events around the country on most weekends from May to September. However, the total number of playing members has not increased significantly over that period of time. The financial stability of the Association has increased in recent years but the level of sponsorship for the sport has provided to its members. **The second priority for the Association in 2005 should continue to be:**

- *to promote and encourage polocrosse in Great Britain thereby increasing the total number of playing members of the Association*

and the range and quality of services that can be provided to its members.

The budget for the Association for 2005 has been agreed to reflect these priorities, particularly in relation to PR, and where additional funding becomes available the first priorities for the use of such funds should be the pursuance of this Mission Statement. not grown to the extent that the Association can expand the range and quality of services

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Child Protection Policy

The Executive Committee of the UKPA:

- Recognise that they have a responsibility to provide an environment which is safe, free from threat and enjoyable, in which the Under 18 year old members can take part in Polocrosse and other social activities.
- Acknowledge that young people have the right to be treated with respect and for their concerns to be listened to and acted upon.
- Will ensure that Junior members have specific competitions and programmes designated for them, with adequate supervision.
- Will ensure that all coaches, team managers, selectors, international trainers and others who are responsible for young person in the clubs, sign the Associations self-declaration form, in relation to Child Protection.
- Will ensure that each club has a named adult member who is specifically responsible for young people.
- Will ensure that each region has procedures in place to help any young person who requests help and support on a confidential basis, in issues relating to child Protection.
- Will ensure that all people working with junior members are aware of the Child Protection Policy and that vetting procedures are carried out for all adults involved with UKPA activities for Under 18 members.
- Will continue to develop during the next year Child Protection procedures e.g. attendance on child Protection courses and the need for police background checks.
- If necessary, use UKPA disciplinary procedures to suspend, exclude or expel members who have been identified as contravening UKPA Child Protection Policy.

UKPA - Good Practise

- Be professional and maintain the highest standards of personal behaviour at all times
- Be aware of situations which can be mis-constructed or manipulated by others
- Be vigilant and aware of how actions can be misinterpreted
- Be aware that physically handling a youngster, e.g. in developing a particular game skill, can be misinterpreted by an observer or even by the player.
- Never swear, verbally bully, or use or respond to sexual innuendo.
- Conduct all dealings with youngsters in a public environment in full view of others, in order that all behaviour can be observed.
- On tours, camps etc. ensure that another adult is always present when working with youngsters e.g. if an individual youngster is visited in their room, another adult should be present and the door left open.
- Ensure that, as far as possible, adults are not alone when working with youngsters on a regular basis. The presence of others is an insurance against false accusations.

Tournament Dates 2005

Month	DATE	UKPA TOURNAMENTS	COMMENTS	LOCATION (Town & County)	PONY CLUB TOURNAMENTS
	26/27	Northern Training	Easter		
April	2/3				
	9/10				
	16/17	Squads Training			
	23/24				
May	30/1	Apollo (Training)/ Pendle Wildcats training	Bank Holiday		
	7/8				
	14/15	Squads Training			
	21/22	Kent Target Camp			
	28/29	Pennine	Bank Holiday		
	31/1/2				
June	4/5	Kent Target Celyn Tournament	Newcomers Training/tournament		
	11/12	Silverley			Croome (1 day only)
	18/19		UK Mens (New Mexico)		

	25/26	Liscombe Park	UK Mens (New Mexico)		
July	2/3	Arden		Henley in Arden	
	9/10	Tri Nations	New Venue	Cardiff	
	16/17	Kent Target			
	23/24				VWH Hunt
	30/31	(camp before 26 – 28) Midland		Key Meadow	
Aug	6/7				
	13/14/ 15	National Club Championships		Suffolk Showground	
	20/21				PC Champs
	27/28	1st Test UK V Zim	Bank Holiday	Stonehall Broughton	
Sept	3/4	Arden	2nd Test UK V Zim	Henley in Arden	
	10/11				
	17/18	Selection			

U.K.P.A AWARDS 2004

Charles Mason Trophy

Kirsty Lodder

Non Players who have contributed to polocrosse during the year and are not an executive member

Laura Millington Memorial Trophy Alex Bull

Best Horse/Rider Combination

Minter Strover Trophy

Will Hunt

An Under 16 player who has contributed most to polocrosse as a player in stick and horse skills, ambassador to the sport, their Club and the Association

Chapple Shield

Jono Keen

Most Improved Player

Mens Best No 1

James Robertson

Best No 2

Martin Brookes

Best No 3

Andrew Schaefer

Ladies Best No 1

Lizzie Wright Roberts

Best No 2

Penny Webb

Best No 3

Sarah Simkin

Best Horse: Coyote - James Robertson

Results of the UKPA National Club Championships 2004

Primary Juniors

1. Pennine
2. Celyn
3. Pegasus Croome

Juniors

1. Celyn
2. Centaur
3. Kent Target

E Division

1. Western Phoenix
2. All Sorts

D Division

1. Pendle Wildcats
2. Kent Target
3. Welshdragons

C Division

1. Pegasus Croome
2. Arden
3. Kent Target

B Division

1. Welshdragons
2. Kent Target

A Division

1. Pennine
2. Kent Target

Insurance

The UKPA and/or Members of the Association have a Public Liability Insurance Policy with NFU Mutual for their respective rights and interests. The main details are as follows:
All risks specified property:

Property owned by or the responsibility of the insured, excluding motor vehicles their parts or accessories, used for Polocrosse events organised by the UKPA Executive.

Public Liability

Polocrosse Association Indemnity Limit - £5,000,000

Conditions are applicable for a full copy of the policy contact the Associations Secretary or Treasurer. Notice of claims or circumstances should in the first instance be referred to the above.

The UKPA recommends that all participants in the sport ensure that they have their own Personal Insurance Policy.

UKPA EXCLUSION CLAUSE

HORSE RIDING IS A DANGEROUS SPORT. ALL PARTICIPANTS, WHETHER RIDERS, OFFICIALS OR SPECTATORS, DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK. ALL PERSONS ARE REQUESTED TO EXERCISE THE UTMOST CARE WHEN ATTENDING EVENTS. THE UKPA, ITS OFFICERS AND AGENTS ACCEPT NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE OR INJURY TO PERSONS, ANIMALS OR PROPERTY, HOWSOEVER CAUSED.

UKPA Selection Panel and Selection Procedures

1. All candidates must declare by 1st may on self declaration form and sign to confirm understanding of selection criteria.

2. Eligibility age dates run from 1st January in all categories
3. The squad, team, selector and Chair of Selectors period of service will run from 1st January—31st December
4. Any candidates selected who fail to fulfil all selection criteria at any time during the squad and team period of service, without approved reason, will be reported by the squad manger to the Selection Tribunal. This could lead to immediate de-selection and possibly affect future selection. The selection tribunal will consist of Chair of Selectors, Chief Umpire, Chief Coach and a Players Rep (see separate document for process)
5. Members of the selection panel will be present at nominated tournaments and their attendance published in information sent out to the membership.
6. Squad Selection event in September must be attended by all long listed candidates.
7. The Chair will monitor selector attendance at all six selection tournaments. If some candidates have insufficient score sheets, other selectors will be asked to score them. Similarly if one selector's scores are very different in range from those of his/her peer selectors, moderation will occur.
8. If a selector drops out at any time and for any reason the region will be asked to nominate a replacement. If no replacement is produced then all scores from the retiring selector will be null and void.
9. All selectors will be issued with random selector numbers. These will be used on all score Sheets and any other evidence to inform selection.
10. Any conflicts of interest must be declared by selectors. Should an undeclared conflict of interest be identified at any time in the selection period that selector's input will be null and void.
11. Long lists will be announced at the prize giving of the National Championships.

12. Candidates will normally be informed in writing within 2 weeks of the end of the Selection tournament.
13. Candidates may apply for as many squads as they are eligible but can only be selected for **one**.
14. The Chair of Selectors will gather as much information as possible from the squad coaches and managers about candidates' suitability for selection.
15. De-briefing procedures are available if requested.
16. Any objection to the panel of selectors must be received by the Chairman of Selectors by 1st May; this will then be referred to the relevant region.

Selection Process Appeals procedure

In the event of a candidate wishing to appeal against the selection process they must refer to the UKPA appeals panel. Selectors' decisions once ratified by the Exec are final; an appeal may be made on the process only.

UKPA Selectors job description

1. Attend at least three agreed selection tournaments in the selection period.
2. Declare any conflicts of interest including being related to or having business or personal links with a candidate and/or candidates.
3. Score all candidates in the category designated not just from the selector's region at a minimum of three selection tournaments using the pro-forma provided by the UKPA Chair of Selectors.
4. Return all score sheets and any other documentation issued by the Chair of Selectors correctly completed electronically to the Chair of Selectors by 12 noon of the Friday following each selection tournament attended.
5. Consider qualitative and quantitative information about players when making selection decisions.

6. Keeps all information regarding selection and candidates confidential at all times.
7. Abide by all the guidelines laid down by the UKPA.
8. Participate in at least three key meetings identified and convened by the Chair. Three Selectors from a category form a quorum. These shall comprise
 - a) Initial meeting for all selectors prior to scoring any candidates.
 - b) Further meetings to be held for each category as required.
9. Without fail attend The Final Selection Event unless there is due cause.
10. Send in a written resignation (by post or electronically) to the Chair if unable to comply with all the above before taking up post or at any time during the selection period of 1st January –31st December of the term of office.

Selection Tribunal

- This committee will only operate on receipt of a request from a squad manager to deselect a player
- The committee will consist of : - Chair of Selectors, Chief Umpire, Chief Coach and a Players Rep.
- Conflicts of interests must be declared and deputies appointed if necessary
- The committee will reach a decision within 48 hours of receipt of squad managers request
- The committee will make only one of the three following decisions
 1. Reject the request from the Squad Manager (and provide reasons)

2. Uphold the request, deselect the player from the current squad and prevent them from selection the following season
3. As rule 2 plus report the player to the UKPA disciplinary committee if they feel the manager's report warrants it.

The decision of the tribunal on de-selection from the current squad is final. Any appeal re future selection must be referred by the player to the UKPA Disciplinary committee.

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1. Height of Horses

The height of horses shall not be restricted. (UK PJ 14.2hh and under) Such horses shall be fit and safe from dangerous vices and disease.

2. Horse not to be played - Penalty 5

- (a) A horse blind of an eye shall not be played.
A stallion shall not be played.
A horse showing vice, or not under proper control shall not be allowed in the game.
A horse in the umpire's opinion if unfit or unsafe to other players or horses shall not be played.

- (b) Performance enhancing drugs shall not be permitted in any horse in any polocrosse tournament unless prescribed by a veterinary officer with a certificate and full disclosure.

3. One horse per player

- (a) Only one horse shall be allowed each player in any one tournament, carnival or match, except in the case of accident or injury to a horse, when a substitute is permissible with permission of the carnival Disputes Committee.

Substitute Horse

- (b) In the case of injury to either horse or rider, it be optional to bring on either the reserve horse or rider or both. The Captain of the affected side may immediately re-organise the players of the affected section. The original horse or player may be replayed if considered fit and approved by the umpires or the Carnival Disputes Committee. All reserve horses shall be immediately available but at the umpire's discretion a period of up to 10 minutes may be allowed for a substitute horse to take the field.

4. Fresh horse

No player shall play a fresh horse during the course of a match without the permission of the Umpire. Such permission will only be granted:-

- (a) In the case of injury to a horse when such injury in the opinion of the Umpire renders the horse unfit to continue.
- (b) When the Umpire considers a horse unfit or unsafe.
- (c) In the event of the umpire or a vet declaring a horse unfit to play due to stress and a replacement horse coming in the opposing Section has the option of also bringing in a fresh horse.

5. Substitute Player

If a player be injured, a period of up to 10 minutes may be allowed for his/her recovery otherwise a substitute player shall take his/her place.

6. Size of Ground

- (a) The size of the field shall conform to the dimensions in the diagram after Rule 22.
- (b) Goal posts are to be 2.5 metres apart and at least 5 metres high and light enough to be pushed over or break when collided with and constructed or supported by such material that will not cause injury to player or horse.
- (c) All lines shall be clearly marked and defined so as to be readily seen by both players and umpires.
- (d) Boundary and Penalty Lines shall also be marked with flexible 1m high flags, which shall be situated 3m out from the sideline.

Umpire's power to suspend play

- (e) The Umpire shall have the power to suspend play until he/she is satisfied that field, horses, players and officials conform to the rules as laid down.
- (f) The standard size of a Polocrosse Field shall be:-

Length:	146.5 metres
Width:	55.0 metres
Goal Scoring Areas:	27.5 metres in length
Centre Area:	91.5 metres in length
Goal Posts:	2.5 metres apart, 5 metres high
Radius of Goal Circle:	10.0 metres.

7. Ball

The ball shall be a thick-skinned sponge rubber ball 100 to 103 mm in diameter with a finished weight of 140-155 grams. The ball should have a 55% to 65% bounce when dropped at sea level.

8. Players

- (a) A team shall be limited to six a side, consisting of two sections of three players in all matches. These sections shall play alternate Chukkas and the total score of the two sections make up the final score except in the case of Penalty 4.
- (b) A team may consist of any combination of male and female players up to the limit of six a side. The exact combination shall be decided upon prior to the Carnival or Match by the Association or Club conducting the game.

The following combinations are recognised as standard:-

Men's Team	6 Men
Women's Team	6 Women
Mixed Team	3 Men and 3 Women
Open Team	Any combination of Men & Women to a limit of 6 players
Intermediate Team	Any combination of players 16 & under 21 years to a limit of 6 players
Junior Team	Any combination of juniors under 16 years to a limit of 6 players
Primary Juniors Team	Any combination of juniors under 12 years(pony height 14.2hh & under) to a limit of 6 players
Veteran's Team	Any combination of senior players of at least 40 years of age to a limit of 6 players.

Age limit determination

- (c) Where an age limit exists it is that player's age as at the first day of January in that year.

Proof of date of birth

- (d) Where age limits exist, proof of date of birth is to be lodged with the nation's Executive body at the time of registration/affiliation with that National body.

Performance enhancing drugs

- (e) Performance enhancing drugs shall not be permitted in any player in any Polocrosse tournament unless prescribed by a Doctor with a certificate and full disclosure.

Bad or Foul Language. Penalty 1 and if persistent penalty 2 or 3

- (f) Any player using foul or bad language during the course of the game will be penalised.

9. Nomination of Sections

- (a) The team Captain shall nominate the team, section order and the position of play to the Umpire immediately prior to any match and ride on from opposing ends chosen by the toss of a coin when requested to do so by the Umpire.
- (b) For International Matches or when required, this should be completed two hours before the game starts. The details are to be placed in sealed envelopes and handed to the referee and are not to be opened until both are to hand.

Mixed Teams Played

- (c) In "Mixed Team" competition the mens section shall play the mens section and womens section play the womens section throughout the whole of the carnival.
- (d) Once nominated for their first match, the players in a team shall play within that section throughout the remainder of that carnival. This shall not apply to International Competition.

10. Change of Players

Players within one section of a team may change positions during the course of a game, provided that:-

- (a) The change is affected between Chukkas.
- (b) The Umpire is informed.
- (c) The opposing Captain is informed.

- (d) The players' shirt numbers are changed.
- (e) When a substitute horse and/or player is played the Captain of the team may use the horses or players of the affected Section to his satisfaction.
- (f) A Penalty Goal shall be awarded against the offending team for failing to comply in a), b), c) and d).
- (g) When a substitute horse and/or player is played, such substitute horse and/or player must not be of a higher standard than the horse and/or player they are replacing so as not to alter the team's grade. This rule shall not apply to international matches.

11. Left-handed Players

- (a) A player shall not change stick hands during the course of the game.
- (b) The Umpire must be informed of the presence of left-handed players before the commencement of the match and shall inform all players.

12. Substitute of Players in Tournament

In tournaments (unless conditions of the tournament provide otherwise) if a player having taken part in the tournament for any reason be unable to play, or if a bona-fide member of a team be unable through sickness or accident to take part in the earlier parts of the tournament, he/she may be replaced by a player who by the rules is qualified. In all instances under this rule the carnival organisers must be consulted.

13. Doubling up of Players

When only five players are available to play, the team is made up by one player playing two horses, one in each section:-

- (a) Only at the discretion of the Carnival or game organisers is doubling up possible.
- (b) The team concerned must accept any available surplus player of a similar grade at a carnival or competition

providing that a player is available before the commencement of the carnival or competition.

- (c) When doubling up occurs the player that is playing in both sections must play at the No 2 position in one section.
- (d) Doubling up can only occur with one player i.e. 5 players in a team are the minimum.
- (e) Associations and Clubs fielding more than one team at a carnival must where a vacancy exists in their teams, fill their strongest graded team first.

14. Two Umpires

- (a) When two Umpires control a match one shall throw the ball in and the second umpire may be offset behind any line-ups. Umpires shall alternate throw-ins after a goal is scored. Both Umpires shall have equal powers at all times during the match. The Umpires shall keep the players between them at all times with one attending the ball carrier and the other attending back play at any given time.
- (b) The Captain of each Team shall have the right to select one Umpire each from a panel of up to four of whom two may be nominated by the host country and two by the visiting country.

Referee

- (c) The Referee shall be appointed by the Carnival organising committee or host country.
- (d) The Captain of a team or the Captain's deputy in the other Section are the only people who may register a protest to the Umpire, but shall not enter into any discussion or argument whatsoever. The Umpire's decision shall be final.

15. Goal Judges

- (a) In important matches, Goal Judges shall be appointed, each of whom shall be adult and give testimony to the Umpire at the latter's request in respect of goals or other

points (especially the 10-metre circle) near his/her goal. But the Umpire shall make all decisions.

- (b) The Goal Judge shall wave a flag above his/her head to signal a goal or across below knee level to signal a miss and shall be 3 metres behind the goal posts.

Line Umpires

- (c) Side Line Umpires, if appointed shall be mounted and shall signal to the Umpire if the ball goes out of play.

Umpire may over-rule

- (d) The Umpire or Umpires shall be entitled to over-rule goal judges notwithstanding any signal from them or the lack thereof.

16. Timekeepers & Scorers

An official timekeeper and an official scorer shall be employed in all games and matches. They shall report the state of the game as regards numbers of goals scored and amount of time left to play if requested by the Umpire. Each competing team shall have the right to have an official representative with the timekeeper and scorer. At International Matches scoreboards shall be provided with numbers no less than 230 mm high and shall be clearly visible to all spectators.

17. Duration of Play

- (a) The maximum duration of play shall be eight chukkas of eight minutes each with intervals of two minutes after each period. Each section shall play alternate chukkas. A representative from each Team in consultation with the Tournament Committee to decide one hour prior to the start of the game the length and number of chukkas to be played. Each section of the team shall change over and play in the opposite direction in successive chukkas. If agreement cannot be reached the match referee to make the final decision.

Maximum time of play

- (b) No horse shall be required to play more than a maximum total of fifty-four minutes in one day.

Shorter duration handicap calculation

- (c) Where matches are played under handicap and the Chukkas be less than the maximum, they shall be worked out pro-rata according to the number played. Mistakes in handicaps or in computing goal allowances must be challenged before the match begins and no objection shall be entertained afterwards.

18. Termination of Chukka

- (a) Each Chukka shall end at the expiration of the prescribed time and the ball dead on the first sound of the bell.

In order to remove any dispute, if a goal is about to be scored the scorer must watch the No1 and the timekeeper must watch the clock.

In an attempt at goal on the sounding of the bell – if the ball has left the net and then goes through the posts it will be deemed as a goal.

Foul on termination

- (b) In the event of a foul being committed before the expiration of time and insufficient time is available to execute the penalty, that penalty shall be executed at the commencement of the next chukka. In the final Chukka of the game if a penalty is awarded to the attacking team in the goal scoring area too late to be taken before the bell, time is extended to allow a goal throw to be made. Provided there is no further infringement by the Defense the ball is then dead.

Draw

- (c) In the case of a draw, the section off the field shall continue the game until the next goal is scored on a chukka basis. The Umpire shall throw the ball in from the same side of the field as the timekeeper in order to commence the ninth chukka or any subsequent chukkas.
- (d) The Umpire has the right to declare time off for any reason he/she considers necessary.

19. Unfinished Game

In the event of a game being stopped by the Umpire for darkness, weather or for any other cause during the day, it shall be resumed at the same point as regards score, time, chukka and position of the ball where it stopped.

If the conditions provide no further play on the prescribed day or days of the tournament, the game shall be deemed abandoned and re-organisation is left to the host club or host committee.

20. Most Goals wins Game

The side that scores the most goals wins the game.

21. Protective Headgear.

- (a) No player shall be allowed to play in a Tournament or Match unless he/she wears a protective helmet or cap which has been type approved of by his/her Country's Standards Association. A minimum of a three point harness with fast release clip must be fitted to the helmet.

Loss of Headgear

- (b) If a player loses his/her helmet the Umpire shall stop the game to enable such player to recover it. The game shall be restarted by the Umpire giving a free throw to the opposing side from where the ball became dead.

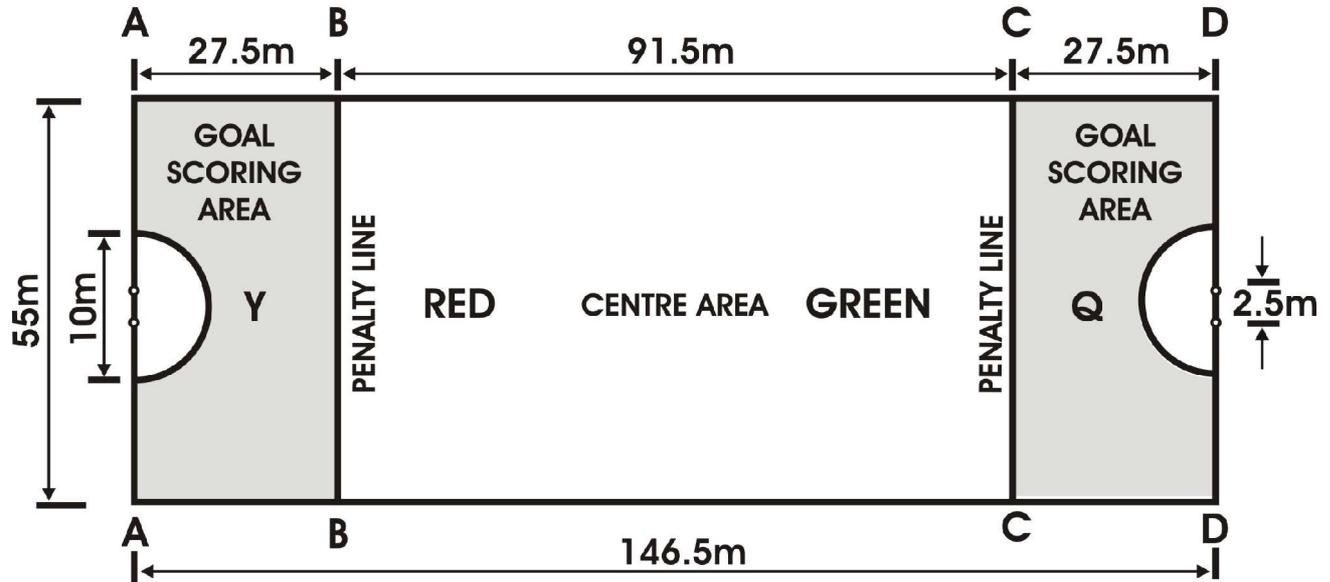
22. Correct dress and gear.

- (a) Players must be properly dressed in registered National Association colours, riding boots and approved headgear, breeches or jodhpurs.
- (b) The Umpire shall be properly dressed in recognised and distinctive riding dress.
- (c) No player shall wear spurs with sharp rowels.
- (d) The Umpire shall have the right to determine the safety of all bits. Bits with protruding sidebars shall not be permitted.
- (e) All gear must be sound and in good order.

- (f) Polo or lightweight Poley saddles are recommended which shall be equipped with girth, surcingle and breastplate or combination girth, surcingle and with breastplate.
- (g) Roping saddles or saddles equipped with a horn shall not be used.
- (h) The Polocrosse stick may be of any length but the head shall have an internal stringing area no greater than 216 mm in length by 184 mm and shall have no metal reinforcements or any protrusions.
- (i) Players must be correctly numbered with clearly visible numbers not less than 230 mm high on their backs and a second number of no less than 115 mm which shall be clearly visible on either the front or the arm.

"Attack" players shall be numbered 1
"Centre" players shall be numbered 2
"Defence" players shall be numbered 3
- (j) Horses will play with protective bandages/boots and coronet boots on all four legs.
- (k) All whips to have a flapper on the end at least 12.5 mm wide and 50 mm long.
- (l) No split or running reins shall be allowed. A running rein is defined as any attachment from hand through bit to saddle, girth, breastplate etc., or anything, which may be construed as a second rein. A professionally manufactured Market Harborough is accepted.
- (m) A list specifying the use of spurs/whips and any other equipment usually used on the horse whilst playing polocrosse be supplied and the owner to supply the bit with the horse in which it is to be ridden in at all times.

Polocrosse Field



23. Goal Scoring Areas

- (a) Goals must be attempted from within the areas $AXYZA^1B^1B$ or $DPQRD^1C^1C$. These are termed the 'goal scoring areas'. It shall not be deemed a goal if it is attempted from outside BB^1 or CC^1 nor from inside XYZ or PQR .

Throwing in after an attempt at goal has failed

- (b) Should an attempt at goal fail or should an attempt at goal be deflected over the back line by the No 3, the defending "Back" shall throw the ball into play from behind the penalty line at a position in a direct line from where the ball crossed the back line. The ball in this instance must be thrown at least 10 metres in any forward direction. No player is to be within 10 metres of the spot from where the throw is to take place, except the "Attack" player of the opposing side who shall follow (horse's nose to horse's hip) the "Back" out but only at such distance as not to obstruct the throw being executed. No player shall attempt to touch the ball or interfere with the player taking the throw until the player and ball have travelled 10 metres.
- (c) Should the throw not travel 10 metres the Umpire shall throw in from the nearest sideline in centre field.

Obstruction at throw in Penalty 1.

- (d) Should the "Attack" obstruct the thrower or should the others not observe the 10 metres a penalty shall be awarded.

24. Defined areas of play

Only the Green "Attack" player and the Red "Defence" may play in the area AA^1B^1B and only the Red "Attack" and Green "Defence" in the area DD^1C^1C . All players including the "Centre" players of both sides may play in the area BCC^1B^1 , this is the only area in which the "Centre" players may play.

25. How the game commences

At the commencement of the game the players shall line up as follows:-

- (a) In two parallel files, knee to knee facing the umpire.

- (b) No 1 (Attack) players nearest to the throw-in, followed by No 2 (Centre) players with the No 3 (Defence) players in the rear. All horses shall be no closer than nose to tail and no further apart than one horse's length.
- (c) The "Attack" players to be 5 metres from the sideline and the Umpire shall be at least 3 metres from the players.
- (d) Each section shall line up on the side of the field nearest the goal it is defending.
- (e) On the centre line of the field near the sideline indicated by the umpire.
- (f) The Umpire shall throw the ball in by hand (over-arm) within reach of the players' sticks above the players' heads between the opposing ranks of players. The Umpire will hold the ball down until the moment of throw. In the event of the ball not being thrown in correctly the umpire is to blow the whistle and repeat the throw.
- (g) No player may make any move for advantage in the game until the ball has left the umpire's hand.
- (h) After each goal is scored the Umpire shall throw the ball in from the alternate sideline.
- (i) A reasonable amount of time must be allowed for the teams to line up.
- (j) The first line up of a chukka shall start on the same side of the field as the timekeeper.

26. How a goal is scored.

A goal is scored if:-

- (a) The ball is thrown by the "Attack" from within the goal scoring area and passes through and between the goal posts at any height.

- (b) The ball is thrown by the "Attack" and hits in passing the opposing "Back" or his/her horse, even if the "Back" is inside the 10 metre circle and passes through the goal posts.

Attack's stick permitted over Centre Line at International Competitions

- (c) The "Attack" stick with the ball in it may pass over the centre line of the horse without constituting a foul or penalty, provided the player is in the act of attempting to throw the ball at his/her goal, and his/her horse's feet are not on or over the 10 metre circle and provided that the "Attack" does not throw stick and ball through the posts.
- (d) If the Number 3 or Back catches the ball before it goes through the goal posts with his/her horse's feet on or over the back line between the posts.

27. Crossing Penalty Line - Penalty 1

- (a) The ball must not be carried over the Penalty Lines BB¹ or CC¹.
- (b) A player carrying the ball up to the Penalty Line must throw the ball over the line so that it hits the ground on the opposite side of the line and so that he/she does not have possession whilst his/her horse is crossing it. However, the ball may be thrown by one player from one side of the Penalty Line and may be caught on the full by another player on the opposite side of the Penalty Line.
- (c) If a foul is committed by a player carrying the ball over the penalty line, the spot from which the penalty is to be taken shall be in the area to which the player was proceeding.

28. Ball out of play.

- (a) If the ball or hoof is on the line, the ball is deemed "out of play". When carrying the ball the player shall be judged in or out of play by the position of his/her horse's feet or foot and not the position of the ball relative to the boundary line or any other line.

Ball on Penalty Line - Penalty 1.

- (b) A ball resting on the penalty line may only be picked up by the players in centre field.
- (c) If the ball is out and becomes an umpire's throw in it is thrown in a near the spot where it went out. Umpires should use discretion if the exact spot is close to the Penalty line or boundary line but no closer than 5 metres from the Penalty line or boundary line.

29. Player allowed to re-enter field - Penalty 1 or 2.

- (a) Any player riding deliberately outside the boundary of the field, or any player being ridden off and forced outside the boundary line must be allowed by his/her opponents to re-enter the field at a point within 10 metres from the point at which he/she went out and/or was forced out; provided that the player must re-enter the field in the area from which he/she went out.

Deliberately over-riding the line - Penalty 1

- (b) A player must not deliberately over-ride the boundary line with the ball in his/her possession.

Player carrying ball over line - Penalty 1

- (c) If a player carrying the ball is being ridden off and overriding the boundary line seems inevitable, he/she shall throw the ball back into the field before overriding the boundary line and must not ride over it with the ball in his/her possession.

30. Backline Penalty

- (a) A penalty given for a player ridden out over or deliberately riding out over the back line, and who is in possession of the ball, such penalty shall be taken from the spot where he/she crosses the back line and shall be thrown at least 10 metres in any direction.
- (b) To execute this Penalty a player may move up to the spot on the back line nominated by the Umpire from outside the perimeter of the field.

- 31. Ball over Boundary Line - Penalty 1, 2 or 3**
- (a) A player shall not throw the ball out over a boundary line of the field or cause by use of his/her stick or person a ball to go out over a boundary line of the field. The penalty shall be given from the spot where the ball crossed the boundary line. If a player causes a ball to go over the boundary line from a throw, pick up or from having his/her stick hit whilst in his/her possession, then a free throw is awarded to the other side.

Ball Out of Play.

- (b) A penalty given for a player causing the ball to go out over the back line or boundary line within the penalty area shall be taken from the spot where the ball crossed the back line or boundary line within the penalty area and shall be thrown at least 10 metres in any direction.
- (c) Where a ball goes out off a horse accidentally across the back-line or boundary line, the play will recommence with a line-up at the exact spot where the ball crossed the line. Both teams shall line up correctly.

- 32. Player over riding Penalty Line - Penalty 1, 2 or 3.**
A player who is not permitted to play in the goal scoring area may over-ride the Penalty Line provided that: -

- (a) He/she does not carry the ball over the line.
- (b) He/she pulls out of the way immediately so as not to either hinder or intimidate in any way the players permitted in the area.
- (c) Leaves the area immediately

- 33. Crossing - Penalty 1,2,3, or 4**
- (a) No player may cross another player except at such a distance as does not involve the possibility of collision or danger to either player.
- (b) Two players following the line of the ball attempting to ride one another off have the right of way over a single player coming from any direction.

Possessor of Ball - Penalty 1,2,3, or 4

- (c) That player is in possession of the line of the ball who is riding in the direction in which it was thrown, on, or at the least angle to the line of the ball.

Possessor of ball given way to - Penalty 1,2,3, or 4.

- (d) If two players are riding from different directions to pick up the ball and a dangerous collision seems probable, then the player in possession of the line of the ball must be given way to.

Penalty 1,2,3, or 4

- (e) A player riding in the direction in which the ball is travelling, at an angle to its line, has possession rather than a player riding to meet the ball at an angle to its line.
- (f) As between players both riding to meet the ball, that player is in possession of the ball whose course is at the least angle to the line of the ball.

Penalty 1,2,3, or 4

- (g) No player shall enter the line of the ball in front of a player in possession, except at such a distance as does not involve the possibility of collision or danger to either player. If a player enters safely on the line of the ball another player shall not ride into that player from behind.
- (h) A player is not in possession of the line of the ball because he/she was the last thrower if he/she has deviated from the exact course of the ball.

Penalty 1,2,3, or 4

- (i) No player shall pull up across the line of the ball if by doing so he/she endangers himself/herself or a player on the line of the ball.
- (j) If the ball has no line of travel, the player closer to the ball has possession, when a collision becomes possible.

- (k) Any player standing stationary on the line of the ball must immediately move from that line. The player may catch the ball provided that he/she moves immediately from the line of the ball and does not involve the possibility of a collision or danger to either player.

34. Line of Ball over Penalty Line - Penalty 1,2,3 or 4.

The "Defence" and "Attack" players when following a ball from the goal scoring area towards and/or over the Penalty Line have the line of the ball. Those players in Centre Field must give way.

35. Dangerous Riding - Penalty 1,2,3,4 or 6.

No player shall ride dangerously as for example:-

- (a) Bumping at an angle dangerous to a player or his/her horse.
- (b) Pulling across or over a horse's forelegs in such a manner as to risk tripping the horse.
- (c) Bumping with sufficient force to dislodge a horse dangerously from its line of travel.
- (d) Pushing across a horse's loins or neck.
- (e) No jostling or bumping during time-off.
- (f) Intentionally losing contact with the reins during play.
- (g) Riding off is allowed provided that contact is made with the horses facing in the same direction and pushing shoulder to shoulder.
- (h) When horses are facing in opposite directions, pushing is permitted sideways provided that horses are kept parallel and either player does not push across the other horse's loins or back or under the opposing horse's neck.

36. Rough Play - Penalty 2,3,4 or 6.

- (a) No player shall seize with the hand, strike or push with the head, arm or elbow, but a player may push with his/her arm above the elbow provided the elbow be kept close to his side.

Horse's head - Penalty 2,3 or 5.

- (b) No player shall permit his/her horse's head to contact another player if in so doing it is likely to cause injury or interference to the other player.

Swinging stick wildly - Penalty 2,3,4 or 6

- (c) No player shall swing his/her stick wildly so as to intimidate or injure horse or rider. Any attempt to hit an opponent's stick which in the Umpire's opinion constitutes a wild or vicious swing shall be deemed dangerous play.
- (d) The swinging of the stick in more than one consecutive circle constitutes dangerous play.
- (e) No player shall be allowed to swing at an opponent's stick whilst coming from behind, until the player's body is level with the opponent's horse's hip and no further forward than the horse's shoulder for a backward swing but at all stages players must be within reach of an opponent's racquet before attacking the racquet.

Penalties 2,3,4,6 or 7.

- (f) Any wild or uncontrolled hit with a racquet to the player or horse shall not be permitted.

37. Striking horse with stick - Penalty 1,2,3,4 or 6.

- (a) No player shall be allowed to hit a horse intentionally with a Polocrosse stick.

Wrongful use of spurs or whip - Penalty 1,2,3,4 or 6.

- (b) No player shall use his/her whip, stick or spurs to intimidate or injure another horse or rider.

Removal of spurs or whip

- (c) The Umpire may after ordering a player to remove spurs or whip for injury to his/her horse prevent him/her from using any spurs or whip for part or the remainder of the game.

- 38. Wedging of player - Penalty 1,2,3,4 or 6.**
No player shall ride dangerously such as occurs when one player is wedged between two players with dangerous contact between the three horses concerned.
- 39. Carrying ball - Penalty 1**
- (a) Any player carrying the ball must carry it on his/her stick side and not across the horse's neck or back to the opposite side. It is permissible to pick the ball up on either side providing that the stick is immediately brought back to the carrying side.
 - (b) A player's stick with the ball in it may pass over the centre line of his/her horse without constituting a foul or penalty provided he/she is in the act of throwing the ball.
- 40. Two-handed throws.**
- (a) Two-handed throws are not allowed.
 - (b) A player in possession of the ball shall not throw or pass his/her stick with the ball in it to another player.
 - (c) No player shall deliberately throw his/her stick either at his/her opponent's stick or at the ball in flight.
- 41. Hitting of stick**
- (a) A player may hit his/her opponent's stick but only in an upward direction to dislodge the ball or to prevent the opponent from gaining possession of the ball but only from the "Stick Side".

Stick Side

- (b) The "Stick Side" is deemed that side the opponent has his/her stick at the instant you attempt to hit it.

Penalty 1, 2 or 3

- (c) The stick shall not be hit unless the opponent is in the act of gaining possession or has possession of the ball.

Penalty 1 or 2

- (d) A player shall not reach across or under an opponent's horse's neck or body in order to dislodge the ball from his stick.
- (e) A ball may be caught or thrown overhead but not struck

42. Ball tapped along - Penalty 1.

A ball may be tapped along the ground but the stick must not be raised above the hock or knee in doing so.

43. Catching the Ball - Penalty 1

- (a) A player shall not catch or hit the ball with anything but his/her stick. He/she may block it with any part of his/her body.

Carrying ball

- (b) A player shall not carry the ball other than in his/her stick; he/she must not hold the ball in the stick by the use of his/her body, or that of his/her horse.

In the event of a ball lodging against a player, horse or its equipment, it must be dropped immediately.

44. Dismounted player - Penalty 1 or 2

No dismounted player shall interfere with the ball or the game in any way. Similarly no dismounted player can be obstructed in any way.

45. Accidents

- (a) If a horse falls, or a player or a horse be injured, or in case of an accident to a horse's gear which in the opinion of the Umpire involves danger to the player or other players, the Umpire shall stop the game.

Broken bandages

- (b) The Umpire shall use his/her discretion regarding stopping the play for broken or loose bandages. The player with the broken or loose bandages shall be penalised. Play shall recommence with a free throw to the opposition.
- (c) The Umpire shall use his/her discretion regarding stopping the play for broken or loose gear. Play shall

recommence with a free throw to the team in possession or a line up.

Dropped or broken stick

(d) The Umpire shall not stop the game for a broken or dropped racquet unless it is the result of an infringement by the opposing team.

46. Infringement a foul

Any infringement of the Rules constitutes a foul and the Umpire may stop the game by the use of a whistle.

Ball Dead

If the Umpire blows his/her whistle, the ball becomes dead, and the Umpire must recommence the game by throwing the ball in, or awarding a free throw.

47. Umpire's power of Discretion

It is within the discretion of the Umpire not to stop the game for the purpose of inflicting a penalty, if the stopping of the game and the infliction of the penalty would be a disadvantage to the fouled side.

48. Re-start

If for any reason other than a foul, the game is stopped it shall be re-started by the Umpire throwing the ball in from the nearest boundary line. Where a game is stopped for injury to horse or player, the game shall be re-started by the Umpire giving a free throw to the side in possession of the ball at the time the game was stopped. Where a game is stopped for broken gear the Umpire shall re-start the game with a free throw to the opposing team.

49. Assistance to players - Penalty 1 or 2

No person is allowed on the ground during play for any purpose whatever, except the players and Umpires. A player requiring a stick or other assistance from an outside person must ride to the ends of the field or the sideline to procure it. This applies to the No 1 and No 3 in the goal area where no player from the centre field may enter the area to pass a stick.

50. Dead-lock

In the event of a deadlock (two opposing players unable to make any progress with the ball) lasting more than 10 seconds, the Umpire shall stop the game and throw the ball in from the nearest boundary line.

51. Incidents not provided for in Rules.

Should any incident or question not provided for in these Rules arise, such incident or question shall be decided by the Umpire or Umpires and their decision shall be final. If the Umpires disagree, the Referee's decision shall be final.

PENALTIES

1. A free throw to the non-offending side from the spot at which the infringement took place or the spot nominated by the Umpire.
 - a) All penalty throws may be thrown in any direction.
 - b) The player may throw from a stationary position or moving, provided the throw is executed from the spot nominated by the Umpire.
 - c) The player may not execute the free throw until directed to do so by the Umpire. The throw must be taken within a reasonable time.
 - d) If the throw does not travel 10 metres the Umpire throws the ball into play from the nearest side line or back line.
 - e) The ball must be thrown at least 10 metres and other players may not be closer than 10 metres from the penalty spot. This free throw, if not accepted as a pass, must hit the ground before the thrower can touch the ball.
 - f) No player shall attempt to touch the ball or interfere with the player taking the throw until that player and ball have travelled 10 metres.
2. A free throw, taken within Centre Field, from a central spot on the Penalty Line.

- a) The No. 3 may defend his/her goal but must not be within 10 metres from the spot where the throw is taken.
 - b) Clauses (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of Penalty 1 apply.
3. A free throw at goal from a central spot outside the 10 metre line.
- a) The ball must be thrown at goal.
 - b) The defence has the line of the ball but cannot stand closer than 8 metres to the spot where the throw is taken.
4. If in the opinion of the Umpire a player commits a dangerous foul, the side fouled shall be allowed one goal. The game shall be recommenced by the Umpire throwing the ball into play in the centre of the field.
5. The horse ordered off the field by the Umpire and disqualified from being played again during the Match:
- A substitute may be played by the affected player only.
6. The Umpire may exclude a player from the game for part of the match in addition to any other penalty, in the case of a deliberate dangerous foul, persistent fouling after being warned, or conduct prejudicial to the game. A substitute player may not be played. In the event of a player being sent off, the Captain of that team has the right to re-organise the section affected to the best advantage. The sidelined player shall not re-enter the playing field until such time as indicated by the Umpire. The sidelined player must come onto the field into the vacant position. If a player is sidelined three times in any one carnival the Chief Umpire at the carnival shall prepare a written report within 24 hours and it shall be forwarded to the National Association to whom the player is registered and to the International Polocrosse Council within sixty (60) days of such incident occurring.
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being sent off, the Captain of that team has the right to re-organise the section affected to the best advantage with the use of the reserve player. In all instances, the player sent off shall be the subject of a written report by both Umpires and the Referee to be prepared within 24 hours and to be forwarded to the National Association to whom the player is registered and to the International Polocrosse Council within sixty (60) days of such incident occurring.

NOTES

PENALTIES

1. A free throw to the non-offending side from the spot at which the infringement took place or the spot nominated by the Umpire.

The player taking the penalty must be given first attempt at the ball, provided the player maintains the line of the ball

If the player rides past the ball he/she has lost control

In the event of a long throw, 20 metres or more, any player may enter the line of the ball provided this is done safely

If in doubt rule in favour of the team taking the throw – the other team have just infringed

- (a) All penalty throws may be thrown in any direction.

All penalty throws may be thrown in any direction except in the case of a free throw at goal or a free throw from the penalty lines

- (b) The player may throw from a stationary position or moving, provided the throw is executed from the spot nominated by the Umpire.
- (c) The player may not execute the free throw until directed to do so by the Umpire. The throw must be taken within a reasonable time.
- (d) If the throw does not travel 10 metres the Umpire throws the ball into play from the nearest side line or back line.

- (e) The ball must be thrown at least 10 metres, and other players may not be closer than 10 metres from the penalty spot. This free throw, if not accepted as a pass, must hit the ground before the thrower can touch the ball.
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shall prepare a written report within 24 hours and it shall be forwarded to the National Association to whom the player is registered and to the International Polocrosse Council within sixty days of such incident occurring.

The excluded player to be put in the care of a senior administrator at a corner flag. Umpires shall monitor the resulting effect on the game and allow the player back into the game when sufficient advantage has been gained by the opposition.

7. The Umpire may exclude a player from the game for part or whole of the match, in addition to any other penalty, in the case of a deliberate dangerous foul, persistent fouling after being warned, or conduct prejudicial to the game. A substitute player may be played. In the event of a player being sent off, the Captain of that team has the right to re-organise the section affected to the best advantage with the use of the reserve player. In all instances, the player sent off shall be the subject of a written report by both Umpires and the Referee to be prepared within 24 hours and to be forwarded to the National Association to whom the player is registered and to the International Polocrosse Council within sixty days of such incident occurring

Additional Rules of UKPA

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Qualification For the UKPA Nationals 2004

UKPA members need to have a paid membership by June 1st 2004 and to have played a minimum of one tournament before the Championships.

To play at the National Championships, overseas players must be resident in the U.K from 1st June 2004 and be a member of the UKPA by that date. Overseas players are required to play two tournaments in the U.K prior to the Championships

The UKPA (Regional Structure) Rules 1998

The purpose of these Rules is to establish a regional structure within the UKPA, providing for all member clubs to be contained within and allocated to a Region and all playing members to be members of such clubs and the rules shall be interpreted accordingly.

These Rules, made by the UKPA Executive Committee under paragraph 19 (c) of the UKPA Constitution, shall be known as The UKPA (Regional Structure) Rules 1998 and shall come into effect on the 1st day of May 1998.

1. All playing members of the UKPA shall be members of a member club of the UKPA.
2. The UKPA shall comprise all member clubs located within the County and Unitary Authority areas listed or otherwise referred to in schedule 1 to these Rules.
3. All such clubs shall be formed into Regions and each such Region shall elect a Regional Representative to represent that Region on the National Executive Committee.
4. There shall be four Regions to be known as the Eastern Region, the Midland & Wales Region (revised 2003), the Northern Region and the Southern Region.
5. The Regions named in rule 5 above shall comprise those County and Unitary Areas as listed in Schedule 3 to these Rules for the 2004 and subsequent seasons.

Schedule 3 to the

UKPA (Regional Structure) Rules 1998

EAST

Cambridgeshire
Norfolk
Suffolk
Bedfordshire
Milton Keynes
Essex
Gtr. London – north of The Thames
Hertfordshire

MIDLAND & WALES

Buckinghamshire	Wirral
Nottinghamshire	Lincolnshire
Oxfordshire	Rutland
Gloucestershire & Worcester	Hereford
Leicestershire	Wales
Shropshire	Staffordshire
Warwickshire	Derbyshire
Northamptonshire	
Cheshire	

And all unitary authority areas geographically enclosed thereby

NORTH

All county and unitary authority areas north of Wirral, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire

SOUTH

All county and unitary authority areas south of Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, gtr London north of the Thames and Essex.

THE UKPA (DRESS AND GEAR) RULES 1998

The purpose of these Rules is to acknowledge and give effect to the International Polocrosse Rules in so far as wearing apparel and equipment of players is concerned as well as tack used on playing horses whilst providing for special considerations necessary in the U.K., safety of horse and rider being paramount, and the rules shall be interpreted accordingly.

1. These rules, made pursuant to paragraph 19(c) of the UKPA Constitution by the Executive Committee of the UKPA, shall be known as The UKPA (Dress and Gear) Rules 1998 and shall come into effect on the 1st day of May 1998.
2. No player or umpire shall be allowed to play in a Tournament or Match unless he/she wears a protective helmet or cap which has been type approved by the recognised Standards Association of a Member Country of the International Polocrosse Council.
3. Players must be properly dressed and wearing
 - (a) riding boots;
 - (b) approved head gear;
 - (c) riding trousers, breeches or jodhpurs;
 - (d) Team, Club, Region or National colours as appropriate to the Tournament or Match in which they are competing.
4. Umpires must be properly dressed and wearing
 - (a) riding boots;
 - (b) approved head gear;
 - (c) riding trousers, breeches or jodhpurs;
 - (d) white shirt.
5. Players must be correctly numbered with clearly visible numbers
 - (a) not less than 230 mm. high on their backs **and**
 - (b) not less than 115 mm. high on either their front or their arm.
6. “Attack” players shall be numbered **1**
“Centre” players shall be numbered **2**
“Defence” players shall be numbered **3**.

7. No player shall wear spurs with sharp rowels.
8. All gear must be sound and in good order.
9. The Umpire shall have the right to determine the safety of all bits. Bits with protruding side bars or cheeks shall NOT be permitted.
10. Whilst Polo or lightweight stock saddles are recommended, any sound saddle other than a roping saddle or other saddle equipped with a horn, may be used.
11. All saddles must be equipped with
 - (a) a girth and
 - (b) a breastplate and
 - (c) a surcingle.
12. **Horses shall play with protective bandages or boots on each leg, such protection to be matched fore to fore and hind to hind, and with coronet boots on all legs.**
13. All whips must be equipped with a flap on the end, such flap to be at least 12.5 mm. wide and 50 mm. long.
14. No split or running reins shall be allowed. A running rein is defined as any attachment from hand through bit to saddle, girth, breastplate etc., or anything which may be construed as a second rein. A professionally manufactured Market Harborough is accepted.
15. The Polocrosse stick may be of any length, but the head shall have an internal stringing area no greater than 216 mm. in length by 184 mm. and shall have no metal reinforcements or any protrusion.
16. The ball shall be a white, thick-skinned sponge rubber ball 100-103 mm. in diameter with a finished weight of 140-155 grams . The ball should have a 55% to 65% bounce when dropped at sea level.

17. It will always remain the responsibility of the rider to ensure that their dress and gear, as well as that of their horse, is sound and in good condition as well as conforming to these rules and any other rules or conditions imposed in the interests of the safety of themselves, other players, officials and spectators.

**THE UKPA (OVERSEAS PLAYERS) RULES 1998
(Revised 2003)**

The purpose of these Rules is to foster and promote the development of Polocrosse within the United Kingdom and to encourage home-based players by restricting the number of non-home-based players competing on behalf of a club or other team in any Tournament or Match organised under the auspices of the U.K.P.A., whilst recognising the valuable contribution that overseas players have to make to Polocrosse in the U.K. and the rules shall be interpreted accordingly.

No team playing in a competitive Polocrosse Tournament or Match in the U.K. shall be permitted to play more than one overseas player in any one section.

1. Overseas Player Rule

A player may only be selected and play for a UK Representative Team if:

- (i) he/she holds a UK passport/citizenship; and
- (ii) has completed 48 months of normal residence in the UK immediately preceding the time of selection; and
- (iii) he/she has not during the previous four years been selected to represent any other Nation at Polocrosse or any other sport.

An overseas player shall be deemed to be any player who does not fulfil the criteria set out for eligibility to play for a UK Representative Team

Notes

Normal Residence

The 48 month period is that period immediately prior to the 1st January of a given year. Within that 48 month period absence from the UK for the following reasons are deemed to be exclusions from a continuous period of residency:

- paid holiday in accordance with the normal holiday entitlement of the profession/occupation
- absence from the UK on business at the request of that same profession/occupation
- absence from the UK on business required by the UKPA
- absence for family celebration or family bereavement outside the UK that cannot be taken as part of normal holiday entitlement

For the purpose of guidance the total period excluded in calculations for normal residency, other than on employment related business, should not exceed 8 weeks in any given year from January 1st. A

person deemed to have exceeded the limit of these exclusions will be regarded as having disqualified themselves from normal residency and a further 48 months normal residency will be required.

The selection process is deemed to have commenced from the 1st January in any given year.

All disputes will be resolved by the UKPA Rules Arbitration Committee.

Previous four years

In line with other restrictions on eligibility for players where age restrictions apply (IPC International Rule 8c) the eligibility is seen to relate to the 1st January of the given year. The four year period is seen therefore to be that period immediately prior to 1st January of any given year in which a player wishes to be considered for selection for a UK representative team.

Nothing in these Rules shall prevent a team representing a Member Country or Associate Member Country of the said International Polocrosse Council, or a team representing a club located within such Country, other than a team representing a club located within the U.K., from competing in a Tournament, or Match organised under the auspices of the UKPA.

No player who is likely to be determined to be an “Overseas Player” pursuant to these rules shall be permitted to act as a Coach, Umpire or in like capacity within the UK without the written permission of the Executive Committee of the UKPA or its nominated officer, such written permission only to be given where

- (a) that player has produced to the Chairman, Secretary or other nominated officer of the UKPA a letter of accreditation from the appropriate officer of his/her Association clearly stating the status that player has attained in his/her home Country as a Coach, Umpire or other AND**

- (b) such letter of accreditation has been considered by the Executive Committee of the UKPA and the player in question deemed to be of such status as to merit approval to act as a Coach, Umpire and in such other capacity as is certified in the written permission;**

The written permission referred to in rule 5 above shall state the capacity in which the Overseas Player is entitled to act within the UK and that player shall not act in any other capacity whilst in the UK.

A copy of any letter of accreditation and associated written permission shall be lodged with and retained by the appropriate officer of any club which may from time to time engage the services of an Overseas Player as a Coach, Umpire or in like capacity.

Where, because of limitation of time, it is impracticable to refer a letter of accreditation to the Executive Committee, the Chairman of the UKPA may, following consultation with the Chief Umpire, issue a temporary written permission to an Overseas Player, such permission to expire immediately following the next meeting of the said Executive Committee.

THE UKPA REQUIRES ALL OVERSEAS PLAYERS/COACHES/UMPIRES VISITING THIS COUNTRY AND WISHING TO PLAY, COACH OR UMPIRE IN THIS COUNTRY TO PROVIDE TO THE UKPA SECRETARY WITH INFORMATION FROM THEIR HOME ASSOCIATION THAT CONFIRMS:

- their level/standard of playing, coaching or umpiring in their home country
- and that the Association is aware of, and has no objection to, that person's activities in the UK.

Any person failing to provide this information to the UKPA prior to the commencement of any UKPA tournament, coaching or training activity will not be allowed to take part in that event unless or until the UKPA Executive decides to the contrary.

THE SAME INFORMATION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL UKPA PLAYERS/COACHES/UMPIRES VISITING

**OVERSEAS COUNTRIES WISHING TO PLAY, COACH
OR UMPIRE IN THAT COUNTRY.**

Such a requirement is not intended to restrict the movement of polocrosse people but is seen as a matter of courtesy to keep National Associations informed.”

An overseas person returning to the UK is required to bring a testimonial on each occasion.

THE UKPA (RULES ARBITRATION) RULES 1998

The purpose of these rules is to establish a simple means of resolving disputes which may arise as to the application or interpretation of rules made by the Executive Committee of the UKPA, and, whilst maintaining a degree of openness and fairness between members, upholding at all times the best interests of the game of polocrosse and the rules shall be interpreted accordingly.

1. These rules, made under paragraph 19(c) of the UKPA Constitution by the Executive Committee of the UKPA, shall be known as The UKPA (Rules Arbitration) Rules 1998 and shall come into force on the 1st day of May 1998.
2. When any dispute arises as to the application or interpretation of any rule or rules made by the Executive Committee of the UKPA such dispute may be referred to the Rules Arbitration Committee in accordance with rule 3 below.
3. A dispute may be referred for determination by the Arbitration Committee by:
 - (a) Any member of the Executive Committee;
 - (b) Any Chairman, Vice Chairman or Secretary of any member club;
 - (c) Any Chairman, Vice Chairman or Secretary of any Region;
 - (d) Any Senior Playing Member of the UKPA subject to the deposit with the Treasurer of an amount equal to the current years Senior Membership fee, such deposit to be refundable by resolution of the Arbitration Committee dealing with the dispute or the Executive Committee.
4. Any dispute referred pursuant to rule 3 above shall be reduced into writing and handed to the Secretary of the U.K.P.A. who shall

record receipt of same and thereafter convene an Arbitration Committee as provided in rule 5 below, such Committee to meet to decide the dispute within 28 days of receipt of same by the Secretary. In the absence of the Secretary, the Chairman shall take such action or appoint another member of the Executive Committee to do so.

5. The Rules Arbitration Committee shall normally consist of at least one of the following categories of members of the Executive Committee:
 - (a) The Chairman, Vice Chairman or Chief Umpire;
 - (b) The Secretary or Executive Officer;
 - (c) The Regional Representative of any Region directly involved in such dispute;
 - (d) One other member who is not a member of any Region involved in such dispute;and three persons shall form a quorum.
6. Any dispute referred to the Arbitration Committee in accordance with rule 3 above shall be decided by that Committee
 - (a) in accordance with the intention of the Committee when making the rule and not necessarily on the strict grammatical interpretation where these differ and
 - (b) in any event in the best interests of the game of Polocrosse and not solely in the interest of any individual member club or member.

Any dispute referred to the Arbitration Committee may be referred by that Committee to a full meeting of the Executive Committee if the Arbitration Committee cannot resolve the dispute or consider that the issue is of such importance that such referral is desirable.

The U.K.P.A. (Transfer of Players) Rules 1998.

The purpose of these rules is to prevent the movement of players between member clubs of the U.K.P.A. with the principal or sole purpose of winning a competition to the detriment of any club or its members and the rules shall be interpreted accordingly.

1. These Rules, made under paragraph 19(c) of the U.K.P.A. Constitution by the Executive Committee of the U.K.P.A., shall be known as The U.K.P.A. (Transfer of Players) Rules 1998 and shall come into effect on the 1st day of May 1998.
2. Any player participating in the game of Polocrosse in the U.K. under the auspices of the U.K.P.A. must be a member of a recognised member club and a member of the U.K.P.A.
3. A player may only be a member of one such club at a time and his/her membership of that club shall be as registered by the Membership Secretary of the U.K.P.A.
4. A player who is not a registered member as provided by rules 2 and 3 above shall not be permitted to participate in any Polocrosse game, tournament, match or training as a player.
5. A playing member of a recognised club shall be graded by the U.K.P.A. within 3 months of the coming into force of the U.K.P.A. (Grading of Players) Rules or joining the U.K.P.A. whichever is the later.
6. A playing member of the U.K.P.A. wishing to become a member of a club other than the club of which he is already a member may transfer his/her membership provided the following conditions are fulfilled:-
 - (a) All club fees and dues are paid.
 - (b) Notification is given to the players club and the club to which the player is transferring and both clubs approval is obtained in writing.
 - (c) Notification is given to the Membership Secretary of the U.K.P.A. at least 14 days before such transfer is to come into effect.
 - (d) The Chief Umpire is satisfied that the transfer is in the best interests of the U.K.P.A. and the two clubs concerned and is not for the sole or principal purpose of winning a Tournament or Match.
7. Any player member wishing to transfer from one member club to another such club but who fails to meet the conditions set out in rule 6 above, shall give notice in writing to the two clubs concerned and to the said Membership Secretary whereupon such transfer shall take effect after the expiry of 30 days from the receipt of such notice by the

said Membership Secretary who will advise the date of such receipt to the other parties. During this period of 30 days the player member shall only be eligible to play for the club of which he/she is a registered member.

8. Transfer procedures, once started, must be completed.
9. A player member seeking a second transfer during the same playing season must comply with rule 7 above unless there are exceptional circumstances found by the Chief Umpire or the U.K.P.A. Rules Arbitration Committee.
10. Nothing in rules 7, 8 and 9 above shall prevent a player member being loaned by his/her own club for the purpose of playing in a tournament or match with another club provided:-
 - (a) Only by playing the player member concerned, or another such player, could the team or section participate in that tournament or match.
 - (b) The Chairmen, or their respective nominees, of the two clubs concerned approve of the arrangement before such loan takes place.
11. If any team participating objects to the loaned player arrangement, the tournament or match organising committee shall decide the issue or nominate an arbitration committee for that purpose.
12. Any committee adjudicating upon an objection raised under rule 11 above shall decide the issue in the best interest of the game of polocrosse and not in the sole interest of any one team or club.

The U.K.P.A. Grading of Players Rules 2000

The purpose of these Rules is to create a structure within which all members of the U.K.P.A. wishing to participate in a tournament are allocated a grade, to provide for those grades to be applied in tournaments held under the auspices of the U.K.P.A. and thus to enhance the game of polocrosse and the safety of players, horses, officials and spectators.

1. These Rules, made under paragraph 19(c) of the U.K.P.A. Constitution by the Executive Committee of the U.K.P.A., shall be known as The U.K.P.A. Grading of Players Rules 2000 (revised 2004)
2. Nothing in these Rules shall be taken as applying to any member whilst playing in a Division to which an age limitation applies.

Grading Committee

3. The Executive Committee of the U.K.P.A. shall, at the first Executive Committee meeting following the Annual General Meeting of the Association, appoint a Grading Committee consisting of the Chief

Umpire of the U.K.P.A. and four other persons, such Committee to be chaired by the said Chief Umpire.

4. The Grading Committee shall meet no later than the 28th February each year and thereafter as frequently as may be deemed necessary during the current season to allocate grades to every member of the U.K.P.A. and to review those grades.

Grading Process

5. The Grading Committee shall take into consideration the following factors so far as they are known when deciding the grade to be allocated to any player -
 - (i) the criteria set out in Schedule 2 to these Rules
 - (ii) the information supplied to the Grading Committee in the U.K.P.A. Player Grading Worksheet – see schedule 4 hereto
 - (iii) any grade allocated to that player during the previous season
 - (iv) any representations made to the Grading Committee by
 - (a) that player
 - (b) the duly appointed representative of that players club
 - (c) the duly appointed representative of that players region

and the Committee may at its discretion take into consideration the following factors so far as they are known –

- (v) any grade allocated to that player by any grading authority established by a member country of the International Polocrosse Council
- (vi) any grade allocated to any other playing member of the UKPA during that or the previous playing season
- (vii) any representations made to the Grading Committee by
 - (a) any other person nominated by that player
 - (b) any member of the Executive Committee.

6. No player shall be permitted to play until that player has been notified the grade allocated to him/her pursuant to these Rules.

7. Any playing member not allocated a grade on or before the 28th February in any one year shall be allocated a grade no later than the second next meeting of the Grading Committee after that date.

8. The Chief Umpire or in his absence the Deputy Chief Umpire shall have absolute discretion to allocate a grade to any player who wishes to take part in a tournament but who has not by the time of the commencement of that tournament been allocated a grade for whatever reason by the Grading Committee and in exercising that discretion the said Chief Umpire or Deputy Chief Umpire shall have regard to Rule 5 above. Any Grade so allocated shall be considered at the next meeting of the Grading Committee and the Grade either confirmed or amended as that Committee deems appropriate.
9. Any person submitting an application for membership of the U.K.P.A. and who has not in the playing season immediately preceding the date of such application been allocated a grade pursuant to these Rules shall complete a U.K.P.A. Player Grading Worksheet in the form set out in Schedule 4 to these Rules.

Appeals

10. Any player who is dissatisfied with the grade allocated to him/her by the Grading Committee may request a personal hearing before that Committee such request to be made in writing to the Chief Umpire with a copy to the Chairman of the U.K.P.A.
11. Where the Chief Umpire receives a written request for a personal hearing pursuant to Rule 10, he shall arrange a meeting of the Grading Committee within 28 days of the receipt of such request and the player concerned shall be invited to attend that meeting together with such representative as the player shall choose.
12. The appellant player shall be given at least 7 days notice of the meeting and shall be permitted to call such witnesses or produce such statements as he/she chooses to testify to his/her playing ability.
13. Any player who remains aggrieved with the decision of the Grading Committee following such hearing may request a further personal hearing before the next or second next meeting of the U.K.P.A. Executive Committee and any such request and hearing shall be in accordance with Rules 11 and 12 above.
14. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final and whilst any grading appeal is pending the grade allocated by the Grading Committee shall be applied.

Tournaments

15. Any tournament purporting to be organised under the auspices of the UKPA shall be organised in accordance with these Rules unless and until the organiser has been informed by the Chief Umpire or in his absence the Deputy Chief Umpire that the Rules may be relaxed or removed for that tournament or such part thereof as may be indicated.
 16. The Chief Umpire or in his absence the Deputy Chief Umpire shall deal with any application by a tournament organiser to exercise a discretion pursuant to Rule 15 above as follows:
 - (a) refer the matter to the next meeting of the Grading Committee for a decision unless for any reason it would be impracticable to do so in which case he shall
 - (b) refer the matter to each member of the Grading Committee individually as may be contacted by any reasonable means and thereafter make such decision as he deems appropriate unless for any reason it would be impracticable to do so in which case he shall
 - (c) make such decision as he deems appropriate;
- and any such decision shall be made in the best interests of the sport of polocrosse and not merely for the sake of convenience.*
17. Any application pursuant to Rule 15 above and any decision made pursuant to Rule 16 above may include the following:
 - (a) the combining of two or more grades
 - (b) the removal of the rule restricting the playing position of any player
 - (c) the suspension of the grading system entirely for that tournament

but may not include any alteration of the grade otherwise allocated to any player.

SCHEDULE 1

1. All tournaments shall be organised to comprise one or more of the following Divisions:
Open A
Open B
Open C
Open D
Open E
Intermediate
Junior
Primary Junior or Minimus
Veteran
2. Open E Division will generally be run as ‘ green horse’ chukkas and as such excluded from these Grading Rules.
3. Intermediate, Junior, Primary Junior or Minimus and Veteran Divisions are Divisions to which an age limitation applies and thus excluded from these Grading Rules.

The UKPA has developed a new grading system which will take effect for the 2004 playing season.

This has been produced by the Chief Umpire along with the Regional Umpires.

4. The new grading system now ranges from 0 – 20 points.
0: Weakest player.
20: Strongest player.
5.
 - A player graded from 12 – 20 points may only play in an A or B division class.
 - A player graded from 8 – 11 points may only play in an A, B or C division class.
 - A player graded from 4 – 7 points may only play in an A, B, C or D division class.
 - A player graded from 0 – 3 points may play in any division class.

0 1 2 3	4 5 6 7	8 9 10 11
D Division	C Division	B Division
12 13 14 15	16 17 18 19	
A Division	20 Not Yet Allocated	

SCHEDULE 2

The following criteria shall be used to allocate grades -

Stickwork
 Horsemanship
 Teamwork/Tactics
 Playing Ability/Experience

Major Incident Management Procedure
18th April 1999

1. The procedures laid out below are intended to minimise the trauma which death or serious injury is likely to bring to all who are connected or involved. They are provided in the form of a checklist which should be applied with common sense and consideration of local circumstances.
2. Ultimate responsibility for implementing the procedure set out in this document is vested in the tournament or event organiser (T/EO). S/he is advised to:
 - a. Firstly: Ensure that appropriate emergency services are at the scene of the incident and take action to augment if necessary (i.e. Air Ambulance)
 - b. Secondly: Establish a 'Control Cell' – ideally under cover and providing: quiet, privacy, accessibility (as necessary), tables and chairs and communication e.g. mobile telephones and radios.
 - c. Thirdly: Staff the Control Cell with
 - Self
 - Medical and Veterinary Representative
 - Police Representative
 - PR Representative or spokesperson
 - Door-person
3. Incident involving Death or Serious Injury to Humans – see Appendix A
4. Incident involving Death or Serious Injury to Animals – see Appendix B

APPENDIX A

INCIDENT INVOLVING DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY TO HUMANS PROCEDURE FOR OFFICIALS

The Tournament Organiser should take charge of the incident or hand over such charge to a nominated representative of the UKPA preferably a member of the Executive Committee.

If the Tournament Organiser assumes charge of the incident s/he should hand over responsibility for the continued running of the event to a nominated representative of the UKPA.

Whoever takes charge of the incident will henceforth be referred to as 'the Major Incident Controller' (the MIC) and that person should inform immediately:-

- a. the event organiser
- b. the police – if not already informed

First Secure Your Area – brief the officials (field controllers, umpires, trainers) not to discuss the incident with anyone. Confirm Medical Personnel will do like wise.

Please Note – Transmitting and Receiving radios can easily be over heard – be discreet when using them.

The MIC should ensure that witnesses remain on site and are available to provide information or make statements as necessary. If the police are not present at the scene take details of witnesses to facilitate later contact.

Ensure that the Next of Kin is informed of the circumstances as a matter of priority. If present at the event the MIC should ensure this is done personally, other wise request the assistance of the police. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD DEATH BE NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE.**

Remember that individuals react in different ways and shock will often be delayed. Irrational or hysterical behaviour may result from a traumatic incident. Anyone closely involved should not be left alone or, for example, be allowed to drive home. Witnesses to a traumatic incident or those who have dealt with victims may also suffer delayed shock.

If the event is to continue, it may be advisable to substitute officials closely involved with the incident, especially a mounted umpire.

The MIC should liaise closely with medical personnel to establish the intended destination of a victim who is being taken from the site and details of the personnel involved for the later information of any investigating authority.

The MIC should appoint a spokesperson unless he is to assume the task personally. All concerned should be advised to exercise the utmost discretion especially where the press are concerned and all requests for information should be directed to the MIC or spokesperson. Misinformation, however innocent or well-meaning, can often cause increased anguish for relatives.

The information to be disclosed to the Press will depend upon whether the next of kin have been advised of that information. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD A NEXT OF KIN LEARN OF AN INCIDENT THROUGH PRESS CONTACT OR COVERAGE.**

If the next of kin have not been informed, the victim's name and other details **MUST NOT** be released or confirmed even though reporters may have the information from other sources. An appropriate press release/statement might read "A (rider – player – official – spectator) was killed/injured but no further information will be released until the next of kin have been informed"

NOTE: The local news agency may have a reporter at the larger events who will be on the lookout for newsworthy items which may in turn be sold to the national and local press and radio. They will often make to the St. Johns Ambulance post for the gory details.

If the police issue an early statement the local press will receive it and pass it on. This may avoid you having to issue a statement but it is likely that you will then receive numerous calls from the media hungry for more details. This may cause the press to attend the site in numbers creating more problems. It may be possible to persuade the police to delay issuing a statement by which time the site may have been cleared and 'voyeurism' avoided.

It is vital that the spokesperson is firm and sensible in handling all enquiries and does not allow him/herself to be drawn into any

discussion or innuendo which can result in inaccurate or sensational reporting. Equally it is important to speak positively without giving the impression there is anything to hide, i.e. this was a tragic accident which fortunately is a rare occurrence in the sport of polocrosse and our sympathy goes out to the family etc.

The following information should be compiled as quickly as possible and, if the format suggested below is used, a sympathetic Press Statement will result. Any press representatives should be invited to assemble at a convenient location and time when it may be announced that –

“It is with the deepest regret that we announce that(name if to be released) died as a result of an accident whilst riding in(event) held at(venue) at.....(time).....on.....(date). (Name if released)...was...years of age from....(home town) and had been a member of the.....(name of Club) for...years. (Name if released) was riding ... (name of horse) ayear old gelding/mare/stallion when.... (give brief and uncontroversial description of incident, e.g. horse stumbled and fell and (name if released) was thrown suffering injuries which tragically were fatal. The horse was not injured. Medical attention was called immediately and(name if released) was taken tohospital where he/she was pronounced dead on arrival....(died later from his/her injuries). No further details are available at present”

NOTE: Avoid giving the rider’s full address in order to save the family from unwanted intrusion. The nearest town should be sufficient.

The press may ask for more details, e.g. names of other riders, umpires, and other officials. This information should NOT be divulged. A suggested reply might be:

“The event was being conducted in accordance within recognised safety principles and no further details can be discussed before the Coroner’s Inquest”

Contact should be made with the UKPA Chairman as soon as possible. The prepared statement is ideal if you are challenged by the press at the event or subsequently, and it should enable you to guard against inadvertently laying yourself open to accusations of negligence.

The MIC should communicate all relevant facts to the UKPA Chairman as soon as s/he is able. It is possible that the Chairman or

other will be able to handle some of the national media, thereby relieving those at the event of part of this burden.

NOTES:

It is important that the MIC ensures that the police realise that he/she is an experienced and well informed official. If you have competed in, or organise events, for say, 3 to 4 years then make the point.

Any of the following may be called to the Coroners Inquest – T./E.O., MIC, umpire, player or any other witness.

All should therefore be quite clear on all the facts before leaving the site of the activity that day so that they can subsequently make an accurate state statement and correctly answer questions.

APPENDIX B

INCIDENT INVOLVING DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY TO HORSE

PROCEDURE FOR OFFICIALS

The sport has always prided itself not only on its safety record, but also on its image as a 'good, clean, healthy and responsible sport'. Thus, any ill-informed publicity is of very deep concern. Whilst the equestrian press continually provide their excellent support and defence of the sport, there may be other members of the press taking a new (and possibly detrimental) interest in the sport.

At most UKPA activities it should still be possible to deal with a horse which is killed or which has to be destroyed, without undue fuss. However with the increasing welfare lobby created by those opposed to the sport, it is possible that even at a small activity the contents of this guideline will be useful.

In the event of a horse being lost, the T/EO or MIC is in charge and should be prepared to delegate as s/he thinks fit. The continued running of the activity may be handed over to other officials if, say, there is a considerable media presence at the event or if it appears that there may be a hostile press presence. Whoever is dealing with the horse fatality has the responsibility to inform:

- the Organiser
- the UKPA Chairman

It is important to avoid 'voyeurism' and tournament guidelines concerning availability and use of a horse-ambulance and screening material should be put into immediate effect.

It should be borne in mind that both transmitting and receiving radios can be easily be overheard – therefore to avoid sensitive messages being compromised, volume controls should be sensibly set and crowded conditions avoided.

S/he should ensure that key witnesses make immediate brief written statements. In conjunction with the vet, s/he should conduct an immediate and thorough enquiry, establishing the cause of the accident and death.

S/he should ensure that the owner is informed as soon as possible at the event. If the owner is not at the event, other arrangements must be made – probably through the rider.

It is important to agree a medical sentence for inclusion in the statement with the doctor/vet. IT IS VITAL that this is kept short and factual and they will know what to say and how to say it, especially with regard to an impending inquest.

S/he should speak to the press himself or appoint a spokesperson to speak on his behalf.

If the vet is available, they are particularly good at this.

With modern telephone communications it is possible that press reporters will come to the site even if they are not already there.

If there are other people at the event site with telephones they must be briefed NOT to make statements, however much they may be pressed to do so. They should refer all callers to one telephone number, which the appointed spokesperson should answer.

The following information should be compiled as quickly as possible. If the suggested format below is used, a perfectly acceptable press statement will have been compiled. If you stick closely to the format below, it should enable you to guard against inadvertently laying yourself open to accusations of negligence. Any press representatives

should be told to assemble at the secretary's tent at a specified time, as early as is reasonably possible, when a press statement will be made:-

"It is with great sadness that we announce that....(name of horse) ridden by.....(name of rider) and owned by.....(name of owner) died/was put down as a result of a (fatal) accident while competing at.....(event) at(place) at.....(time) on.....(date)..... (horse's name) was ayear old gelding/mare/stallion.

Give a description of the incident e.g. horse stumbled and fell..... (rider's name) was thrown off the horse which fell and was subsequently found to have broken its near foreleg and was humanely put down by the vet. The rider was unhurt. No further details are available at present"

The press may well ask about the circumstances in which the accident happened. A suggested reply is:

"The event was being conducted in accordance with recognised safety principles and no further details can be discussed until there has been a full and proper enquiry"

The TEO or MIC should communicate all relevant facts to the UKPA Chairman as soon as possible.

It is important the MIC ensures that the press realises that s/he is an experienced and well informed official. If you have competed in, or organised, events for, say, 3 to 4 years then make the point.

To avoid subsequent conflicting memories, it is recommended that those directly concerned with the accident take copies of the press and witnesses statements before they go home.

If your local RSPCA Inspector happens to be at the event and is willing to express his support of the way in which you conduct your event, this will be seen both by those who support polocrosse and by those who are opposed to the sport, as being an unbiased opinion. For this reason the RSPCA's support is invaluable.

At Badminton in 1992, the local RSPCA's support swayed the Pony Club policy with the result that further public outcry was avoided. For this reason you are encouraged to try and establish a good working rapport with your local RSPCA Inspector and invite him to the event.

POLOCROSSE PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR

The International Polocrosse Council (IPC) Rules provide that “No player shall be allowed to play in a Tournament or Match unless he/she wears a protective helmet or cap which has been type approved of by his/her Country’s Standards Association.”

Hat Rules for 2005

It is mandatory for all riders to wear a protective helmet manufactured to one of the minimum standards listed below. It must bear the CE mark and a quality symbol, either the BSI Kitemark, the SAI Global symbol or the official Snell label with number. The CE symbol on its own is not sufficient to ensure consistent standard of manufacture. The PAS 015:1998 and the Snell E2001 meet higher impact criteria and therefore give more protection.

<p>PAS 015:1998 or EN 1384:1996 BS EN 1384:1997 with the BSI Kitemark</p>	<p>Snell E2001 with the official Snell label and number</p>	<p>AS/NZS 3838 1998 or AS/NZS 3838 2003</p>
<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>BSI Kitemark</p> </div> <p>N.B. The prefix ‘BS’ on the EN 1384 standard does not mean that the hat has undergone batch testing by the British Standards Institute – the must contain the BSI Kitemark as well.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Snell</p> </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>SAI Global</p> </div>

The fit of the hat and adjustment of the harness is crucial to the effectiveness of the hat. Riders are advised to try several makes to find the best fit. The hat should not move on the head when the head is tipped forwards or backwards.

Hats must be replaced after a severe impact; subsequent protection will be significantly reduced. Hats deteriorate with age and should be replaced after three to five years depending on the amount of use and the changing of required standards.

HAT CHECKS & TAGGING

The Chairman of every club will appoint one responsible person for their club who is familiar with the UKPA rule for hats. They will carry out hat checks and tag each hat that complies with the above requirements with an official UKPA hat tag. Tagging indicates that a hat meets the above standards, NO check of the fit and condition of the hat is implied. However if the hat shows obvious signs of damage or deterioration they shall not be tagged and will be considered insufficient.

It is considered the responsibility of the rider to ensure that their hat complies with the required UKPA standards and is tagged before they attend any UKPA event. It is also their responsibility to ensure the manufacturer's guidelines with regard to replacement and fitting are followed.

No hat may be used without the correct tag being present and clearly visible.

Random checks may be carried out at any time by an umpire. If the hat is found to have been incorrectly tagged, all hats tagged by the same person will require re-tagging to ensure standards are met.

HORSE AND PLAYER SAFETY AT TOURNAMENTS

In the past few years the UKPA has introduced new, or modified existing, rules and regulations to ensure that Polocrosse in the UK, particularly when

organised under the auspices of the UKPA, can be played to maximise enjoyment while at the same time recognising the need for horse and player safety.

For example the UKPA Yearbook contains details of the UKPA International rules, additional rules of the UKPA and a code of conduct for players. In addition to these rules every tournament organiser will, on behalf of UKPA, stipulate further conditions that must be accepted by all participants for individual tournaments.

The UKPA Executive Committee continues to be concerned at the number of incidents during recent seasons that have threatened the safety of players and horses where existing rules, either national or those imposed for a particular tournament, have not been upheld. The committee recognises that the responsibility for this lies partly with the Committee itself, but also with Tournament Organisers, Clubs, players and, in some circumstances, with parents.

The Executive Committee intends, therefore, to ensure even more that a Disciplinary Committee functions effectively during the 2004 season as provided for within the UKPA Constitution and the annual Yearbook. However two particular issues continue to be raised by individual clubs, and by members of the Committee, that the Committee believes still require additional action during the 2004 season.

Horse Welfare – Some general points for tournament organisers (to complement the International Polocrosse Rules relating to the substitution of horses and the use of fresh horses)

Aim: The safety of horses and riders participating in Polocrosse

1. There should be a nominated person identified as the Horse Welfare Officer (HWO) at every tournament. The name and contact details of that person should be displayed by organisers
2. The UKPA will establish a panel of Horse Welfare Officers, one to be nominated by each Region, one of whom will

always be in attendance at a UKPA tournament to provide additional support for the HWO nominated by the Tournament Organiser. It will be the responsibility of the Region to ensure that their Regional HWO has appropriate experience for the task to be undertaken.

3. Organisers are encouraged to have a vet in attendance for the duration of the tournament or alternatively use an equine veterinary nurse.
4. All incidents involving the HWO must be recorded and decisions made logged, submitted to and retained by the Tournament Organiser
5. No horse can be withdrawn on welfare grounds from a tournament once the tournament has started unless it is authorised by the HWO/vets in attendance
6. Horse leaving the field of play due to injury, lameness or stress/exhaustion cannot continue in the game until it is certified as fit to return to play by the HWO
7. Any injury incurred during a game resulting in the horse being cut must be assessed by the horse welfare officer/vet before the animal is allowed to continue in the game
8. Injuries on the horse's flanks as a result of excessive and damaging use of spurs and/or whips will result in the horse being ordered off the field by the umpire to receive attention
9. If considered fit to return to the field of play by the HWO the rider will be required to remove any spurs/whips
10. Injuries to the horse's mouth (severe bleeding) or bleeding from the nose will result in the horse being removed from the field to receive veterinary attention

Any horse who is suspected of being lame will be removed from the field of play and examined by the HWO/Vet before it is allowed to return to the game.

Any horse/pony which fails to recover to a satisfactory level between chukka's or exhibiting symptoms of distress during a chukka will not be

allowed to continue to play for the remainder of that day's play. The horse will have to be assessed by the HWO before it is allowed to take part in any further games during the tournament.

Players which use their horses unnecessarily to sour or injure another persons horse whilst play is stopped should be met with a minimum penalty 4. This should be an addition to the dangerous riding rule.

First Aid Requirements for Polocrosse Events

1. It is a rule of the UKPA that all official tournaments **MUST** have an on site State Registered Paramedic for every 100 players/2 pitches. Players or pitches exceeding this will require extra medical cover. The extra cover need not be a second paramedic, a medical technician under the guidance of the paramedic is acceptable.
2. Other events such as coaching sessions and camps will need cover under the following guidelines.

Every event should have at least one of the following –
organiser/appointed person/secretary.

It is the responsibility of one of the above to have the appropriate cover for the type and size of the event. The most important thing is that a written risk assessment is carried out.

Having done this a decision can be made on the level of cover required. At the very minimum every event should have an Appointed Person, A Trained First Aider and a Mobile Phone. Larger coaching sessions and camps may need increased cover to include a Qualified First Aider.

To aid the Emergency Services it is preferable to have a grid reference and essential to have the postcode of the venue. This information should be included on the risk assessment form.

In the event of any incident/accident The Playing Incident report form must be completed and lodged with the Chairman of the Safety committee as soon as possible.

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

A person whose training and skills include patient handling , ambulance equipment, medical gases, patient monitoring and is able to assist a Paramedic.

State Registered Paramedic

A person whose initial training has been accredited through the NHS.

- To check the validation of a Paramedic see website – www.hpc-uk.org/register.

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. DEFINITION

“Code” shall mean the Code of Conduct approved by the United Kingdom Polocrosse Association (UKPA)

“Player” shall mean any member of the UKPA

2. CODE

This code shall be applicable to and binding on any player whether this conduct takes place on or off the field of play. All players will be supplied with a copy of the Code and be deemed to be aware of the provision thereof:

- 2.1 Players shall not threaten, attempt to assault or assault any player or other person.
- 2.2 Players shall not abuse or dispute, as distinct from question an umpire’s decision or react in an obviously provocative or disapproving manner either towards an umpire/referee his decision or generally following an umpiring or refereeing decision.
- 2.3 Players shall only wear and use approved clothing and equipment. No commercial logo may be worn or displayed by any player except with the prior approval of the UKPA.
- 2.4 Players shall not use crude and/or abusive language or engage in conduct detrimental to the game. An umpire would be expected to caution the player and advise the captain of his concern before reporting any player for this type of behaviour.
- 2.5 Players shall not conduct themselves in any manner detrimental to the game of polocrosse.
- 2.6 Players shall in no way use crude or abusive hand signals.

- 2.7 Players shall at all times abide by the constitution, bye-laws, playing conditions, rules and regulations of the UKPA. Clubs have the responsibility to ensure that a player takes due cognisance of the player's responsibilities in this regard. The UKPA's constitution, bye-laws, and rulings will be binding on each region when players represent the UK.
- 2.8 Players shall not engage in public acts of misconduct or unruly public behaviour while representing the UK.
- 2.9 Any player who by way of his/her actions or statement brings the game of polocrosse into disrepute shall be deemed to be in contravention of the Code and be subject to disciplinary action as provided for the Code.

3. PROCEDURE TO LODGE REPORT

Procedure for reporting a breach of the Code
A report may be submitted by:

- 3.1 Either one of the captains participating in a game in which an alleged breach occurs.
- 3.2 Either or both umpires.
- 3.3 The officiating referee for a Tournament.
- 3.4 A participating Club Chairman.
- 3.5 The Chairman of the UKPA
- 3.6 A Manager of a participating Club, Regional or National Team.
- 3.7 A member of the UKPA Disciplinary Committee

4. GENERAL

- 4.1 Prior to commencement of the season the Chair and two additional Committee Members will be elected at the UKPA AGM to serve on the Disciplinary Committee.

4.2 The Chair of the UKPA's Disciplinary Committee shall be responsible for maintaining a register of all reports and the action taken.

5. BREACHES – PROCEDURE IN RESPECT OF CLUB GAMES AND LOCAL AND REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS ORGANISED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CLUB OR REGION AND THEREBY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UKPA

5.1 Reports (on field, off field)

Prior to each local and regional tournament the Chairman and members of the Disciplinary Committee for the tournament should be nominated as per the UKPA Constitution.

5.1.1 Lodged by captains

Where a captain participating in a game believes a player participating in the same game has breached the Code he/she shall at the end of the game complete the report form and immediately advise the Chairman of the National Disciplinary Committee or his/her nominee for the Tournament who shall immediately advise the other captain the umpires and the player who is the subject of the report.

5.1.2 Lodged by Umpire(s)/Referee(s)

When an Umpire/Referee wishes to report a player for an alleged breach of the Code he/she shall at the end of the game complete the report form and immediately advise the Chairman of the National Disciplinary Committee or his nominee for the Tournament who shall advise the player who is the subject of the report and his/her captain.

5.1.3 Lodged by other(s)

Where any person mentioned in 3.4 to 3.7 above believes a player has breached the Code he/she shall at the end of the game complete the report form and immediately advise the Chairman of the Tournament Disciplinary Committee who shall immediately advise the player who is subject of the report and his/her captain

5.1.4 Notwithstanding the provision of 5.1.1, 5.1.2 and 5.1.3 all reports on transgression or complaints must be lodged within 24 hours of any incident or transgression taking place on the field to the Tournament Disciplinary Committee or within seven days of any misconduct or transgression taking place off the field to the UKPA Secretary.

5.2 Hearings

Upon receiving the form,

5.2.1 The Chairman of the UKPA Disciplinary Committee or his/her nominee will promptly arrange a hearing which must be attended by the player who is the subject of the report and all members of the Disciplinary Committee for the Tournament.

5.2.2 If the report is against the Captain then the vice-captain or the leader of the other section will attend.

5.2.3 The nominated UKPA Disciplinary Committee will then hear evidence from all parties under 5.2.1 above and any interested party who was a witness to the alleged breach of the Code and decide on all reports and evidence.

5.2.4 The Chairman of the UKPA Disciplinary Committee or his/her nominee shall advise the Committee's decision to the player(s) concerned, the regional representative and player's Club Chairman, if applicable, and the initiator as soon as possible after the hearing confirming the Committee's decision in writing to all parties within seven days of the said UKPA Disciplinary Committee hearing. The Chairman of the UKPA Disciplinary Committee must ensure that the decision is entered on the report form and forwarded to the UKPA Secretary.

5.3 Media Advice

Only the Chairman of the UKPA Disciplinary Committee and/or the Club Chairman are authorised to notify the media of a report and its outcome.

6. APPEALS PROCEDURES

Right of Appeal

Any player found to be in breach of the Code has the right to appeal against the initial decision. The appeal must be lodged as prescribed below within 48 hours of the decision being communicated to him/her in writing. Where a person wishes to lodge an appeal in relation to a decision made under 5 above the following procedure shall apply:

- 6.1 The appeal must be advised to the UKPA Secretary and the appeal form completed.
- 6.2 The UKPA Secretary will immediately advise the UKPA Chairman, the Chairman of the UKPA Disciplinary Committee, the Captains of the teams involved and the initiator of the original report of the appeal.
- 6.3 The appeal will be heard by the UKPA Chairman or his/her nominee and two more of the UKPA Executive Committee members appointed by the Chairman for this purpose. Any member of the UKPA Executive Committee who is a member of the UKPA Disciplinary Committee and who heard the case originally shall excuse themselves from the Appeal Hearing and not take part or be present at such a meeting.
- 6.4 The UKPA Chairman or his/her nominee will at their discretion be entitled to hear evidence from any interested party who was a witness to the alleged breach of the Code and decide on all reports and evidence.
- 6.5 The UKPA Chairman or his/her nominee shall convey his/her decision to the player(s) concerned as soon as possible after the decision and advise all parties in writing of his/her decision within seven days of the said Appeal Hearing. The UKPA Chairman must ensure that the decision is entered on the report form and forwarded to the UKPA Secretary and Chairman of the UKPA Disciplinary Committee.
- 6.6 Only the UKPA Chairman is authorised to notify the media of the appeal and its outcome.

Notes applicable to the implementation of Clause 6

- While no fixed time is stipulated herein it is understood that all appeals will be heard as soon as possible and if at a tournament within a day.

- The decision of any appeal will be final.
- Any person(s) nominated by the UKPA Chairman or nominated by him/her may address an appeal hearing in relation to an appeal under Clause 5 above. The person(s) who are the subject of the alleged breach shall have the right to address the Appeal Hearing and/or make written representations to the UKPA Chairman or the Person(s) nominated by him/her to hear the appeal.

7. PENALTIES AND PAYMENT

- 7.1 When a player has been found guilty of a breach of the Code he/she may be fined and/or suspended and/or for a first offence only be reprimanded. A player may be given a suspended fine but may not be given a suspended suspension.
- 7.2 Any fine imposed on a player shall be paid to the UKPA Secretary within seven days or as otherwise agreed between the player and the UKPA Disciplinary Committee. Any failure to meet this requirement will render the player ineligible for selection in any fixture under the control of the UKPA.

8. GENERAL

- 8.1 If a captain is unavailable or is the reported player then the vice-captain or leader of the other section will be responsible for all matters assigned to the captain in the foregoing.
- 8.2 If the Chairman of the UKPA Disciplinary Committee is not available to arrange a hearing in terms of Clause 5.2.1 then the report forms to be lodged under Clause 5.1 shall be handed to the Regional Representative or in his/her absence the UKPA Chairman who shall if he/she deems it appropriate appoint one or other members of the relevant Disciplinary Committee for the purpose of the Hearing. Alternatively the Regional Representative may refer the alleged breach to the relevant Disciplinary Committee Chairman for the implementation of Clause 5.2

9. CHANGES TO THE CODE

- 9.1 Changes will be proposed by the UKPA Disciplinary Committee which will request input from the Umpires and Coaches Committees at least two months prior to the UKPA AGM.

- 9.2 Such proposed changes must be endorsed by the UKPA Executive Committee not less than one month prior to the AGM. Any such endorsed changes should be sent out as notices to the UKPA Members for resolution at the AGM.
- 9.3 Changes can be approved in the same way as the UKPA constitution at any General Meeting of the UKPA.

U.K.P.A. CODE OF CONDUCT (MEMBERS AND CLUBS) RULES 2000

The purpose of these rules is to create a structure within which any Code of Conduct adopted by the Executive Committee of the U.K.P.A. may be applied and enforced against members and clubs with the intention of promoting good behaviour and proper attitudes both on and off the field of play and thus to promote a favourable public perception of the sport.

1. These Rules, made under paragraph 19 (c) of the U.K.P.A. Constitution by the Executive Committee of the U.K.P.A., shall be known as The U.K.P.A. Code of Conduct (Members and Clubs) Rules 2000 and shall come into effect on 7.6.00
2. The Executive Committee of the U.K.P.A. may adopt such Codes of Conduct as it may from time to time deem to be appropriate to control the behaviour of its members and its member clubs and such Codes may contain provisions for the enforcement of same.
3. Any action by any member, group of members or club which is deemed, by the Executive, liable to bring the sport of Polocrosse into disrepute, howsoever or wheresoever such action occurs, could be considered to be a breach of the relevant Code of Conduct and dealt with as such.
4. Any financial penalty which is provided for in case of a breach of a Code of Conduct adopted under these rules shall be in such amount as is considered reasonable in all the circumstances and based upon the following factors so far as they are known to the Disciplinary Committee dealing with such breach -
 - (i) the circumstances of the breach found proved by the said Committee

- (ii) any previous breach found proved against the same member or club
 - (iii) the prevalence of the breach and the need to discourage such breaches by that or any other member or club in the future
 - (iv) the financial circumstances of the member or club in question
 - (v) any other factors, including any mitigating or aggravating circumstances, which are considered relevant by the said Committee.
5. Any suspension which is provided for in the case of a breach of a Code of Conduct adopted under these rules shall be for such period as is considered reasonable in all the circumstances and based upon the following factors so far as they are known to the Disciplinary Committee dealing with such breach –
- (i) the circumstances of the breach found proved by the said Committee
 - (ii) any previous breach found proved against the same member or club
 - (iii) the prevalence of the breach and the need to discourage such breaches by that or any other member or club in the future
 - (iv) any other factors, including mitigating or aggravating circumstances, which are considered relevant by the said Committee.

1. THE USE OF ELECTRIC FENCING AT TOURNAMENTS

There are no rules and regulations laid down by UKPA either within the Constitution or the Code of Conduct that stipulate how horses should be fenced in or stabled during UKPA tournaments to ensure their own safety and health and that of other horses or those attending the tournament. Tournament Organisers will, however, on behalf of UKPA stipulate particular conditions for that tournament to ensure the safe keeping of horses and Clubs are asked to sign an agreement that all participants are prepared to accept these conditions if they wish to take part in that tournament. Such conditions will, invariably, include the use of electric fencing.

All UKPA tournaments are organised within the rules and regulations of the UKPA – the UKPA is ultimately responsible for all tournaments operating under its name. It is in the interest of individual Clubs and players to observe and abide by UKPA, and individual tournament,

rules but the UKPA must if necessary act to ensure that the safety of horses and players is not threatened by a failure to abide by agreed rules.

2. BEHAVIOUR AT TOURNAMENTS

The Code of Conduct states clearly what is acceptable, and what is not, by participants while playing Polocrosse. However **there is no code of conduct as to what is acceptable as action by participants attending a UKPA tournament while not playing Polocrosse.** In addition to concerns about health and safety of both horses and players the UKPA Executive Committee believes that it should ensure that the status and image of Polocrosse as a sport should be protected and that, if circumstances demand, strong action should be taken to protect this status. **The Committee believes that all members of UKPA have, as a priority, the development and maintenance of Polocrosse as an enjoyable sport as an objective but this must be achieved within the context of an acceptable code of behaviour at tournaments.** The committee believes that this should primarily be the responsibility of Clubs and parents but will continue to take action during 2000 if this responsibility is not acknowledged.

Members should note that the Yearbook includes further draft U.K.P.A. Code of Conduct (Members and Clubs) Rules for 2000. Subject to feedback through consultation these Rules will come into effect during 2000 once approved by the Executive Committee.

Three particular aspects of behaviour at tournaments continue to be raised by members of UKPA. The first is **the safety of horses and players** while on the playing field, the second is the need to **respect the property of others** and the final concern is the **excessive or illegal consumption of alcohol.** The first of these has been referred to above. The main concern with the second is respect for the property of the site of any particular tournament, including the playing areas. Finally a number of people have raised the issue of alcohol. The UKPA Executive Committee is asking all Clubs and, where appropriate, parents to abide by the laws of the land that relate to the supply and consumption of alcohol.

The law contains a number of provisions affecting children and young persons in relation to the supply and consumption of intoxicating liquor and to their presence on licensed premises. The UKPA Executive Committee has agreed that during the 2004 season it will introduce random breath tests for all players/umpires at the beginning of play on each day of a tournament. 3 people on each day will be tested at random following

procedures to be administered through the Chief Umpire and the Chairman of the Safety Committee. Any person found to be above the limit will be banned from playing for the rest of the day and any player refusing to take the test will be withdrawn from the tournament.

The UKPA Executive Committee feels so strongly about the issues of the safety of horses and players and behaviour at tournaments, on or off the field, that it intends to take additional action above and beyond that currently provided for in the Constitution or the Code of Conduct

The Committee agreed in 1999 that where it is believed that the safety of horses or players at a tournament is threatened it should take immediate action to remedy the situation. Similarly it agreed that if it is believed that certain action by an individual(s) during a tournament is a threat to the safety or health of horses, players or others attending that tournament or is likely to bring the UKPA into disrepute immediate action should be taken to remedy the situation.

The UKPA Executive Committee, continues to believe that initial responsibility for these matters belongs with the Clubs that individuals are members of. It is hoped, therefore, that any proposed action by the UKPA will not be necessary. In an attempt to ensure that Clubs take this responsibility the Executive Committee agreed that if action is necessary in the circumstances described above all members of the Club to which the individual(s) belong will be banned entry to the next UKPA tournament. The offending Club(s) would be notified in writing of the intended action immediately and the decision would be considered by the full Executive Committee at the earliest opportunity after 14 days.

The administration of this procedure will be overseen by the UKPA Disciplinary Committee and the rights of appeal will be as stated for the code of conduct in the Yearbook. **Once again this year each Tournament Organiser will be asked to designate an individual for that tournament whose responsibility will be to monitor the observance of all UKPA rules and regulations and those stipulated by the Tournament Organiser.** Tournament Organisers will be asked to submit to the UKPA Membership Secretary, no later than two weeks before the start of a tournament, the intended specific additional rules and regulations for that tournament. The UKPA Executive Committee will ensure that for every tournament there will be a designated member of that Committee in attendance, to work with the local organisers helping uphold rules and regulations and, on behalf of the Disciplinary Committee, to take any

immediate action required following consultation with members of the Disciplinary Committee present at that tournament.

UKPA UMPIRE ACCREDITATION SCHEME

The Level One Umpire Accreditation Scheme is available to any member of the UKPA provided they are over 16 years of age and met the pre-requisite described in the following pages.

There is an enrolment fee.

If any member of UKPA wishes to enrol then they should contact either their Regional Chief Umpire or the UKPA Chief Umpire. Club Chairmen should liaise directly with the Regional Chief Umpire/Chief Umpire to confirm dates.

The theory element of the course and test take approximately four hours and can therefore be completed during an evening.

Non-players and older juniors are encouraged to attend the courses on a non-participating basis.

A basic understanding of the polocrosse rules is important; there will be a short test to complete at the end of the theory section. The course work does not include a thorough examination of the rules and, therefore, in order to pass the test candidates need to know the basic rules before attending.

Details of Accredited Umpires are available from the Chief Umpire Martin Brookes.

UNITED KINGDOM POLOCROSSE ASSOCIATION

PROCEDURES FOR UMPIRES

Umpiring

1.

An umpire may only umpire the grade and below to which the allocated Accredited / Temporary Umpire Grade refers (see below.)

Only Accredited Umpires or umpires on the accreditation scheme may umpire at UKPA Tournament. The grades shown on the current grading list must be used.

DIVISION	ACCREDITED / TEMPORARY UMPIRE GRADE
A	A
B	A, B
C	A, B, C
D	A, B, C, D
Juniors	A, B, C, D
Primary Juniors	A, B, C, D

All umpires must be 16 or over when umpiring.

2.

Tournaments must provide Division Point Guidelines on the Tournament Schedule. This will allow clubs to balance their teams before entering a tournament.

PROCEDURE BEFORE STARTING A GAME

For any game, where two umpires are controlling a game, one will be designated as the senior umpire and he/she is responsible for seeking any clarification or requests for rule interpretation from the Tournament Umpire. The senior umpire is deemed to be the higher graded umpire. Where the umpires are of the same grade, the Tournament Umpire will nominate one as the senior umpire for that game.

- The umpire will instruct the goal judges to watch the **D, back line, posts** and instruct on signals. **Rule 15A & B.**
- The umpire will **meet with the timekeepers** and agree on time, numbers of chukkas, time between chukkas and signals for holding time and goals. **Rule 17.**
- **SAFETY OF SPECTATORS** The umpire must survey the playing area, behind goals, sidelines (holes in field) and **move people to a safe distance.**
- The umpire, once mounted on his/her pony, must ascertain that he/she may umpire competently, if not do not use the pony and find another (the umpire is responsible for the safe running of the game). **Rule 2A.**
- The umpire must know where the incident desk is located.

Make sure that you have enough balls before starting the game.

PROCEDURE FOR STARTING A GAME

The umpire will call **all** players in for instructions before the game starts (both umpires to be present).

The points to be covered are as follows :-

- Number of chukkas to be played and time per chukka.
- Who are the captains on either side (query to come from them in case of dispute, **no descent accepted**). **Rule 14D.**

LINE-UPS The players will form into two parallel files, knee to knee facing the umpire approximately 5 metres, but no less than 3 metres, away from the T. Upon being called forward by the umpire, all players must move forward together at the walk towards the T in a uniform

formation. The umpire should throw the ball in prior to the No. 1's crossing the T, if he/she does not throw the ball for any reason, the No 1's players must stop at and not cross the T. In such an event, the other players must also stop and maintain their formation behind the No 1's.

- **SAFETY** Dangerous play will be penalised, **crossing, ride-offs and racketing. Rule 33 & 35.**
- **PENALTIES** Instruct players on how you will control the game e.g. :- Advantage played. **Rule 47.**
- **TACK** Check bandages, coronets, whips, spurs, rackets do not have metal or nails and helmets have straps (this is down to the awareness of the umpire). **The umpire should instruct players to make sure they have all the tack required e.g. :- four coronets and bandages. Rule 22 J,K & L.**
- The ball will be thrown in after **two minutes** between chukkas to keep the game on track. If more time is required it must be requested ASAP (the umpire will decide if time is warranted). **Rule 17A.**
- “Have a good game” call first sections allowing one minute for players to re-warm ponies.

PROCEDURE DURING A GAME

- If during the game there are a number of fouls which are causing you concern, **hold-time and address the problem.** If you decide these are not severe do not let it get out-of-hand, address the player before the start of his/her next chukka.
- Both umpires should consult whenever a second opinion is needed.
- For any game, where two umpires are controlling a game, the one designated as the senior umpire will be responsible for seeking any clarification or requests for rule interpretation from the Match Referee or Tournament Umpire, if a third confirming opinion is needed. While the Match Referee or the Tournament Umpire is found and consulted with time should be held, by advising the timekeepers, and the players requested to dismount and walk their horses/ponies. Play should recommence after a ruling has been established. A maximum of 1 minute in time should be give for players to warm up their horses/ponies following such an stoppage.

- When throwing the ball in at a lineout, make sure it has enough velocity to travel through **all the players if not caught**, if the ball is not thrown in straight the umpire must blow and throw again. The umpire must be at least 3 metres from the players. **Rule 25.**
- The umpire must take care as not to be influenced by the spectators umpiring from the sidelines.
- **Keep up with play** (and you will know if the player has crossed the line or not).

PROCEDURE AFTER A GAME

- Thank goal judges, timekeepers and return whistles and jackets.
- If any issue/disagreement has arisen during the game please inform the Regional Chief Umpire and log the complaint.
- *Check the accident report reflects your point of view.*

Please remember that umpiring centres on two criteria, **RULES** and **SAFETY**, both which are clearly set out in the International Rulebook.

INCIDENT REPORTS, Disciplinary and Sending off procedures

The umpires should carry out the following actions during and after a game.

- Report any 'goals on the board' to the Field Marshal for recording in the Incident sheet, whom and why. This will give the opportunity for the Field Marshal to advise the Umpire if it is a second body hit in the same game, which means a penalty 6 (sending off)
- Any sending off of a player can be for a minimum time period, the remainder of a chukka or the whole game. The umpire needs to make clear to the player being penalised, both team captains and the Field Marshal what the penalty time period is and how to advise the umpires when the time period is completed. The Field Marshal, with the assistance of the Timekeeper, should record and then using a timepiece count down the time. If the period is for less than the whole chukka the player is requested to stand dismounted by their defending corner flag during the time they are sidelined. Their horse may be

walked by a club representative and only when the time period is counted down to 15 seconds may the player remount and position themselves by the Officials table awaiting the umpires signal or directions. The umpire is responsible for indicating to the sidelined player when they may re-enter the field of play, because some team re-organisation may be necessary.

- Completion of the Incident Report at the end of the game. The Umpires must review the Incident reports of any incidents or injuries during a game, 'goals on the board' or 'sending off' which have been prepared by the Field Marshal and ensures that the reports are correct, unambiguous and clear. Also that sufficient information (who involved, witnesses, decisions) about each event is recorded, in case any further action has to be taken by a Tournament or UKPA Committee after the game. Both umpires should sign any incident reports. The Incident reports are to be passed by the Field Marshal to the Tournament Organisation, as soon as the game is finished. The Tournament Organiser should request the Tournament Umpire to read and then decide if any matters need to be reported or placed before the Tournament Arbitration or Disciplinary or any other Committees.

UKPA Coaching Accreditation Scheme – summary of qualifying elements for each level of accreditation

Summary

Every UKPA Accredited Coach has to complete a number of formal education sessions, has certain levels of experience and displays this knowledge and experience in practical use; additionally their suitability for accreditation and areas of expertise have to be assessed and certain formal checks to satisfy government and UKPA rules completed satisfactorily. Listed below are the main components of that formal education and assessment.

- **Coaching Assistant** (can assist an accredited coach at a club or Pony Club coaching session.)
 - a person between 16 and 18 years of age or a parent
 - who requires to have either played or observed Polocrosse for 2 years
 - Attends four specific workshops of Polocrosse generic series

- **Club Coach (Level 1 Accreditation** - deemed competent to coach at their own clubs practises)
 - a person over 18 years of age
 - the person requires to have either played competitively for 2 years at B level or higher or observed Polocrosse for 4 years
 - completes and submits to the UKPA Chief Coach the UKPA Coaching Accreditation Request form that signifies the person's agreement to comply with the scheme
 - Who completes the necessary sportscoachUK coaching generic (4) and UKPA sports specific (10) workshops.
 - Completes satisfactorily 10 separate coaching sessions with a risk assessment and feedback forms for each session lodged in their Coaching Workbook.
 - Be assessed to prove suitability and evidence of acquisition of the competencies taught at the workshops.

- **Club Coach Mobile (Level 1m Accreditation** is deemed competent to coach at any club and/or their camps.)
 - A person who has completed all of the Club Coach Level 1 elements described above
 - Has a HSE Appointed Person Emergency Aid award or a recognised higher level that is current under the award.

- Attended the Child Protection mandatory safety workshops related to being able to coach and any other mandatory education or briefing as defined by the UKPA rules.
- Can provide evidence of clearance from a CRB check that they are not on any government or police file for child abuse, as defined by the UKPA Child Protection rules. This clearance will be checked periodically at suitable time periods.
- Is formally assessed to prove skills awareness, suitability and evidence of acquisition of the competencies taught at the above workshops.

For further clarification or for those qualification requirements for levels of accreditation above the Club Coach Mobile described above please contact the UKPA Chief Coach, Chris Schaefer

To aid the scheme each club will be asked each year to provide a list of current and prospective coaches so that new entrants can be quickly identified and those requiring mandatory refresher courses are reminded to enable retention of their accreditation status.

It is noted that in cases of misconduct or a serious breach of either the UKPA Code of conduct, specific criminal activities and/or non compliance with the UCA Scheme, that a person can be removed from the UKPA list of coaches and this information will be advised to the UKPA Executive and clubs. The UKPA Executive may in certain circumstances, deemed by them to be relevant, advice the International Polocrosse Council or member's countries of such removal of a person from the UKPA UCA scheme coaches list

Playing Incident Report Form

Please circle the following:

Type of incident: Accident Foul Card issued R Y G

Area on pitch where the incident occurred:

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Timekeeper

Person(s) involved

Details of Injuries

Horses involved

Details of injuries (indicated by the HWO/Vet)

Umpire Reports:

Signed

Witnesses (for serious/disputed incidents)

Witness: Signed

Witness: Signed

Witnesses will be required to provide details of the incident if required

Paramedic name: Signed

UKPA Scoresheet

Tournament ClubDate

Pitch Division Time

Scorer Timekeeper

Clubs v

Player (initial, surname)	Capt √	Card s	Player (initial, surname)	Capt √	Cards
1.			1.		
2.			2.		
3.			3.		
1.			1.		
2.			2.		
3.			3.		

Y = Yellow Card R = Red Card G = Green Card S = Studs

<i>Chukka</i>	Sub Total	Tota l	Chukka	Sub Total	Total
1.			1.		
2.			2.		
3.			3.		
4.			4.		
5.			5.		
6.			6.		
7.			7.		
8.			8.		
Total			Total		

Umpire NameUmpire Name

Comments by Umpire

CaptainCaptain

Was the umpiring:

Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

Pre- Tournament Check List

guidance for tournament organisers

Please use this alongside your pre-tournament risk assessment

Venue:

Soil Type (ie Clay):

Grass Covering:

Estimated rainfall during preceding week:

Ground conditions

Run-off from pitches:

Pitch Accessibility for Paramedics:

Paramedic(s) should be made aware of tournament layout

Estimated number of participants:

No. of paramedics required:

Vet: on site on call

Designated Horse Welfare Officer: Yes No

It is the responsibility of each Region to ensure that any location to be used for a UKPA Polocrosse tournament to be held in that Region is fit for that purpose in terms of playing conditions and supporting facilities. Approximately 7 days before any tournament the organiser should ensure that the Regional Umpire visits the site of the tournament to review playing conditions and to discuss the tournament organiser’s own risk assessment. The Regional Umpire should then, on behalf of the UKPA, reconfirm the site as fit for purpose before the tournament is allowed to proceed.

Checked by Regional Umpire:

Date:

Tournament organisers should identify an appropriate location for a heli-pad should it be needed in case of an emergency

TOURNAMENT ORGANISER

All Appropriate paperwork can be obtained from the UKPA Secretary

Four Months Prior To Event

Form Tournament Committee

Chairman

Tel
Fax

Secretary

Tel
Fax

Groundsman

Tel
Fax

Social Secretary

Fax
Tel

Secure Local Sponsorship if required

Liase with Regional Umpire to establish who will be the Tournament Umpire

Research and book

Carry out full risk assessments

Check list ***Name and telephone*** ***Date booked***

Stabling

Paramedics

Toilets

Vet on Call

Farrier on Call

PA System

Bar/License

Catering

Entertainment

Marquee?

Check:

Field Grass.....

Water Supply to site.....make sure there are adequate sites for water supply for all participants.

Two Months prior to event

Contact Chief Umpire (Martin Brookes 2005) Tel No.....

Regional Umpire to confirm Tournament Umpire

Establish Publicity Tel No.....

Liaise with sponsors Tel No.....

Insurance Tel No.....

Arbitration Committee (3 members)

Representative from home Club
.....

Chief Umpire
.....

A member of the UKPA Exec.
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Organise

Prizes
.....

Presenter

Secretary and Commentary "boxes"

One month prior to the event

Make or obtain

Person Responsible

Site Plan

Signs

Flags

White goal posts

Roping/stakes

Balls (3 per field)
Stop watches/buzzers

Score Sheets
Allocate

Scoreboard keeper

Commentators

Timekeepers and Scorers
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Toilet/Litter Attendant

Umpire Ponies Manager

Welfare Officer

Every tournament must have a horse ambulance (car and low ramped trailer with partitions removed) and a site for it to be moved to. Screening should be planned – eg tarpaulin and poles or two vehicles

Two weeks prior to the event

Entry Forms to be received by(date). It is vital that the closing date should be no later than the Tuesday before the tournament to allow the Organiser to plan Divisions for the tournament in the knowledge of those players attending. Consider whether you want to charge a higher rate for late entries!

Send Information Packs to Team Captains and Club Secretaries

Including

- Route maps and site plans
- Agenda – Briefings, start and finish of play etc.
- Camping facilities – specify what is provided within the fee charged for the tournament and include details of arrangements for camping and pen areas. Specify what you expect people to do at the end of the tournament in terms of leaving the site tidy – will there be a fine for Clubs who fail to meet the required standards?
- Catering – what is available and at what cost
- Full details of medical cover with contact details
- Confirm the names of the officials for the tournament
- Indicate proposed arrangements for umpires’ horses – eg are you providing all the umpires horses? Are you intending teams to bring one umpire’s horse for every class entered? Are you intending to fine Clubs not meeting the required arrangements? etc.

Finalise Umpires’ Ponies

Total number required

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Total number available

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Short fall

Establish Tournament Chief Umpire

Confirm all bookings

Check Field in Order (ie. fill holes)

After the deadline for entries notify the UKPA Membership Secretary of all players seeking to play in the Tournament to ensure that all players qualify to play.

48 Hours Before Event

Ensure Field is ready to play	Name
Grass and lines
White Goal Posts/Flags
Soil – spare for filling holes
Erect PA System and test
Signs
Roping
Secretary’s Box
Confirm location for Central Information/Incident desks	
Commentary Box
Confirm water is on

Locate and establish a holding area adjacent to the playing areas for any players sent off. Identify, if necessary, location for holding umpires’ horses. Liaise with Tournament Umpire to establish what, other than a stop watch and an official, is required to manage any players sent off.

Ensure early arrivals have all necessary facilities and information available

On the day early

Display Timetable and score board together with other information

Eg. Chief Umpire and Arbitration Committee,
Scorer/Timekeepers tables, chairs, watches, buzzers and shade protection

Briefing Include all appropriate people including **all** players

Timetable Give out 'Order of Play' sheets to players

Helpful Hints

Water @ Stables for horses drinking/soaking hay

@ Field for drinking/washing down horses

@ Camping/bar/catering

Shade Time keepers etc. may need it

Toilet Estimate 40 resident people per toilet

Litter Place ample bins everywhere

Dogs All dogs **MUST** be on a lead during **all** playing times

Recommended safety zones

Field sides - 10m clear

Field ends - 20m clear or good fence

2 fields side by side would benefit from being 30m apart to give spectators and officials space.

Placing of Secretary's tent is crucial (a potential danger area for the public from horses)

Consider roping off horses from the public.

Gates, machinery, cattle grids and wire fences need to be made safe in the event of a loose horse.

Be conscious of a security risk from general public.

There should be no movement of vehicles in camping areas after a specified time

It is strongly recommended that the Tournament Organiser establishes an 'incident desk' for the duration of the tournament to which all major incidents are reported immediately and from where all actions are taken where necessary (eg contacting doctor, vet or farrier.)

Roles and Responsibilities of the Tournament Officials

- Tournament Arbitration and Disciplinary Committees, Tournament Organiser

The Tournament Arbitration committee arbitrates on entry and tournament rules and may refer certain playing incidents or potential Code of Code breaches, on or off the field, to the Tournament Disciplinary committee. The Tournament Disciplinary committee are responsible for the recording and resolution of any incident reported to them, such resolution may result in referral of the incident to the UKPA Disciplinary Committee.

The records of any such hearings should be formally lodged with the Tournament organiser at the completion of the Tournament, and retained (for the season) together with the Horse Welfare and any Field Incident Logs. This retention should satisfy any queries needing to be answered or information provided for a UKPA Disciplinary hearing, etc.

- Tournament Umpire

The tournament organisers, after consultation with their Regional Umpire, shall appoint a Tournament Umpire. He ensures that qualified umpires are nominated for each game, is a playing rules reference point for any games without referees and may well sit on the Tournament Arbitration committee.

- The Chukka Umpires

The umpires share the responsibility for the safety of players, horses, **and the reputation of the sport during each game**. Each should be the first port of call for the other to discuss an incident, rule interpretation or the level of severity of a penalty. They jointly have responsibility for ensuring that any incident or major umpiring rules which penalise a team, i.e. substitute horse or sending off of a player is properly recorded in the Incident log provided at each field.

- Referee

The tournament umpire should appoint the referee for Internationals and National finals. In the case of an agreement not being reached by the two umpires the referee has the final decision. He or she will sit by the side of the pitch adjacent to the timekeeper and scorers.

- Horse Welfare Officer

The Tournament organisers may appoint a Horse Welfare Officer (HWO) to provide central support and control of the welfare of playing horses, including vetting out. This person can be requested to attend any game to assist with the well being and treatment of a playing horse. In the event of a horse incident, the HWO should be asked to attend. The HWO will maintain a record of any horse incidents, actions and decisions, particularly those resulting in the vetting out or substitution of a playing horse. Such records should be formally lodged with the Tournament organiser at the completion of the Tournament and retained together with any Incident Logs (for the season) should there be any subsequent queries from a UKPA Disciplinary hearing, etc.

- Field Marshall

Ensures the players and the required equipment and facilities for officials (time keepers/goal scorers/goal judges/referees/umpires) are in place before the game commences. That all the relevant paperwork of each game is properly recorded, including the umpire assessment and any goals on the board. Keeps the score sheets and incident logs and ensures they are signed by the umpires and reach the main scorer or tournament organiser as directed.

The Field Marshal also ensures that all incidents or accidents are formally reported to the Tournament secretary using the Incident Log provided. If an accident occurs and involves a horse or rider the Field Marshal must summon help as directed by the Tournament Organisation and be the main point of liase with the vet, relevant horse welfare officer or medics.

- Time Keeper and Scorer + (Observers)

One person should be in charge of keeping time and the other in charge of recording the scores/fouls/comments. The scorer and time keeper must watch the game and umpires at all times so as not to miss any signals given by the umpires for goals/time off/time on etc. In the event of time off/on being called by the umpires the timekeeper must raise their arm so as to signal time has been stopped/started.

As the end of a chukka approaches the timekeeper must watch the clock (not the game) and must have the bell or siren ready for immediate use so when the prescribed time has expired the siren or bell can be sounded. The scorer must watch the game (not the clock) so as to tell if a goal has been scored. Each competing team has the right to have an official representative (Observer) with the timekeeper and scorer.

- Goal Judges

There should be two goal judges one to watch the goal posts and the other to watch the 'D'. They should be stood approximately 3 metres behind the goal line and far enough behind so as to be able to see that the ball has clearly passed between and through the posts, irrespective of height.

If possible the goal judges should have a spare ball to return to the umpire before retrieving the other ball. If a goal is scored a flag should be waved above the head, but if it missed (or inside the 'D') the flag should be waved horizontally below the knee.

SOME GUIDELINES FOR SCORERS AND GOAL JUDGES

The UKPA recommends to Tournament Organisers that Goal Judges and Scorers/Timekeepers are briefed of the following before the commencement of the Tournament.

Goal Judges

As quoted from the UKPA/International Polocrosse Rules

“In important matches Goal Judges shall be appointed each of whom shall be adult and give testimony to the Umpire at the latter’s request of goals or other points (especially the 10 metre circle) near his/her goal. But the Umpire shall make all decisions.”

“The Goal Judge shall wave a flag above his/her head to signal a goal or across below knee level to signal a miss and shall be 3 metres behind the goal posts.”

The UKPA recommends that Goal Judges are Members of the UKPA.

It is recommended that 2 people stand behind the goal – one to wave the flag and watch the ‘D’ and the second person to retrieve the ball.

Scorers/Timekeepers

As quoted from the UKPA/International Polocrosse Rules

“An official timekeeper and an official scorer shall be employed in all games and matches. They shall report the state of the game as regards number of goals scored and amount of time left to play if requested by the Umpire. Each competing team shall have the right to have an official representative with the timekeeper and scorer. At International Matches scoreboards shall be provided with numbers no less than 230mm high and shall be clearly visible to all spectators.”

The following **equipment** should be provided by the Tournament Organisers PRIOR to the commencement of the Tournament.

- UKPA/International Rule Book
- 2 Balls (unless tournament organisers make alternative arrangements)

- Table and Chairs
- 2 Whistles
- Hooter/Bell for calling 'time' (preferably different sounds for each field)
- At least 2 stop watches (the timers that count down have been found to be the best and are available at TESCO)
- Score sheets in ample supply attached to a clip board with a waterproof cover.
- Pens and Pencils
- 'Walkie- talkies' if available
- Umbrellas (for rain or sun)

Helpful thoughts for scorers/timekeepers

Consult your umpires before the game to ensure you are happy how they will call 'time off'

DO NOT take the goal score from the goal judges – wait for the umpire to indicate the goal score.

Ensure Scorers and Timekeepers have a clear view of the game and are not hindered by spectators

It is advisable to have them 'cordoned off' to prevent interference from spectators or over-excited players.

REMEMBER – If your eye leaves the game for a second a goal can be scored and you will miss it.

Please ensure you are aware of the procedures for recording any players sent off. Also, how to monitor the timing should the sending off be for a time interval or part of a chukka rather, than the whole game. Finally, the method for advising the umpires and offending player when his/her penalty time is completed.

Ensure you know the time length of Chukkas and how many Chukkas are being played as these can vary from Tournament to Tournament.

Keep your pitch timings as punctual as possible.

Runners should be provided if timekeepers and scorers are on a pitch for any length of time and/or should ensure the score

sheets are handed to the Tournament Secretary as soon as possible after the game.

If runners are unavailable it is probably best to leave score sheets on the table attached to the clipboard in order for them to be collected by the Secretary's representative.

If provided with 'Walkie-Talkies' relay the score update to the commentator at intervals that avail themselves during the match, but certainly at the end of the match.

Goal Judges, scorers and timekeepers are VITAL to a successful tournament and their value should never be under-estimated.

Provide them with refreshments!

Tournament Organisers often request Clubs to provide Goal Judges, Scorers and Timekeepers for the Tournament which avoids people being subjected to a pitch all day or all weekend. In this situation somebody will be needed to manage arrangements and he/she should be aware of the above guidelines.

For Finals 2 officials for Scoring and Timekeeping may be nominated by the playing teams – one to time keep or score and the second to observe the opposing team's official.

Summary of Checklists for Score Table and Umpires (guidance)

This checklist should be consulted before play starts on each day of a tournament

Plastic folder containing:

- score sheets (with playing incident report on reverse) – these are available from UKPA

- staple gun
- pens
- stop watch
- whistles
- umpire jackets
- bell(s) or other forms of time control
- direct communication with paramedics

Umpire checklist before the start of each game

The following **must** be checked before each game starts

- whips
- left handed players
- studs (use of studs needs to be recorded, see note below)
- girths and over girths
- helmets
- stirrup leathers
- bits
- reins
- spurs

Studs (to be checked and enforced by Umpires)

Plain studs can be used, limited in size to half an inch cube and without a hardened tungsten core, and placed only on the outside of the hind shoe. The stud is to be more than half an inch from the heel and not more than an inch from the heel.

No other stud of any kind (e.g. frost nails and screws) is allowed or to be placed in any other position.

Umpires should ask the score table to record any player using studs , by placing the letter S in the appropriate box on the score sheets

At the end of the tournament all risk assessment sheets, score sheets, incident sheets must be returned to the UKPA Secretary (Allison Williams) All major incidents must be reported asap to the Secretary who will then report to the insurers within 48 hours.

UKPA
GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETION OF TOURNAMENT RISK
ASSESSMENT CHECK LIST

HAZARD DETAILS	RISK GROUP	IS IT SAFE?	ACTION REQUIRED	IS IT NOW SAFE?
Dual Carriageway Single Carriageway Unclassified Track Other:	UKPA Members UKPA Officials Parents General Public Animals Property	YES NO	Warning Signs Post Stewards High Visibility Clothing One Way System Police Action Council Action	YES NO
Easy to find? Sufficient turning space for lorries and trailers to prevent restricting access road? Good ground conditions? Clear view from both ways? Wide enough for 2 vehicles? Other:	UKPA Members UKPA Officials Parents General Public Animals Property	YES NO	Sign entrance /send map Widen entrance. No stopping at entrance. One way system. Post stewards. Fill large pot holes. Improve visibility – trim hedges etc.	YES NO

<p>Safe vehicle Routes? Safe pedestrian Routes? Safe horse routes? Safe spectator car parking? Safe horse transport parking? Any public right of way? Horse areas fenced and gated? Other?</p>	<p>UKPA Members UKPA Officials Parents General Public Animals Property</p>	<p>YES NO</p>	<p>Provide separate routes. Rope/cone bad areas. Parking attendants. Restrict vehicle use. Separate parking for spectator vehicles. Sign and Steward public right of way. Horse unloading and riding areas must be enclosed and gated.</p>	<p>YES NO</p>
<p>Safe situation for them? Safe Situation for customers? Fire Instructions displayed? Fire extinguishers present? Electrical systems tested? Gas systems tested? Food hygiene certificate? Other?</p>	<p>UKPA Members UKPA Officials Parents General Public Animals Property</p>	<p>YES NO</p>	<p>Re site/protect them. Remove hazard. NIEIC Certificate for fixed electrical systems. Portable Appliance Test Certificate for electrical equipment. CORGI Test Certificate for gas. Basic Food Hygiene</p>	<p>YES NO</p>

UKPA Risk Assessment – Fields, Riding areas, Pens.

Date _____ Location _____ Map Ref: _____ Event _____

Hazard	Hazard Details	Risk Group	Actions Planned	Risk Level	Additional Actions Proposed
Polocrosse Field	Ground conditions Public Access Communications	UKPA Members Officials Parents General public Animals	Pitch checked thoroughly when set out & on day of competition Spectators kept a minimum of 6m from the sidelines and not allowed at goal ends Umpires supervise the competition In adverse weather ground conditions checked at intervals to ensure going does not become unsafe Public Address system Paramedic Access to field	High Acceptable Low	
Riding area	Riders & trainers in same area	Members Officials Parents General Public Animals Property	Area Checked Pitch checked Adequate space provided away from main pitches Pedestrian access restricted Practise area roped off	High Acceptable Low	

Horse Pens	Horses Electric Fencing	Members Officials Parent General Public Animals Property	Electric (12v) fencing energiser checked when fencing set up Horses penned individually Adequate space between pens Pens check at Intervals Warning sign displayed	High Acceptabl e Low
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CLUB SET UP GUIDELINES INCLUDING CLUB RULES

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FORPOLOCROSSE RULES

1. The name of the Club shall be.....
2. The address of the Club is.....
3. The object of the Club shall be to foster and encourage the game of polocrosse and for this purpose to maintain such polocrosse grounds as the Committee shall consider desirable and to provide such other facilities as required.
4. The Chairman of the Club shall be.....
5. The management of the Club shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of: The Chairman and not more than 8 nor less than 2 other Members of the Club. At the first Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Club all Members of the Committee (who shall have been co-opted by the Club Members and the Chairman) and the Chairman shall retire from office and at every subsequent AGM and similarly with all other serving officers of that Committee. The Members to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in the office since their last appointment or re-appointment, but as between persons who became or were last re-appointed Members of the Committee on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree amongst themselves) be determined by lot. The retiring Member of the Committee shall be eligible to re-election. If the Members of the Club do not in General Meeting fill any vacancy the Member of the Committee concerned shall, if willing to act, be deemed to have been re-appointed unless at the meeting it is resolved not to fill the vacancy or unless a resolution for the re-appointment of the Member is put to the meeting and lost. Members of the Club in a General Meeting may resolve to appoint any Member of the Club who is willing to act to be a Member of the Committee. Nominations proposed and seconded in writing, other than in the case of Members of the Committee who are retiring by rotation, shall be given to the Club Secretary no later than one week prior to the date of the AGM.

The Committee shall co-opt such additional Members of the Committee as it considers desirable for the effective running of the Club.

The Committee shall be empowered to appoint an Executive Sub-Committee for the daily running of the Club and a Finance Sub-Committee responsible for the financial affairs of the Club.

A Club Polocrosse Manager, Secretary and Treasurer may be appointed by the Committee and may also be appointed ex-officio to the Committee in which case they shall not be subject to retirement by rotation but shall remain Members of the

Committee on such terms and for such period as the other Members of the Committee shall from time to time determine.

6. Members of the Club shall be elected by the Committee by ballot or otherwise as the Committee may from time to time determine. Every application for membership shall be made to the Secretary accompanied by the name of the proposer and seconder. Names of candidates for playing membership shall be notified to the Members of the Committee not less than seven days before the election is to be made.

Upon election and before a member may play in any organised game he/she must lodge with the Club a signed declaration to be bound by the Rules, Regulations, Orders and Directives from time to time in force of the Club and the UK Polocrosse Association.
7. The annual subscriptions for playing and non-playing Members to be paid on or before shall be laid down by the Committee and notified to Members.
8. The Committee shall have the power to elect Honorary Members on payment of a nominal subscription on such conditions as the Committee shall think fit and to allow them the same or other privileges as ordinary Members, always provided the total number of Honorary Members shall not be significant in proportion to the total Membership of the Club; this to include social members.
9. Any Member intending to resign his/her Membership of the Club shall give notice in writing to the Secretary on or before..... in any year of his/her intention to do so, otherwise he/she shall be liable for the subscription for that year.
10. The Committee shall have the power to expel any Member, or visitors, who shall be guilty of conduct which in the opinion of the Committee shall justify such action. Any person so expelled shall not be allowed to enter the Club or use its facilities.
11. The AGM of the Club shall be held at a date to be decided by the Committee (on a date prior to the AGM of the UKPA usually held in mid/late November) for the purposes of:
 - approving the Minutes of the last AGM
 - receiving the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
 - electing Members of the Committee
 - transacting any other business of the Club.
12. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club may be called at any time of the Committee, or upon a requisition being sent to the Secretary signed by at least one fifth of the total ordinary Membership of the Club and stating the purpose of the

Meeting. The Secretary shall call a Meeting accordingly, which shall be held within fourteen days of the receipt of the requisition.

13. The duties and powers of the Committee shall include the following.

To:

- meet when necessary for the conduct of the Club affairs
- make and vary Bye Laws as they may consider necessary for the well being of the Club
- buy, lease or make any other arrangement they think fit for the use and preparation of grounds on which Polocrosse may be played, or for using any other premises permanent or temporary, apparatus or equipment for the purpose of the Club, including the sale of refreshments (alcoholic, subject to licensing laws, or non-alcoholic) or for any other purpose
- make whatever arrangements they think fit for playing of matches, the admission of the public, the parking of vehicles, the charges to be made and any other matters

14. Alterations of these rules shall be made only at the AGM of the Club and after written notice of the proposed alteration has been given to the Secretary at least two weeks prior to the AGM so that the same may be printed in the circular calling the meeting. The Committee may however alter any rule of the Club to become effective immediately until such time as approved or otherwise at the AGM.

**CLUB SETUP GUIDELINES
MEMBER DECLARATION**

..... POLOCROSSE CLUB

DECLARATION

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Of

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Hereby agree to be bound by the Rules, Regulations, Orders and Directives from time to time in force of the

..... Polocrosse Club

and of the United Kingdom Polocrosse (UKPA) Association in accordance with Regulations shown in the Annual Yearbook of the UKPA

Signed.....

Date.....