

1.19 VETERINARY MATTERS

1.19.1. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

1.19.1.1 *The use of any substance or method which is (or which potentially is) harmful to the horse's health or enhancing to its performance is forbidden. The precise rules concerning Prohibited Substances and Medication control are laid down in the FEI Veterinary Regulations.*

1.19.1.2 *Any horse found to have a Prohibited Substance in any of its tissues, body fluids or excreta at an event as the result of a Medication Test, is automatically disqualified from the Event, together with the competitor and the classification adjusted accordingly, unless the Ground Jury has authorized, in writing the horse to participate or continue to participate in the event under such circumstances.*

1.19.1.3 At all official events, the Organizing Committee will appoint a Treating Veterinarian, to be available for any emergency treatment during the event.

1.19.1.4 Any veterinary treatment or medication administered or applied to a horse within 10 (ten) days preceding an event must be reported to the President of the Ground Jury in writing on the prescribed form (Annex 1) before the commencement of the event.

1.19.1.5 Any veterinary treatment or medication administered or applied to a horse during an event must be reported to the President of the Ground Jury in writing on the prescribed form (Annexure 1) before, or immediately after the administration of the medication – definitely at least 1 hour before the next competition for the horse.

1.19.1.6 The President of the Ground Jury will decide in consultation with the Treating Veterinarian, whether the horse will be allowed to compete at the event. The Ground Jury's decision will be final and irrevocable.

1.19.1.7 The President of the Ground Jury must be informed in writing (Annexure 1) about the use of acupuncture or any other form of alternative therapy to a horse during the period of an event. Acupuncture that involves the administration of a local anaesthetic or other injectable substance is expressly forbidden.

1.19.1.8 Any horse that recovers from illness or injury immediately prior to or during an event must be reported to the President of the Ground Jury. The Ground Jury will decide in consultation with the Treating Veterinarian whether the horse may compete or continue to compete in the event.

1.19.1.9 The Veterinarian must advise the Ground Jury if there are any horse welfare or safety concerns about any aspect of the event which are unacceptable and will make appropriate recommendations.

~~1.19.8 The control of prohibited substances is ruled by the FEI Veterinary Regulations~~

1.19.2 EQUINE INFLUENZA VACCINATION

1.19.2.1 All horses intending to participate in any NAMEF event must have at least received an initial primary course of two Equine Influenza vaccinations, given between 21 and 92 days apart. Thereafter, a third dose (referred to as the first booster) must be given within 6 months + 21 days after the date of administration of the second primary dose, with at least annual boosters given subsequently (i.e. within 365 days of the last dose).

1.19.2.2 If the horse is scheduled to take part in an FEI competition, the last booster must have been given within 6 calendar months + 21 days of arrival at the FEI event. (The 21-day window has been provided to enable vaccination requirements to fit in with the competition schedule). FEI Regulations – Veterinary Regulations Annex VII.

1.19.2.3 No vaccination shall be given within 7 days of the day of arrival at an event.

1.19.2.4 All vaccines must be administered by a Veterinarian and must be recorded in the horse passport, including vaccination date, vaccine name, batch number and veterinarian's signature.

1.19.3 AFRICAN HORSESICKNESS

1.19.3.1 Any horse competing at any official event must be vaccinated against African Horsesickness annually.

1.16.3.2 All vaccines must be administered by a Veterinarian and must be recorded in the horse passport, including vaccination date, vaccine name, batch number and veterinarian's signature.