

BIOSECURITY FACT SHEET

We take biosecurity seriously and have measures in place to mitigate the risk of infections, diseases and pests.

OUR BIOSECURITY POLICY

All horse owners and competitors should be aware that you have a biosecurity obligation to take all reasonable steps to ensure your activities do not spread a pest, disease or contaminant.

Competitors are asked to ensure good biosecurity practices at home and at the event and to follow the instructions of the organising committee and the Biosecurity Manager or risk expulsion from the event.

All horses entering grounds must be from a property actively practicing good biosecurity principles within their management.

Horse Health Declarations (HHD) are a mandatory requirement for all events. Please read the HHD form and ensure:

Your horses are shampooed, rinsed and allowed to dry, and their hooves are picked clean of all solid material and washed with shampoo

Your vehicles and equipment accompanying the horses are cleaned to remove all solid material that could contain disease agents, and then disinfected

Acceptance into the event will be refused if the required HHD is not presented at point of entry or designated registration point, as advised by the organising committee.

The property identification code (PIC) of the horse's origin must be included on the HHD

Other biosecurity and workplace health and safety measures that aim to provide the safest environment for horses, competitors, volunteers and visitors include:

No horses or dogs with signs of illness are to be brought onto the grounds.

No communal horse water troughs are available at this event.

Do not share equipment, including food and water containers, between horses.

Competitors are responsible for cleaning up manure from yards and placing it in designated areas. Please use your own rakes/shovels.

Competitors are required to advise the event organisers immediately if a horse is sick. Stop all non-essential contact with the sick horse. Do not allow children to have close contact with the sick horse.

Everyone handling horses should wash or sanitize hands between contacting different horses.

OUR BIOSECURITY PLAN

Our event biosecurity plan is a set of preventative control measures and actions aimed at reducing the risk of infectious diseases and pests on and off the venue, and between horses at the venue.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT OF A BIOSECURITY INCIDENT

In the unlikely event of a biosecurity incident, the Biosecurity Manager and the organizing committee will implement our event biosecurity plan.

You will be notified about the incident and expected to follow the directions given by the organising committee.

Everyone will be expected to remain at the venue until cleared to leave by the organising committee and Biosecurity Manager.

In the event of horse movement restrictions participants are responsible for the care, maintenance and cost of their horses and themselves, including feeding, bedding, vets and personal needs.

If a horse is confirmed to have an infectious disease the owner/ lessee will be responsible for all vet cost and if venue is locked down and quarantined will be responsible for all cost associated with this