



EVENT BIOSECURITY CHECKLIST

NAME OF THE EVENT	
ADDRESS OF THE VENUE	
DATES OF FIRST ARRIVALS AND LAST DEPARTURES	FROM / / TO / /
EVENT ORGANISER & PHONE NUMBER	
EVENT BIOSECURITY MANAGER	

EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST

ORGANISATION	PHONE NUMBER	ALTERNATIVE NUMBER	COMMENT
Emergency Disease Watch Hotline	1800 675 888		
Biosecurity NSW during business hours	02 6391 3100		
Livestock Health and Pest Authority contact for the area see http://www.lhpa.org.au/contact for full list of contacts			
Event Biosecurity Manager			
Second in Charge			
Event Veterinarian			
Local Veterinarian 1			
Local Veterinarian 2			
Body Disposal company			
Bio Hazard Disposal – local council or above LHPA contacts			
Venue Owner/ Manager			
Neighbours with Horses			
Local Police			

CHECKLIST -EQUIPMENT TO HAVE ON SITE (Items in italics should be in your Biosecurity Equipment Box)

- *Adequate hand sanitiser (antiseptic gel, wipes or soap)*
- *Personal protective equipment (gloves, overalls, boots, P2 masks, safety glasses). Ensure staff/volunteers are trained in the use of PPE – please refer to LHPA contact for correct procedures in regard to Hendra and other Transmittable Diseases.*
- *Decontamination equipment (buckets, spray bottles, scrubbing brush foot bath – kitty litter tray works well, disinfectant)*
- *Paper hand towels*
- *Heavy duty garbage bags*
- *Biohazard waste bags*
- Large tarpaulin
- *Hazard tape*
- Star pickets or panel fencing
- Rolls of hessian for isolation area
- Microchip scanner or access to scanner
- Public address system
- Human first aid kit

1. PREVENTION OF INTRODUCTION OF DISEASE ONTO GROUNDS

A. BIO-SECURITY RULES

All Horses entering the event grounds must be from a property actively practising good Biosecurity principles within their management.

- No Horses with signs of illness are to be brought on the grounds.
- A Horse Health Declaration must accompany all horses entering the grounds.
- Entry will be refused to the event until the declaration is handed to officials at point of entry.
- There is only one entry point and one exit.
- A Venue/Site Map must accompany this Plan
- Events incorporating other livestock e.g. cattle, should complete a Biosecurity Plan for that species as well.

B. EVENT BIOSECURITY MANAGER

_____ : - Ph. _____

Contact this person if there is a problem with horse health

- This person is in charge should a Biosecurity Risk arise, and will keep a record of people and /or horses leaving the grounds if they have been directed not to.

C. RECORD KEEPING

- The Horse Health Declaration forms will be kept by the Event Biosecurity Manager for Traceability for 6 months. A copy will also be held at the PCA NSW Head office.

D. P.I.C

- The P.I.C Number of Horses origin must be on the Horse Health Declaration for all NSW and Queensland horses.

2. PREVENTION OF SPREAD OF DISEASE AT THE EVENT

A. PEOPLE

- People should minimise (as much as practical) contact with horses; in particular other people's horses.
- Horse carers should restrict public access to their horses as much as practical.
- Disinfectant and hand washing facilities will be made available at a prescribed area. Including near the toilet/shower, food service areas and horse wash area. Horse handlers are urged to use disinfectant when washing hands on a regular basis.
- **A PPE KIT** with mask, gloves, overalls & goggles will be held on grounds. All PPE kits should be checked at least annually to ensure that there is no missing or out of date equipment.

B. HORSES

No communal water troughs will be supplied. No communal water buckets are to be used on the field.

If horses are not returning to the Property (P.I.C stated on Horse Health Declaration), Horse handlers will report this to the person in charge.

Minimise contact with other horses (as much as practical) on the grounds and don't share water or feed buckets.

No sharing of horse yards or stables.

No sharing of bridles, bits or any horse equipment without it being correctly disinfected.

3. MINIMISING THE EFFECT & SPREAD OF A DISEASE INCIDENT WITHIN THE GROUNDS

A. VET

- A Designated Vet/Isolation Yard will be supplied – Access to the Isolation Yard should not be through “clean areas” to minimise contact with groups of healthy horses. Please contact local LHPA for advise on the best site to situate your Isolation Yard.
- A Vet will be on call at all times.
- A Disposal area to bury or burn deceased horses will be organised prior to event

4. SITE MAP ATTACHED

Attached site map should include:

- Entry and Exit Point
- Isolation area
- Stabling Area
- Public Access and Horse free areas
- Public parking in horse free area
- Participants parking for horse floats/trucks
- Designated exercise/warm up area
- Manure disposal area
- Location of disinfectant
- Location of PPE Kit
- Location of hand washing facilities
- Location of food service areas
- Location of First Aid

5. Horse Health Declaration

- a. As provided by your Event Organising Committee

6. Competitors Responsibilities

- Don't take any horses to that are sick or off colour to any event or competition

- Monitor horse health and know its normal rectal temperature
- Take your own feed and buckets for water and feed
- Don't share equipment between horses
- Avoid all contact with other peoples horses while at the event and restrict people from touching your horse
- Isolate sick and 'in-contact' horses at the first sign of illness, report to event organisers and notify vet immediately
- Always wear protective clothing and gloved when handling a sick horse
- Clean horse transport and gear pre and post travel (sue household disinfectant or soap)

7. Post Event

- Ensure that all horse waste and bedding has been removed at event completion
- Ensure that all paperwork is stored for at least six months at Club or Zone level
- Ensure that all state paperwork is returned to the office for all State Championships

BIOSECURITY CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR SUSPECT BIOSECURITY RISK

**Veterinarian to perform initial clinical exam on suspect case (low → high risk)
(using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – located in Vet area)**

Veterinarian to inform Event Biosecurity Manager and notify Department of Primary Industries NSW of suspect case

DPI NSW 02 6391 3100 (9 am – 5 pm Mon-Fri) or local LHPA District Vet or
Animal Disease Emergency Hotline **1800 675 888**

Veterinarian to relocate and secure horse to designated ISOLATION AREA (see below) utilizing PPE, some of which may be located in biosecurity kits situated in Isolation area. Immediate steps are to be taken to reduce risk of exposure to yourself and others (PPE), promote personal hygiene and appropriate decontamination.

Event Biosecurity Manager in consultation with veterinarian to identify at-risk horses (horses that were transported together with suspect horse, housed together for 6 days with suspect horse prior to transport, or stabled adjacent to suspect horse at the event). These horses are to be isolated from other horses in isolation stables. At risk horses to return to owner's property and be isolated from other animals pending sample results from suspect case.

Veterinarian to allocate exit/entry to isolation area and set up decontamination zone.

Event Biosecurity Manager with veterinarian to decide whether event proceeds and enforce designated isolation protocol.
(Decision made on a case by case).

In consultation with Biosecurity NSW (Department of Primary Industries NSW), the horse is returned to the owner's property or remains in isolation on site or is referred to an appropriate Equine Clinic for further isolation and treatment. Sampling of the suspect horse is to be performed at the discretion of the official veterinarian. Event Biosecurity Manager needs to be aware of the local Bio-hazard storage and disposal procedures. Contact local government authorities for guidelines.

Please consult with the veterinarian to provide further information on what testing needs to be completed.

The veterinarian onsite will organise for samples to be sent to the Department of Primary Industries or private laboratories depending on testing facilities.

Event Biosecurity Manager to notify owners of negative result.

Event Biosecurity Manager to notify owners of positive result. Case becomes managed by Biosecurity NSW.