

CONSIDERATIONS FOR VENUE SELECTION

Grounds Maintenance:

The grounds must be clean and have a pleasant appearance. The area must be clear of all objects potentially harmful to exhibitors or horses.

Footing:

This should be a major consideration. Rings and warm-up areas should be built and maintained with good footing.

Jumps:

There must be sufficient jumps for the courses with extra cups, poles, etc. for each ring. Jumps must be provided for the warm-up areas. Safety cups must be used per Rule 3.11.

Schooling/warm-up areas:

Every show ring should have a separate warm-up area with at least a vertical and oxer. A separate cross pole jump is desirable if the warm-up area permits.

Parking:

Roads need to be accessible and able to handle vans and trucks as well as cars. Separate parking should be provided for cars and trailers. A knowledgeable parking attendant is highly desirable.

Water:

There must be a sufficient and accessible supply of fresh water for the horses.

Bathrooms:

Every show should have a minimum of two facilities. They should be in good working order, cleaned and supplied as often as necessary.

Police and Fire Department:

Local fire and police departments should be notified of the scheduled show so that they can efficiently respond in case of emergency.

Stalls:

If possible, stalls should be available for exhibitor use. The prize list should state the availability and cost of stalls. Multi-day shows should have enough stalls, bedding, and feed available to meet exhibitor's requests.

Electricity:

Power and lights should be available to exhibitors.

Security:

Managers of multi-day shows may want to consider hiring security personnel. If security is provided, it should be stated in the prize list. Exhibitors must know whom to contact if they need to enter the show grounds after hours.