



Biosecurity Statement

2017 PCA National Championships



Date: 31st May, 2017

At any horse event of the scale of these championships, there are inherent biosecurity risks. We take biosecurity seriously and have measures in place to mitigate the risk of infections, diseases and pests. In the main these measures are easy to practice but their success depends upon the co-operation of all individuals in attendance. It is important to note that this Statement covers a range of pest, disease and contaminant issues which affect horses.

Horse owners and competitors need to be aware that to participate in this event it is not mandatory to have horses vaccinated for Hendra Virus - there will be both vaccinated and non-vaccinated horses in attendance. Notwithstanding, it is important to note that the vaccination of horses in relation to the Hendra virus is recognised as the single most effective means of controlling the spread of this virus and we encourage all competitors and horse owners to evaluate the merits of vaccinating their horses. Although it is a serious condition, Hendra Virus is not a common occurrence and practicing the relatively simple processes outlined here can greatly assist in mitigating associated risks.

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, travel to and from the event and at the event. At the event you will be expected 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. For further information on Horse Movements, Biosecurity Concerns and Documentation requirements in Queensland, refer to <https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/animal-industries>

Competitors are also reminded that the attached Horse Health Declaration (HHD) is a mandatory requirement for every horse at this event. (This document is also printed on page 14 of the 2017 PCA Nationals Rider Pack). 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 venue 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) or identifiable street address of the horse's origin (ie. the property from which the horse commenced its journey) 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.
- Once a horse has entered the event venue, it must remain on the grounds until the completion of the event (ie. earliest departure of any horse will be 22nd September 2017).

- No horses are allowed in camping areas – saddling, grooming and feeding to be done in stable areas.
- Dogs must be on leash at all times and are allowed only in camping areas.
- No communal horse water troughs are available at this event.
- Do not share equipment, including food and water containers, between horses.
- All horses to be stabled in the undercover stables provided.
- Competitors are responsible for cleaning up manure from stables or 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. An isolation area has been identified on the grounds and any horse identified as unwell will be immediately removed to this area.
- Everyone handling horses should wash or sanitise 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. In line with these efforts and given the physical layout of stable at the venue, horses from the historically known Hendra Virus areas - Queensland and New South Wales - will be stabled together in an area which gives maximum possible separation from horses of other states.

The biosecurity plan also outlines actions to be taken, and the people responsible for initiation of those actions, should there be a biosecurity incident during the event.

The full biosecurity plan will be available to team managers and officials at a minimum of 1 month prior to the commencement of the event (ie. by 16th August 2017).

WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT OF A BIOSECURITY INCIDENT

In the unlikely event of a biosecurity incident, the Biosecurity Manager and the organising committee will implement our event Biosecurity Incident Contingency 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 but not limited to feeding, bedding, vets and personal needs.

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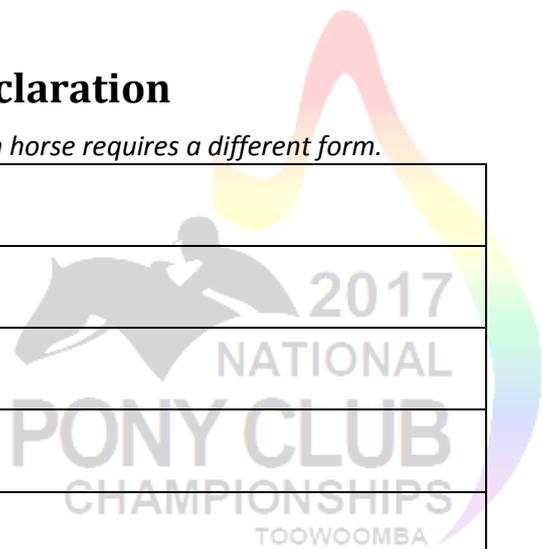
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Horse Health & Event Declaration

This form is to be presented on arrival to the grounds. Each horse requires a different form.

Event:	Event Date:
Person in charge of horse at event:	
Mobile contact:	Email:
Address:	
Owner of horse:	
Owner mobile contact:	Owner email:
Owner address:	
Name of horse:	
Markings (incl brands):	Hendra vaccination: Yes/No
	Date:
Sex:	Breed:



List any current medical condition/ailments and treatment administered:

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Usual property address of horse:

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Address(es) of property where horse has resided before the event (include stays overnight in transit; anywhere unloading and reloading occurred):

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Property address where horse will travel to immediately following event:

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I, _____ declare that the horse named above has been in good health, including maintaining an average temperature range, eating normally and not shown signs of respiratory or any other disease during the past three days leading up to the event. I authorise the designated event horse health official to call for veterinary inspection of the horse named above if they show any sign/s of respiratory illness or any other disease at any time during the course of the event. I agree to pay any veterinary fees incurred as a result of this veterinary examination. I declare that this information is true and correct.

Signature: Date:

Event organisers must keep this form for 28 days for traceability purposes. These forms are to trace all horses that have been at an event if an emergency disease occurs in order to minimise the spread of disease.