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Dear Competition Organizers,

As you are hopefully aware, GR1011.10 becomes effective December 1, 2025. All horses competing at Federation Licensed and Endorsed competitions must provide a microchip number that verifies the animal. A microchip used to verify the identity must be a fifteen-digit ISO compliant 11784/11785 chip and implanted in the nuchal ligament of the animal.

We are asking for your help to communicate with competition veterinarians to ensure this implementation goes as smoothly as possible. If someone arrives at the competition and is not in compliance, we encourage your veterinarian to come prepared to microchip. ***Microchips must be implanted 12 hours prior to the horse competing or once the horse is done competing in accordance with GR414.***

As a reminder, if they are not part of the USEF Federation Licensed or Endorsed competition, they are not required to have a microchip (Starter, Grasshopper, etc.). Additionally, horses competing that do not require a USEF recording do not need to register for a recording with the implementation of this rule. USEF and USEA will work collaboratively to ensure that a USEF Horse ID is automatically assigned with the microchip that has been reported to the USEA.

USEF has created many resources and has a dedicated [Equine Microchipping](#) webpage, we strongly encourage exploring these.

This page includes:

- Video resources
  - o Learning Center Video
  - o Webinar – Microchipping: What You Need to Know
- Microchip FAQs
- Microchip 101
- Microchip MythBusters
- How to Report a Microchip
- Support
- Additional Resources
  - o How do Microchips Work
  - o Benefits of Microchipping
  - o Checklist for Implantation



Questions related to the recording of microchips and horse records should be directed to Horse Services at [horseservices@usef.org](mailto:horseservices@usef.org) and questions regarding the types of microchips or how microchips work to protect equine health are to be directed to the Equine Health team at [equinehealth@usef.org](mailto:equinehealth@usef.org).

Thank you,

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