



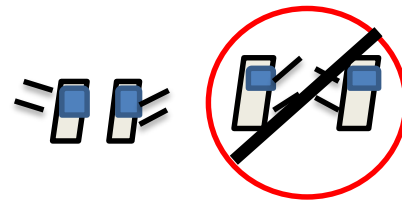
## Tips to Keep Horses Healthy During Weekend Events

### Before the event:

- Maintain contact information (names, email addresses or cell phones) for participants, electronic preferable
- If there is a disease outbreak in the state prior to the event, consider having vet checks, or requiring certificates of veterinary inspection (CVI), and/or Coggins Test
  - Have a plan for when competitors show up without required information
- Recommend horses that come to event be vaccinated
  - Consider requiring Flu/Rhino (influenza/EHV) and rabies which are contagious/infectious diseases
- Do not allow sick horses to come to the event
  - Talk with competitors about taking temperatures before and after event in a disease outbreak
  - Look for: nasal discharge, diarrhea, horse acting "off", check temperature (over 101.5°F, consult a veterinarian)
  - Send sick horses home immediately, maintain owner information in case of infectious disease reported, and consider location of an isolation pen/area
- Be informed of equine diseases both locally and nationally at the Equine Disease Communication Center:  
<http://www.equinediseasecc.org/>

### At event:

- Limit horse to horse contact, as much as possible
  - Park trailers with horses tied on opposite sides
  - Maintain a minimum of 30 feet between tied horses
- If stables are provided
  - Have solid barriers between stalls and/or have empty stall(s) between horses if possible
  - Have a disinfectant protocol; refer to Colorado Department of Ag website
- Try to park contestants who are staying for overnight, away from contestants who are hauling in and leaving
- Avoid indirect horse to horse contact
  - NO shared water tanks
  - NO shared buckets, tack or grooming supplies
  - Wash hands
  - Do not put end of hose in water, in buckets
- Have separate areas for manure and trash storage - away from where horses are kept,.
- Recommend contestants keep fly spray or fly sheets on horses to help limit insect-borne diseases.
- Discourage dogs at events, they pose liability issues and have the potential to spread diseases



### After event if a horse is reported with clinical signs of concern:

- Contact your veterinarian and State Animal Health Officials to discuss situation and plan next steps.
  - Have contact list of contestants that attended the event