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BIOSECURITY PROTOCOLS – NATIONAL SHOW HORSES 2022/2023 SEASON AT WELLINGTON INTERNATIONAL

1. 2023 REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING WEF @ WELLINGTON INTERNATIONAL

- a. Owners/trainers must present the following arrival documents for all horses prior to picking up a back number and/or stabling at Wellington International:
- b. A completed Wellington International Statement of Health and Vaccination signed by a licensed veterinarian within 7 days of arrival.
- c. USEF declaration document signed by the owner/trainer for each horse indicating the horse has not had a fever (defined by greater than 101.5) or disease within the 72 hours prior to arrival, has not been exposed to or treated for a fever of unknown origin within the past (28) days, and has tested negative for EHV-1 post infection at least 30 days prior to arrival if it had tested positive for EHV-1 within the previous six months.
- d. All horses stabling or showing at WEF 2023 must be registered and have an assigned WEF 2023 back number. In order to obtain a WEF 2023 back number, you must present all of the required information above and records will be kept on file.
- e. During the WEF 2023 season it is the Owners/Trainers responsibility to maintain compliance with all vaccination requirements AND to notify horse show management if there are any changes in their horse's health or exposure (as defined in 1. a. ii.) Any horse that cannot meet these requirements are not permitted on the facility.
- f. WEF does not allow horses to trailer into the facility to show without a stall. Therefore, all current documents will be required for all horses on a van at arrival. The driver will be required to sign that all horses trailered into the grounds have an assigned stall and are in compliance of requirements 1a, 1b, and 1c. This is a Facility Requirement for the safety of all horses showing or stabling on the grounds. **Be aware that Owners and Trainers will be held responsible for any falsification of this statement upon entry to the facility as it was their decision to send the horse to the facility.**
- g. Horse transport is not allowed entry to the facility between the hours of 6:30 am and 8:30 am Wednesday- Sunday.
- h. Horses leaving the property and returning: Drivers must sign for every re-entry to the facility that all horses are in compliance.
- i. Please inform all drivers of these requirements so they are not finding out the first time upon arrival.

2. MONITORING REQUIREMENTS DURING THE HORSE SHOW

- a. At all times the horse back number should be placed on the stall door for verification. If the horse change stalls, the horse back number should be changed as well.
- b. Twice a day temperature checks, morning and evening, will be required. Temperatures should be taken prior to any exercise. The horse show will provide suggested temperature logs to be maintained on each stall door.

- c. The first temperature check should occur once the horse is in the stall and before the horse leaves the stall for any initial work. Ideally this should occur after the horse has settled in, preferably within three (3) hours of arrival.
- d. If a temperature check reveals a fever (defined as 101.5°F if the horse is not on NSAIDs or 101.1°F if the horse is on NSAIDs or other temperature suppressing medication), Show Management or the Show Vet must be immediately informed of the elevated temperature.
- e. **The temperature check requirement will be a USEF rule for WEF during the 2022/2023 season.**

3. RECOMMENDED BIOSECURITY PRACTICES DURING THE HORSE SHOW. *(Note: at any time of elevated risk, Show Management reserves the right to change any and all of these recommendations to requirements.)*

- a. Overall biosecurity practices
 - i. Cleaning stations will be maintained by WEF at each ring. This includes sinks with anti-bacterial soap and sanitizer dispensers. All individuals working with horses are encouraged to clean their hands as frequently as possible.
 - ii. To the extent possible, tack, rider clothing, horse tools/rags, etc. should be dedicated to a unique horse and not shared across horses.
 - iii. Grooms/riders/trainers should make every effort to keep space between horses throughout the property and to avoid sharing rags, buckets, etc. between horses.
 - iv. Signage will be located throughout the show grounds detailing best practices and required protocols.
 - v. Practices and protocols will be available on the website. Owners and Trainers are strongly encouraged to require all grooms and care takers to read and acknowledge the practices and protocols in place at WEF as part of their employment on the horse show grounds.
- b. Recommended Biosecurity practices across cohorts
 - vi. Access to each barn/tent should be limited to individuals with horses in the respective barn/tent.
 - vii. Grooms/trainers/riders should take every precaution to avoid contamination across cohorts. This includes not sharing any tack, cleaning material, brushes, etc., even when it's the "nice" thing to do.
 - viii. When crossing cohorts, grooms/trainers/riders are encouraged to change clothes and practice basic cleaning procedures, such as washing and/or disinfecting hands, boots, etc.
- c. Recommended Biosecurity practices at the ring and/or other common areas
 - ix. Grooms/riders/trainers should make every effort to keep space between horses.
 - x. Extreme caution should be taken by those handling/riding horses to avoid contamination between horses. To the extent possible, tack should not be shared across horses. Riders moving from one horse to another horse should clean their hands with soap and water or disinfectant. Materials used to care for horses, e.g., towels or rags for wiping noses, should not be shared between horses.
- d. Recommended Biosecurity practices for third party providers, including vets, grooms, farriers, braiders & Stall Watch.
 - xi. All third-party providers operating within the horse show facility are strongly encouraged to disinfect all of their tools and work area between working at different barns/tents/cohorts.
 - xii. Braiders/vets/farriers/Stall Watch are strongly encouraged to disinfect to clean and disinfectant their hands between entering multiple stalls.
- e. Biosecurity protocols at vet and farrier station
 - xiii. Cleaning stations will be set up at the vet clinic and the farrier station.
 - xiv. Vets and farriers will be encouraged to clean and disinfect between horses.

- xv. The vet clinic and farrier station will be disinfected on a regular basis by the management. A long-term disinfectant will be used at both locations.

4. PROTOCOLS FOR FEBRILE HORSES

- a. After notification of an elevated temperature, a clinical exam will be performed by the show vet in conjunction with the owner/trainer's regular veterinarian. If deemed appropriate by the show vet and/or show management testing EHV-1 and/or isolation may be required.
- b. Febrile horses will remain under supervision of the show vet and show management. Return to exercise will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- c. The Trainer/ Barn Manager is required to oversee temperature check of all horses in the cohort to ensure no additional fevers are identified. Show Management or the Show Veterinarian will spot check temperature logs at their digression.

5. PROTOCOLS FOR EHV-1 POSITIVE HORSES

- a. Should a febrile horse be considered as suspicious for EHV-1, the horse will be moved to isolation.
- b. Testing for EHV-1 will be conducted and the State Vet and USEF will be notified in the case of a positive result.
- c. Isolation protocols will require the horse to have two negative EHV-1 tests separated by seven (7) days. Once that has occurred the horse will be returned to its stall and is free to return to exercise and competition at the discretion of the horse owner/trainer/horse vet. The trainer/owner of a horse testing positive for EHV-1 may elect to have the horse undergo isolation at home, subject to permission from the State veterinarian.
- d. Additional biosecurity protocols will be implemented at the barn/tent of the positive horse subject to the recommendation of the State or Show veterinarians. Temperature checks will be monitored by the show vet and/or management. Based on the potential exposure assessment, access to barn aisle(s) will be limited and Foot baths and additional stall disinfectant applications will be in place at the direction of show management. These will remain in place for seven (7) days assuming no additional febrile horses have been identified. Horses will be free to exercise and compete during this period with mandatory protocols in place.
- e. Should any additional horses from the cohort become febrile, they will be moved to isolation and tested for EHV-1. If the horses test negative, the horses with an elevated temperature will be required to stay in isolation until a subsequent negative test occurs 48 hours later. Return to exercise will be made decided upon on a case-by-case basis.
- f. Should a second horse test positive for EHV-1 in the cohort, the State Vet will be immediately notified and the cohort will be under Wellington International quarantine until seven (days) after the positive horses have cleared isolation and no other horses in the cohort are febrile or with clinical signs. All horses in the cohort will be required to stay in their stall. Positive horses will be relocated to isolation. Horses will be monitored until no additional fevers have been identified and the positive EHV-1 horses have been cleared. During this time, additional monitoring of the barn/tent will be conducted by management and the show veterinarian. The Wellington International quarantine procedures will include fencing around the barn/tent, security, and limited access. Exercise arrangements will be made by management.

6. PROTOCOLS FOR EHM SITUATION

- a. Should a febrile horse show neurological deficits consistent with EHM the horse will be immediately isolated and tested for EHV-1. Recommendation for immediate referral and hospitalization will likely be made. The State Vet has jurisdiction at all times to alter these protocols.

- b. During this time, after the State Vets investigation and recommendation the “exposed” barn aisles or entire tent will be placed under precautionary biosecurity protocols, including foot baths, show vet and management monitored temperature checks, and further limited access.
- c. Should the horse test positive for EHM, the State Vet will assume responsibility for quarantine and other protocols until the quarantine is cleared.

7. WEF MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

- a. WEF Management will report all positive cases of EHV-1 to the State and USEF. All communication to participants at WEF will be approved by USEF.
- b. WEF Management will ensure adequate supplies of PPE, disinfectants and bath supplies are available at all times.
- c. Any decision to limit, postpone, or cancel a competition, and subsequent decisions to resume competition, will be made in consultation with the State Veterinarian and USEF.
- d. All official communication regarding confirmed positive EHV-1 will be reviewed and approved by the State Vet and USEF.