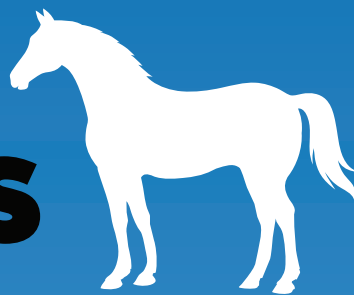


KNOW THE SIGNS

USEF HORSE WELFARE



See Guidelines



USEF has developed horse welfare guidelines based on the stoplight system to help us recognize acceptable or unacceptable interactions between horses and humans

GREEN

horse friendly

The horse appears happy, willing, and content.

The connection between horse and human is harmonious and in sync.

YELLOW

cautionary

Actions that cause you to pause and question whether they are acceptable.

Some actions may be acceptable for a very short period of time but may escalate to mistreatment if pressure or conflict increases in intensity.

RED

unacceptable OR not okay

Actions that make you think, "This is not okay."

Actions that make you immediately think,
"This behavior must stop."

Sometimes athletes can be acting in the red zone without even realizing it - these situations may be resolved by a licensed official interrupting the training, discussing the issue, and providing a verbal warning.

If you see an interaction that falls into the red zone, please alert an official to the situation and submit a report.

Scan to report

