



Important Information Regarding Presidential Modification

General Rule 1101.10 Horse Identification Number and Horse Identification Form
(Microchip Requirement)
January 12, 2026

Note: It is important that you check breed or discipline rules for microchip requirements as those rules and requirements remain in effect.

The safety and welfare of our horses is a top priority for USEF. The presence of contagious viruses in the equine population poses a significant health risk to our horses and a significant sustainability risk for our sport.

With the implementation of the new rule requiring all horses competing at USEF licensed competitions to have a microchip, several breeds and disciplines have asked to delay the implementation date to further assess the benefits of a microchip requirement.

The new effective date of the rule is December 1, 2026. We applaud those members who have taken the initiative to microchip their horses as they are contributing to ensuring an environment in which disease outbreaks can be managed responsibly. ***See the note above for more information on microchip requirements.***



January 12, 2026

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Sent via email: bmoroney@usef.org

Dear Bill:

Thank you for submitting your request for a Presidential Modification to the application of GR1101.10. A Presidential Modification is granted in cases of extraordinary, special circumstances. When measured against that criterion, it has been determined that your request meets the standard for a Presidential Modification and therefore is approved.

As a result, GR1101.10 will be modified as follows for the remainder of the 2026 competition year.

GR1101 Horse Identification Number and Horse Identification Form

10. Effective December 1, ~~2025~~ **2026**, all horses competing at Federation Licensed and Endorsed Competitions must provide a microchip number that verifies the animal. A microchip used to verify identity must be a fifteen-digit ISO compliant 11784/11785 chip and be implanted in the nuchal ligament of the animal. *See breed or discipline rules regarding specific microchip requirements as those rules and requirements remain in effect.*

Please feel free to contact the Federation office if you need further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas F. X. O'Mara".

Thomas F. X. O'Mara
President

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