



PONY CLUB
NEW SOUTH WALES

EVENT BIOSECURITY

CHECKLIST

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

EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST

ORGANISATION	PHONE NUMBER	ALTERNATIVE NUMBER	COMMENT
Emergency Disease Watch Hotline	1800 675 888		
Biosecurity NSW during business	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 and running water*)
- 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 [akitty 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

PREVENTION OF INTRODUCTION OF DISEASE ONTO GROUNDS

BIO SECURITY

- All horses entering the grounds must be unloaded prior to entry onto the grounds or in a quarantine area. Horses must be checked for their identification (either scanned if microchipped or use of a signed horse identification papers) and any visual signs of illness.
 - Horse Health Declarations are to be collected at the entry point. The P.I.C Number of Horses origin must be on the Horse Health Declaration form for all NSW and Queensland horses.
- A list of people traveling onto the site must be kept and checked upon entry.
 - Any horses showing signs of illness must be quarantined, and not allowed onto the grounds until checked by the nominated person (vet) and given the all clear.
 - Signs of illness include running nose or discharge from the nasal area, sweating, and elevated temperature will be segregated.
- 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 on entry.

BIO-SECURITY RULES

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

- No Horses with any signs of illness are to be brought on the grounds.
- All horse floats / transport must be washed prior to leaving the property, and all horses must be washed and shampooed prior to leaving the property.
- 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 to be in use during the event.
- 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.

EVENT BIOSECURITY MANAGER

_____ : - Ph. _____

Contact this person if there is a problem or questions regarding horse health at this event

- 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.

RECORD KEEPING

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

Property Identification Code (PIC)

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

PREVENTION OF SPREAD OF DISEASE AT THE EVENT

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.
- Horses from the one region should be housed together where possible.
- 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.

HORSES

- No communal water troughs will be used or 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 prior to use.

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

VETERINARIAN AND ISOLATION YARDS

- A Designated Veterinarian and 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 advice 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

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

Horse Health Declaration

As provided by Pony Club NSW

Competitors Responsibilities

- Don't take any horses 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 gloves when handling a sick horse
- Clean horse transport and gear pre and post travel (use household disinfectant/ bleach)

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/Zone and/or State 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/authorized person 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/authorized person 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



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



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.



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.