

Yankalilla District Combined Equestrian Clubs

Biosecurity Policy

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Summary	This policy shows how YDEC manages biosecurity to reduce the risks to the economy, environment and the community, with particular attention to pests and diseases of horses entering, emerging, establishing or spreading.
Policy reference	This procedure supports the PIRSA, EA, and Yankalilla Districts Show Society Biosecurity requirements.
Applies to	This procedure applies to all horses brought onto the Yankalilla Districts Show Grounds for events run by YDEC (including rallies, shows and camps).

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Overview/procedure description: This policy outlines the biosecurity measures that YDEC uses to manage biosecurity risks.

Areas of responsibility:

The **committee** are responsible for ensuring a copy of this policy is available to members at all times, and for planning rallies throughout the year that address biosecurity issues in horse mastership.

All **members** who bring horses are responsible for keeping their horse healthy and up to date with vaccinations, keeping their horse away when it is sick (especially with an infectious disease), and taking their own biosecurity measures with their own horse and equipment.

Procedure details:

Procedure for Rallies

Riders sign on to the attendance book as one of the first requirements once they've arrived at a rally. This means we have contact details for where horses came from and where they are going to should there be an outbreak of an infectious disease.

Procedure for Events

Entry forms to include the PIC number horse has come from and is going to.

Education of Friends and Members of YDEC

Horse mastership within rallies to include elements of biosecurity, such as visits from Vets, information from PIRSA, EA and PC with the latest information. Members will also be kept informed via Facebook posts. The noticeboard will have signs of a healthy horse, and signs and symptoms of an unhealthy horse.

Movement of Horses Within South Australia, and Leaving South Australia

There are no movement requirements or certification required for horses moving from interstate into South Australia. Any horses affected, or suspected of being affected with a notifiable diseases (strangles, equine influenza, equine herpes, equine infectious anemia, equine viral arthritis, Hendra – see references below for full list) can't enter the State unless authorised by the SA Chief Inspector of Stock.

Reporting

Report serious or unusual symptoms or behaviour in your horses (or other animals / birds) to one of the following:

- Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888
- your private veterinarian
- nearest animal health adviser or government veterinarian officer.

Report any suspicions of disease immediately. We will determine whether a significant or notifiable disease is occurring.

What Information To Collect should a Horse have a suspected Notifiable Disease

Give the following information when notifying your vet or animal health adviser:

- what pest or disease is suspected
- the name of the owner or farm manager
- property details including:
 - street address
 - telephone number
 - Property Identification Code
- the livestock species
- number of animals on the property, including wild animals
- the type of animals being affected
- a description of clinical signs of the illness
- the date symptoms were first noticed
- approximate number of sick or dead animals
- if any animals that could carry disease or illness were brought to the property or left
- any overseas travel by people on the property.

Good General Horse Biosecurity Husbandry:

Biosecurity The following measures should be followed during the event to minimise the risk of exposure to infectious diseases (not just Hendra), but do not replace the importance of vaccination:

- **Avoid horse-to-horse contact:** Avoid unnecessary interaction and contact between horses. Nose-to-nose contact, or people touching your horse, are key ways for disease to spread from horse-to-horse. Contact with unvaccinated horses from the endemic region, and any sick unvaccinated horses should be minimised.
- **Monitor horse health:** Keep an eye on your horse's health throughout the event so that you will notice any changes in health or behaviour. Take their temperature daily, and record on a chart on your stable door, ensuring that the temperature stays below 38.5 degrees Celsius (it's what the Olympians and Three Day Eventers do at events).
- **Keep sheltered:** Horses should be kept stabled during the early morning and night (peak bat travelling times). All feed and water containers should remain under shelter at all times to prevent contamination with bat bodily fluids.
- **Do not share feed and water:** Do not allow your horse to drink from shared water buckets or troughs or eat from shared feed bins. Do not allow strangers to feed your horse. If you arrange someone else to feed your horse while at the event, make sure they do not use the same equipment on other horses first.
- **Wash your hands between horses:** Wash your hands, or disinfect with waterless hand sanitiser, between handling horses.

- Bring your own equipment: Do not borrow equipment from other attending horse owners or from event facilities. If in an emergency you need to borrow equipment, then clean and disinfect it thoroughly before use.
- Report disease signs: If you notice strange behaviour or signs of disease in your horse, or any horse, report it immediately to the event organiser and/or event veterinarian so they can determine the risk to other horses. Do not move the horse.
- Healthy horse signs:
 - o Clear eyes, normal stance, no nasal discharge
 - o Temperature: 37.0-38.5°C
 - o Heart rate: 24-40 beats per minute
 - o Breathing: 8-12 breaths per minute
 - o Capillary refill time: 1-2 seconds

References/attached documents - if require eg PCASA policy etc

Reference Document	Source
http://www.ponyclub.asn.au/files/documents/bio-security/hendra-vaccination-advice-document.pdf	Dr James Meyer
Notifiable diseases	PIRSA website
South Australia Biosecurity Policy	PIRSA website

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