

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Rule Change Intent

Isolation of a sick horse is critical to protecting the health of all other horses on competition grounds. The intent of this rule change is to create a separate rule containing all the requirements of the isolation plan, outside of the requirements of the accident preparedness plan, to ease the access to this information. Competitions are currently required to have an isolation plan in place prior to the start of the competition, this rule change does not impose a new requirement to that effect. Currently, the Federation does not provide guidance as to the location or quantity of isolation stalls. Based on questions received from competition organizers, this rule will provide a formulaic approach to structuring of an isolation stabling plan.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

GR845 Accident Preparedness Plan

1. All competitions must have in place, prior to the start of the competition, an accident preparedness plan. ~~In addition, all competitions must have in place an isolation protocol for horses. Competitions must report to the Chief Administrator of the Drugs & Medications Program, within 24 hours, any horse identified to Competition Management as showing symptoms of infectious disease, put into isolation at the competition, or that departs the competition to receive treatment for a potential infectious disease.~~
2. Competition Management is responsible for ensuring that all appropriate competition officials and competition staff are advised of the accident preparedness plan ~~and isolation protocol for horses~~, and that they are distributed accordingly.
3. The accident preparedness plan ~~and protocol~~ must be given to the Steward or Technical Delegate prior to the start of the competition.
4. The Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a copy of the accident preparedness plan ~~and protocol~~ to the Federation along with their Steward or Technical Delegate report.
5. At a minimum, the accident preparedness plan must include:
 - a. Emergency call/radio priority protocol;
 - b. List of emergency telephone numbers and directions to the competition that can be relayed to offsite responders; and
 - c. Name and contact information of the Safety Coordinator.

SUBCHAPTER 8-H EQUINE HEALTH AND ISOLATION

GR 873 Isolation Plan

- 1. All competitions that have onsite stabling of competition horses must have in place a written isolation protocol for horses. The isolation plan must be submitted to the Federation no later than 14 days prior to the start of the competition. The isolation plan must include at a minimum the requirements enumerated in the Federation's template isolation plan available on the Federation's website.**
 - a. An onsite isolation stabling plan is required if the Licensee of a competition is hosting competition(s) over more than ten consecutive days at the same location. The number of isolation stalls required is equivalent to one percent of the previous year's horse count up to a maximum of ten isolation stalls, if the competition has more than 1,000 horses.**
 - b. If offsite isolation stabling is contemplated in the isolation plan, an agreement between competition management and the isolation facility is required.**
- 2. Competition Management must report to the Federation's Equine Health and Biosecurity Veterinarian, within 24 hours, any horse identified to Competition Management as showing symptoms of infectious disease, put into isolation at the competition, or that departs the competition grounds to receive treatment for a potential infectious disease.**
- 3. Competition Management is responsible for ensuring that all appropriate competition officials and competition staff are provided and aware of the isolation plan for horses prior to the start of the competition.**
- 4. The isolation plan must be posted onsite during the competition.**

