

Biosecurity – Event Organisers

These guidelines provide general information for those organizing and competing at Horse Events in Queensland. After successful eradication campaign of Equine Influenza (EI) in Australia in 2007/2008 it remains vital that equestrian activities continue to follow good biosecurity measures to minimize the risk of spreading infectious diseases.

Recommendations for EVENT ORGANISERS:

Registration of the Horse Event with DPI&F is encouraged at least 3 days before the event.

Register your Horse Event online, or via the DPI&F Call Centre 132523.

This will enable the DPI&F to contact Event Organisers with information should an emergency situation arise while an event is in progress.



Prepare & Implement a BIOSECURITY PLAN

Biosecurity Plan should include:

- Veterinarian to be on call during event
- Provide method of making emergency phone calls or alternate communication
- Limit public access to stable areas
- Provide separate vehicle parking for competitors from spectator parking
- Create single entry and exit to grounds
- Provide adequate hand-washing facilities
- Provide designated isolation area (or stable) for sick horses
- Officials/stewards (including gear check) practice good hygiene between horses

Develop a CONTINGENCY PLAN, should a stock standstill (Lockdown) be declared.

EVENT RECORDS should be kept of All Horses:

- Name of horse/s
- Identification of Horse/s (Brand/Microchip Number, Sex, Colour)
- PIC (Property Identification Code) location where the horse came from.

All Competitors:

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number

Event Organisers have a duty of care to participants and their horses. Event Organisers should keep Event Attendance Records for a period of six (6) months.

Primary responsibility for Biosecurity at Horse Events lies with the Horse Owners/Competitors, long before the event.

