

EQUINE EVENT BIO SECURITY DECLARATION



HORSE COUNCIL BC

EQUINE EVENT PARTICIPATION DECLARATION (Complete a separate form for different owners.)

Event Name: _____
Event Location: _____
Event Date(s): _____

CONTACT PERSON

Name of Person Responsible for the Horse(s) at the Event: _____
Address: _____
Home Phone Number: _____
Cell Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

HORSE INFORMATION

Horse Name:							Stall #
Breed:				Age:		Sex	
Identification: (color, markings, brand)							

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Address of property from which the horse was moved to the event:

Address of property to which the horse will move after the event: (If different from above)

Other persons affiliated or responsible for the horse:

Name: _____ Cell Number: _____

HORSE HEALTH DECLARATION

I, _____ declare that the horse(s) named above has/have been in good health, with body temperature(s) below 39°C (102°F), eating normally and has/have not shown signs of infectious disease for the three (3) days preceding arrival at this event including transport.

Signature _____ Date _____

VACCINATION & TESTING REQUIREMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EQUINE EVENTS

It is highly recommended that all horses participating in equine events be fully vaccinated for both Equine Influenza Virus (EIV) and Equine Herpes Virus (1&4) (EHV).

It is important to remember that vaccination is only part of an infectious disease prevention program and cannot make up for lack of effective biosecurity. Vaccination will not prevent all cases of disease with either EIV or EHV and vaccination is not known to result in protection against the neurological form of equine herpes virus (nEHV-1). However, vaccination is thought to reduce the amount of viral shedding in infected horses, which can decrease the potential for further spread.

It is also recommended that all horses participating in equine events be tested for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) with negative results reported within the past six (6) months. EIA is an infectious and potentially fatal viral disease affecting the immune system of horses, donkeys and mules. Most EIA-infected horses show no clinical signs of disease; however, they remain carriers of the virus for life and can be a source of infection for susceptible animals.

In Canada, EIA is listed as a reportable disease under the Health of Animals Act. Accordingly, when EIA is suspected, it must be reported to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA).

It is the responsibility of all horse owners and custodians attending events in British Columbia or beyond to be aware of criteria required by the venue, province/state of destination.

Reference: Infectious disease control - recommendations for biosecurity and vaccination By Katharina L. Lohmann (WCVM), University of Saskatchewan (March 2008) http://cms.abvma.ca/uploads/WCVM_INFECTIONOUS_DISEASE_CONTROL.pdf

RESOURCES & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Horse Council BC

<http://www.hcbc.ca/Bio-Security.html?>

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association: Biosecurity - www.abvma.ca/Biosecurity/About-Biosecurity.asp

Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Equine Infectious Anemia - <http://inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/eia/eng/1329698749489/1329703176989>

University of Guelph -

http://www.equineguelph.ca/Tools/biosecurity_2011.php

California Department of Food and Agriculture: Biosecurity Toolkit for Equine Events -

www.cdffa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/Equine_Biosecurity.html

University of California Davis: general information on EHV-1- www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/ceh/ehv1_general.cfm

American Association of Equine Practitioners: Information for Horse Owners www.aacp.org/

Horse Council British Columbia (www.hcbc.ca) has reviewed and endorsed the intent of the **Horse Events: Biosecurity guidelines for organizers and competitors** document and further recognizes the documents origins.

To promote proper vaccination protocols all horses entering competition at the 55+ Games must have been administered Equine Influenza and Equine Herpes (EHV-1 EHV-4 vaccinations).

It is recommended that vaccinations be administered by a veterinarian. Competition management may request supporting documentation confirming these vaccination requirements at the discretion of competition management, horses not in compliance may be asked to leave the competition without reimbursement.

If a horse is unable to receive these vaccinations, a letter signed by an equine veterinarian stating the horse can not be vaccinated due to medical concerns must be submitted to, competition@hcbc.ca before the start date of the competition.

Bio security planning helps to ensure that practises routinely carried out on the farm or at competition are beneficial to your horse's health. By adopting proper Bio Security protocols and working with your veterinarian you will play a significant role in keeping your horses as well as others safe and as healthy as possible

For more information on Equine Bio Security please visit: <https://hcbc.ca/equine-welfare/biosecurity/>

