

# Biosecurity – Event Organisers

These guidelines provide general information for those organizing and competing at Equine Events in Queensland. After a successful eradication campaign of Equine Influenza (EI) in Australia in 2007/2008 it remains vital that equestrian activities continue to follow good biosecurity measures to minimize the risk of spreading infectious diseases.

## Recommendations for EVENT ORGANISERS:

**Registration of the Equine Event** with DPI&F is encouraged at least 3 days before the event.

Register your Equine Event online, or via the DPI&F Call Centre 132523.

This will enable the DPI&F to contact Event organisers with information should an emergency situation arise while an event is in progress.



## Prepare & Implement a BIOSECURITY PLAN

**Biosecurity Plan** should include:

- Veterinarian to be on call during event
- Provide method of making emergency phone calls or alternate communication
- Limit public access to stable areas
- Provide separate vehicle parking for competitors from spectator parking
- Create single entry and exit to grounds
- Provide adequate hand-washing facilities
- Provide designated isolation area (or stable) for sick equines
- Officials/stewards (including gear check) practice good hygiene between equines

**Develop a CONTINGENCY PLAN, should a stock standstill (Lockdown) be declared.**

**EVENT RECORDS should be kept of All Equines:**

- Name of equine/s
- Identification of Equine/s (Brand/Microchip Number, Sex, Colour)
- PIC (Property Identification Code) location where the equine came from.

**All Competitors:**

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number

Event Organisers have a duty of care to participants and their equines. Event Organisers should keep Event Attendance Records for a period of six (6) months.

**Primary responsibility for Biosecurity at Equine Events lies with the Equine Owners/Competitors, long before the event.**

