

Health Information for Cool August Nights Competition

In an effort to make all the required paperwork, and it's a lot, more easily communicated and understood please see below. The vaccination and out of state information remains the same. The mandated USEF and CA State VSV protocol is what is currently needed and requirements may change as hopefully the virus situation lessens.

USEF Vaccination Rule:

Per USEF GR844 Equine Vaccination Rule; all Equine entering this competition must provide with their entry, proof of current flue/rhino vaccination within 6 months of the show BUT should be no later than 7 days before the show. If providing proof of vaccinations from your veterinarian it must be on veterinarian's letterhead.

Out of State Horses

Horses entering the State must be accompanied by a certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate) issued by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days of entry into the state.

CURRENT USEF PROTOCOL FOR VESTICULAR STOMATITIS VIRUS (VSV) FOR ALL HORSES FROM AFFECTED STATES

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE ENTERING COMPETITION GROUNDS

1. Timed Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate) for horses from VS Affected State(s): Must be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) which includes a VS statement and issued within 5 days of entry to competition grounds by a licensed veterinarian who has examined the horse. Only state issued/ approved official CVI document shall be accepted. Sample statement: *"I have examined the animal(s) represented on this certificate of veterinary inspection and have found no clinical signs of vesicular stomatitis and they have not originated from a premises under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis"*
2. A 3-day temperature log with temperatures taken twice daily prior to arrival is required. The log can be found on the next page in prize list. The temperature log must be shown at time of arrival and continued with twice daily temperatures taken for the duration of the horse's stay on competition grounds. This temperature log must be available upon request by the Technical Delegate, show staff or competition veterinarian.
3. Required Onsite Veterinary or designated individual examination of all horses from VS Affected States for vesicular lesions at time of entry to venue. No horse will be permitted entry to stabling, schooling, or competition area without veterinary examination. Arrival times for all horses shipping in will be emailed to competitors 5 days prior to competition.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE ABOVE DOCUMENTATION FOR YOUR HORSE(S) OR ARRIVAL NOT AT SPECIFIED TIMES WILL RESULT IN DENIED ACCESS TO THE SHOWGROUNDS.

Biosecurity Protocol:

1. For stabled horses, temperatures must be taken twice daily and recorded on the provided temperature log. TD's and official staff will be checking temperature logs on all horses. Warnings will be given if temperature logs are not properly kept or provided upon request. The normal body temperatures for an adult horse stands anywhere from 99 to 101.5 degrees Fahrenheit. A spike in temperature above 101.5 degrees Fahrenheit could be a cause for concern Your horse will be referred to the designated isolation stabling on site for isolation. Failure to maintain temperature logs will result in expulsion from competition with no refunds.
2. Examine your horse frequently for hypersalivation(drooling) and vesicles (blisters) on the lips, muzzle, tongue, ears, teats, sheath and coronary bands. Report any signs to competition management immediately.
3. Avoid allowing your horse to graze while on the show ground.
4. Remove manure from the stall as soon as possible to minimize fly vector breeding areas.
5. Keep stabling area clean of spilled feed and hay.
6. Minimize fly vectors though use of fly wipes, sprays, foggers and other repellents for use on animals.
7. In addition to monitoring temperatures, be aware of other signs of illness. While fever is the first sign of potential infection in horses, other concerning signs include nasal discharge, coughing, or respiratory changes, diarrhea, or neurological signs such as incoordination, urine dribbling or changes in mentation. Isolation is the key to stop the spread of any illness to other horses. Contact Meaghan Mallory at 805-479-0101 immediately if your horse shows signs of illness so immediate action can be taken to isolate your horse.

THIS PROTOCOL IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON NOTIFICATION BY USEF AND THE STATE OF CA