



Arrival Examinations

Event officials/designated representatives and/or State Animal Health Officials will examine all horses entering our grounds to verify horse health and examine health papers to document any history of exposure to infectious diseases within the 2 weeks preceding arrival. All participants are expected to fully cooperate with examining officials and abide by their decisions/instructions. Failure to comply may result in expulsion from the show.

Health Requirements for Entry

1. A current Certificate of Veterinary Examination issued by your home state. *If you are arriving from Marion County Florida, you may be required to have your Certificate of Veterinary Examination issued within 72 hours of arrival at the Kentucky Horse Park. Check with your State Veterinarian and/or Rusty Ford or Dr. Katie Flynn at the Kentucky Department of Agriculture before acquiring your Examination Certificate.*
2. Owners/agents must sign a health certification statement verifying that their horse(s) has/have been healthy with no sign of infectious disease for the preceding 3 days and a temperature <101.5 at rest during the 72 hours before arrival at the event. See the **attached Event Participation Declaration**
3. Horses must not be exhibiting signs of disease (including, for example, but not limited to, fever (>101.5F at rest), cough, nasal discharge, weakness and/or incoordination, watery diarrhea).
4. Event **No Fever** Policy

A veterinarian (or owner/agent) will obtain the horse's rectal temperature during the Arrival Examination. If the temperature is ≥ 101.5 F, the horse will not be able to immediately enter the FEI Stable Compound. The horse may be left on the transport vehicle or placed in an Isolation Stall. The rectal temperature will be taken again at 1 hour intervals for 2 hours. If the temperature does not decrease to <101.5 within 2 hours, the horse will remain in the Isolation Stall until the temperature is < 101.5 or the horse is judged to be unfit for competition. If judged unfit to compete, the horse will receive appropriate treatment in Isolation and will leave the show grounds as soon as is medically advisable.

Biosecurity During the Competition

1. Owner/agents will monitor health of the horse daily and will obtain and document the rectal temperature of each horse twice a day, preferably before working the horse in the morning and after the horse has recovered from work/showing in the afternoon/evening. Please use the **Temperature-Monitoring Log** provided, that should be placed in clear view on the horse's stall door. Owners/agents should immediately report any sign of illness or a temperature >101.5 to:
 - Either Dr Susan Johns or Dr Kent Allen, the Event Permitted Treating Veterinarians,.
 - Dr. Catherine Kohn, Veterinary Services Manager and/or
 - Dr. Karen Nyrop, the Veterinary Delegate or Dr. Anne Baskett, the Assistant Veterinary Delegate.
2. Stable Office Personnel will put you in radio or telephone contact with one of these persons
3. Event officials will periodically check temperature logs and immediately report readings >101.5F to one of the persons mentioned in 1 above.
4. Any horse with a fever, or showing clinical signs of disease, will be moved to an Isolation stall, and will receive suitable veterinary treatment as recommended by a Permitted Treating Veterinarian or the Athlete's private veterinarian in consultation with the Veterinary Services Manager.
5. Procedures for caring for a horse in Isolation



- Anyone in contact with a horse in Isolation must wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including coveralls, waterproof boots, and disposable gloves that will be provided by the Organizing Committee.
 - After taking care of a horse in Isolation, the person should walk through the disinfectant bath outside the stall and clean his/her hands with soap and water, followed by applying hand sanitizer.
 - As few people as possible should contact the horse. We recommend that the care of a horse in isolation is delegated to one person.
 - PPE used/worn in isolation are to remain in Isolation or be properly disposed of.
 - The Permitted Treating Veterinarian and the Veterinary Services Manager will advise those caring for a horse of the specific requirements for maintaining isolation.
6. A horse will be discharged from Isolation when the horse is found not be a risk for spreading disease. This decision will be made by the Permitted Treating Veterinarian, in consultation with the Veterinary Services Manager, The Veterinary Delegate, The Kentucky State Veterinarian, and the Competition Manager.

Recommended Biosecurity Procedures

- Dogs must be kept on a leash.
- Limit horse-to-horse contact
- Limit horse-to-human contact
- Avoid sharing equipment, including tack, water buckets, brushes, wipe rags etc.
- Avoid submerging ends of water hoses in water buckets.
- Cover all feed and hay to prevent access by vermin, birds or other animals.
- Monitor your horse frequently for signs of disease during the event.
- Immediately report any sick horse to an Event Permitted Treating Veterinarian, the Veterinary Services Manager and/or the Veterinary Delegate/Associate Veterinarian.
- Thoroughly clean and disinfect all equipment before use at home.
- Isolate and monitor all horses upon return home. Allow 2 weeks before co-mingling the horses that have travelled to a show with those that remain on your farm.

Recommended/Required Vaccinations

1. Influenza according to the FEI guidelines. REQUIRED
2. Equine herpes viruses: per the AAEP Guidelines (aaep.org) RECOMMENDED.
3. EEE/WEE/WNV per the AAEP Guidelines (aaep.org) RECOMMENDED

In the unlikely event of an infectious disease incident at the event, all “in-contact” horses will remain at the venue until event management, in consultation with Dr. Katie Flynn and Rusty Ford, provide clearance for departure. If movement restrictions are put in place, each owner/agent is responsible for the care of their own horse(s) on the premises.

We appreciate your compliance with our biosecurity policies that are designed to ensure your horse’s continued good health during our competition and when traveling to the next venue. Please let us know if you have any questions.