

USEF Forms Safety Task Force

The United States Equestrian Federation has initiated a review of current safety procedures at its sanctioned events.

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The United States Equestrian Federation has formed a task force to review current safety procedures at USEF competitions. The task force will make recommendations regarding possible changes to safety standards for licensed competitions, regardless of breed or discipline. The recommendations are expected by mid-July.

“The USEF consistently monitors safety standards, they are not static, and they will consistently change with the growth of our sport and the technology available,” says Andrew Ellis, co-chairman of the task force and a member of the USEF board of directors. “All of us have a stake in safety--the riders, instructors, organizers and officials, and we are open to input from everyone. We are also reviewing how other sports, such as skiing and snowboarding, address safety.”