



## BIOSECURITY FACT SHEET

Dressage Queensland takes biosecurity seriously and has measures in place to mitigate the risk of infectious diseases and pests.

### **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 and at the event and to follow the instructions of the organising committee and the EQ Biosecurity Manager or risk expulsion from the event.

All horses entering grounds must be from a property actively practising good biosecurity principles within their management.

Horse Health Declarations (HHD) are a mandatory requirement for all events. The property identification code (PIC) of the horse's origin must be included on the HHD.

Acceptance into the event will be refused if the required HHD is not presented at point of entry or designated registration point, as advised by the organising committee.

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.
- No communal horse water troughs are available at this event.
- Do not share equipment, including food and water containers, between horses.
- Competitors are responsible for cleaning up manure from 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.
- 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.

## **WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT OF A BIOSECURITY INCIDENT**

In the unlikely event of a biosecurity incident, our response plan will be implemented.

If the incident involves a notifiable disease, Biosecurity Queensland will be notified and they may implement legislated controls on the movement of horses from this event. You will be notified about the incident and expected to follow the directions given by the event organisers.

Everyone will be expected to remain at the venue until cleared to leave by the event organisers.

In the event of horse movement restrictions participants are responsible for the care, maintenance and cost of their horses and themselves, including feeding, bedding, vets and personal needs.

## **EVENT VET DETAILS**

Dr Chris Wain is the oncall vet for this event.

Please note Dr Chris Wain's policy in treating non-Hendra vaccinated horses is to assess each horse on a case-by-case basis.

Please be aware that should your animal become sick or unwell and it is not Hendra vaccinated, there could be implications with respect to treatment and management onsite and/or hospitalisation, if that were to become necessary. Chris is very happy to discuss and work with competitors and horse owners to provide the care required.

Event Vet Phone: 0415 057 145

### **Further information:**

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