

Rosinburg Events Biosecurity Policy

for all 2023 Rosinburg Events Competitions

In accordance with recommendations from the US Equestrian Federation (USEF) and the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP), in 2013 Rosinburg Events implemented a plan to protect the welfare of horses attending all of our North Carolina and Virginia competitions, against the spread of EHV-1 and other infectious diseases. We updated the plan and it remains in effect.

The following procedures will be followed:

- Show management will communicate with facility management to ensure proper preparation of facilities including disinfecting stalls and determining the health status and origin of horses on each facility for other events held before or concurrently with our shows. The information we receive will be shared with our exhibitors.
- Two protective gloves will be used to conduct all saddlery inspections and will immediately be discarded after checking each horse, per current USEF rules. At no time will a horse or any equipment (including whip or spurs) be touched by any Rosinburg Events steward or official without using a fresh protective glove.
- Stabling assignments will be made to increase space and minimize contact between horses.
- Exhibitors will be discouraged from having physical contact with horses other than their own. Equipment should not be shared and horses should not be allowed to have any physical contact with another horse or share common grazing areas.
- Exhibitors are urged to consult with their veterinarian on immunizations or other preventative measures that may be taken to provide additional protection for their horses.
- Other measures will be taken as needed to minimize the opportunity of horses having direct or indirect contact with one another.
- **An isolation protocol will be in place prior to each competition for horses suspected of infectious disease. Upon recommendation of the competition veterinarian, any horse exhibiting signs of infectious disease will either be required to leave the grounds or be placed in an isolation stall on the grounds. Other biosecurity measures may be required for all competitors upon recommendation of the competition veterinarian. All officials and staff will be advised of this protocol.**

We recommend that the following specific safety measures should be taken by exhibitors:

- Wash and disinfect your hands frequently.
- Do not handle or pet horses other than your own.
- Do not let your horse touch other horses, particularly nose-to-nose.
- Do not share water buckets, feed tubs, tack or other equipment between horses.
- You may elect to take temperatures on your horses twice daily. Report any temperatures over 102.0 to the Show Manager.

If a confirmed diagnosis of Equine Herpes Virus 1 (EHV-1) is announced by the State Veterinarian's office in either North Carolina or Virginia, or in a state from which a horse entered in the competition is originating, additional measures will be taken to protect the safety and welfare of horses in our shows, in accordance with USEF rules and policies.

- A "visual-only" inspection procedure will be used for bits and saddlery immediately after rides are completed for at least one-third of the horses in each class. Show stewards will be posted in the stable and day parking area to conduct visual inspections after bridles have been removed. At no time will the horse or equipment be touched by show personnel or officials.
- Exhibitors will be discouraged from congregating with horses in common areas.
- We will advise if additional health documents are required for the transport of horses.
- All show personnel will be trained to implement these and other biosecurity procedures that may be advised by the State Veterinarian's offices in North Carolina and Virginia.

According to the AAEP, EHV-1 is contagious and spread by direct horse-to-horse contact via the respiratory tract through nasal secretions. This disease can also be spread indirectly through contact with physical objects contaminated with the virus, such as human hands or clothing, or contaminated tack and equipment. Infected horses can also contaminate through the air with horses in close proximity.

Resources for additional information:

http://www.aaep.org/ehv_resources.htm

http://www.aaep.org/health_articles_view.php?id=370

http://www.usefnetwork.com/news/9670/2013/3/8/equine_herpes_virus_type_1_ehv1.aspx

- **Please note USEF rule, effective 12.1.15: Horses entering the grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within 6 months prior to entering the stables. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the grounds upon request by Competition Management.**