



Dear Exhibitor,

We have received your registration for the UNH Horse Trial on September 25, 2021. Protecting the health of your horse and other horses at this event is of the utmost importance to event management. This event is implementing biosecurity measures to ensure infectious disease agents are not introduced or spread at this event.

Regardless of whether they are participating in the event or not, all horses and livestock that enter the grounds may be subject to examination by event officials/designated representatives and/or provincial or federal animal health officials. Such examinations are to determine if the animal(s) is/are, has/have been infected/exposed, or are likely to be infected with, an infectious or contagious disease. If after such examination, an official believes the health condition of an animal will place other animals at risk, the officials may quarantine the animal(s) and others that may have been infected/ exposed, or, if necessary, require movement of the animal(s) from the event premises. All participants must agree to fully cooperate with examining officials and abide by their decisions/instructions. Failure to comply with officials shall be grounds for immediate expulsion of the participant from the grounds and potential disciplinary action(s) by the sponsoring organization and local/state or federal officials.

The equine health entry requirements for this event include:

- a. Horses displaying obvious signs of clinical disease, such as fever, abnormal nasal discharge, consistent frequent coughing, neurologic signs of ataxia or significant hind limb weakness are not permitted to enter the event grounds.
- b. Health Certification Policy
 - i. Per New Hampshire state law, Horse owner/custodians of horses traveling to NH from out of state must possess a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health certificate), written within 30 days.
- c. Event Participation Declaration:
 - i. Horse owner/custodians may be asked to verify that the horse(s) has/have been healthy with no sign of infectious disease for the preceding five (5) days before arrival at the event premises.
 - ii. Per New Hampshire state law, horse owner/custodian must provide upon request proof of rabies and negative Coggins within 12 calendar months for every horse at the event. USEF requires that all horses are vaccinated for Influenza and Rhinopneumonitis (EHV1 and EHV4), and UNH recommends vaccinations for EEE, WEE, and Equine distemper (Strangles) within 6 months.
 - iii. Upon request, horse owner/custodians must provide event officials with the address of the premises where each horse was located immediately before arrival at the event and the address of the intended premises of destination for each horse following departure from the event premises.

In addition to the above entry requirement, the following biosecurity measures are recommended:

- Dogs are not permitted on the event premises.
- Limit horse-to-horse contact
- Limit horse-to-human-to-horse contact
- Avoid sharing of equipment, to include tack, water buckets, brushes, etc.
- Avoid use of communal water troughs
- Avoid submerging end of water hoses in water buckets
- Do not allow horses to drink directly from a water hose
- Avoid tying horses to fences or gates near the competition area
- Cover all feed and hay to prevent access by vermin, birds or other animals
- Monitor your horse frequently for signs of disease during the event
- Immediately report any sick horse(s) to show management
- Thoroughly clean and disinfect all equipment before use at the home premises
- Isolate and monitor all animals upon return to the home premises. In the event of an emergency or infectious disease incident at the event, all participants and horses will remain at the event venue until management provides clearance for departure from the premises.

If an infectious disease is identified event officials will evaluate individual horse disease exposure risk and provide horse owner/custodians with follow up disease monitoring instructions. If movement restrictions are put in place, each horse owner/custodian is responsible for the care and maintenance of their respective horse(s) on the premises.

We appreciate your compliance with event management efforts to maintain biosecurity and the health of our horses at the upcoming event.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Nelson
UNH Equine Facilities Manager