



**UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION**  
THE NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY OF EQUESTRIAN SPORT

## **Guide To Reporting Abuse Witnessed At A Licensed Competition**

The United States Equestrian Federation contributes to the greater good of horses by assisting with their protection and welfare in daily competition and by ensuring fairness, safety and enjoyment of the sport.

The Federation takes allegations of cruelty, abuse and neglect seriously and has no tolerance for this type of behavior at our Licensed Competitions. We encourage all participants to use their best judgment and do everything possible to ensure the safety and welfare of their horses is a top priority. If you have witnessed an act that jeopardizes the safety and welfare of an equine you should follow the options below for reporting the abuse.

### **Options for Reporting:**

- During the Competition you should contact the Steward, Technical Delegate, Manager, Judge, or other Licensed Official. You should find one of these individuals immediately so that they can begin investigating the matter and possibly witness the abusive acts themselves.
- During the Competition or immediately after you can contact Emily Pratt, Director of the Regulation Department at 859-225-6956 or [epratt@usef.org](mailto:epratt@usef.org) for assistance with reporting.

### **USEF Forms to Complete:**

- Eyewitness Abuse Report Form (<https://www.usef.org/documents/competitions/EyewitnessAbusRpt.pdf>)