



RISK ASSESSMENT FOR LUNGING OR LONG REINING OF RDA(NSW) HORSES

This Risk Assessment process is undertaken when RDA(NSW) Horses are required to be lunged as a training or exercise measure or the horses is being assessed for suitability for lunging by an RDA(NSW) Coach.

All training of horses in relation to items in the RDA(NSW) Horse Suitability Guide (HOR-03) is to be conducted and endorsed by RDA(NSW) Coaches or Whips. Until a horse has been approved for Lunging or Long Reining as part of the Horse Suitability Guide no other personnel are to lunge or long rein a horse.

Monitoring documentation required:

- Attendance diary of identified personnel
- Horse Suitability checklist
- Horse welfare and exercise notes as required
- Incident reporting for all incidents

Activity	Hazard Identification Type/Cause	Risk Assessment Use Matrix	Elimination or Control Measures	Who
Preparing a horse for lunging	Unable to catch the horse Being injured whilst leading the horse	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Training of the horse in catching and leading.- Appropriate equipment for the horse is being used.- Personnel are wearing correct PPE	Coach / Whip Designated horse handler or volunteer under supervision of a Coach / Whip
Preparing to lunge a horse	Horse misbehaviour causing injury to the handler	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Referred for training of the horse to RDA(NSW) Coach / Whip.- Behaviour of horse recorded in Horse training and exercise notes.- Personnel are wearing correct PPE.	Coach / Whip Designated horse handler or volunteer under supervision of a Coach / Whip

Lunging or Long reining of horses	Area is unsuitable	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lunging area is approved by RDA(NSW) Coach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Lunging area has stable footing o Lunging area is clearly fenced o Fences are free from broken rails o Gates are in good working order 	Coach / Whip
	Person injured whilst lunging or long reining of horses	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personnel are RDA(NSW) Coaches or Whip or Designated Personnel under the supervision of an RDA(NSW) Coach or Whip. - Horse meets RDA(NSW) Suitability Guide for horses being lunged or long reined - Exercise area is checked for hazards prior to use - Lunging of horse is within prescribed guidelines provided by RDA(NSW) Coach 	Coach / Whip

Designated Lunging or Long Reining Personnel

Where approval is requested by an RDA(NSW) Centre to have a Non-RDA(NSW) qualified Coach or Whip to undertake Lunging or Long reining activities the following process is to be used:

1.	A profile of the person is to be sent to RDA(NSW) CASP including relevant experience and qualifications from other sources.
2.	Once approved by RDA(NSW) CASP a suitability determination of the individual is to be undertaken by an RDA(NSW) Coach or Whip.
3.	The RDA(NSW) Coach or Whip is to provide the individual with information regarding the horse handling, lunging and long reining procedures within RDA(NSW).
4.	The RDA(NSW) Coach or Whip is to conduct a practical demonstration of the procedures and observe the same by the individual.
5.	If the RDA(NSW) Coach or Whip determines that the person has the attributes required to safely follow the relevant RDA(NSW) procedures the CEN-11 document is to be completed for Schooling. Lunging and or Long Reining needs to be recorded on the form. A copy of the profile of the person is to be retained with the form.
6.	The RDA(NSW) Coach or Whip signs the form.
7.	The RDA(NSW) Centre Committee ratifies the approval in the Centre Minutes.

Note: Lunging of a Rider is only permitted by RDA(NSW) Senior Coaches or Coaches that have completed the Lunging Syllabus and Assessment and receive written approval by CASP.