

General information for competitors participating at horse events

Owners, competitors and persons in charge of horses need to regularly monitor and be aware of the health status of their horse to ensure that they do not bring a sick horse to an event. In addition to the elements listed below, competitors should be prepared to abide by the direction of the **Event EI Horse Health Panel**. A **Horse event participation Declaration** form must be completed or you will be unable to enter the event (NO FORM, NO ENTRY)

All competitors must check with their agistment/ properties owners', that they are able to remove and return their horses after an event.

Knowledge of Health of the Horse prior to the event

The owner, competitor or person in charge of bringing a horse to an event must be able to complete the declaration stating that the horse is well and has been so for at least the last 3 days. To assess this one needs to be aware and observe that:

- The horse has been eating normally.
- Is free of a nasal discharge.
- Does not have a cough.
- Has a normal temperature of less than 39°C.

In addition, general animal welfare requirements should also be observed in relation to lameness, open wounds and fitness for purpose.

Owner responsibilities at the event

- Provide truthful and accurate information as required.
- Carry out instructions as given by the Event EI Horse Health Panel.
- Do not share tack and equipment between horses.
- Ensure each horse has their own water and feed bucket.
- Do not use communal water troughs.
- Minimise contact between horses.
- Minimise contact between other people and your horse.
- Do not allow horses to eat any other horse's feed.
- Take home any leftover feed.

On return to the property

The person in charge of the horse(s) *should*:

- Clean and disinfect all horse equipment and the horse transport vehicle.
- Have a thorough shower, including hair, and change clothes.
- Continue to monitor the health of the horse(s).



Horse event participation declaration (NO FORM, NO ENTRY)

Event:

Event date:

Name of person in charge of horse(s):

Contact phone:

Address:

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EFA Membership number:.....

(Separate form for different owners please.)

Please Note: You must include horse's full EFA Registration number. If this is not provided you must complete a full identification description.

Name of horse	EFA Number Or Identification (colour/markings/brand)

Address of property from which the horse moved to the event:

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Address of property to which the horse will move after the event: *(If different from above.)*

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Health of Horse(s)

I, declare that the horse(s) named above has/have been in good health, eating normally and not shown signs of respiratory disease during the last 3 days leading up to this event. I give my authorisation for the designated Event Horse Health Official to call for veterinary inspection of the horse/(s) named above and in my care should they be showing signs of a respiratory illness at any time during the course of the event. I agree to pay any veterinary fees incurred as a result of this veterinary examination.

Signed

Date

Signature required on back of form ⇒



Horse Event Declaration Waiver

I understand that due to diseases such as equine influenza, the Victorian Department of Primary Industries, or other State or Commonwealth government body, may restrict or prevent the movement of horses, vehicles and personnel for a period of time ("**Standstill**"). I acknowledge and agree that a Standstill is a risk of competing in the

..... **Event**").
enter name of event

I acknowledge and agree that I will pay any costs or expenses incurred by EFAV and/or the Event Committee for or on behalf of my horse or as a result of a Standstill.

In consideration of the EFAV and the Event Committee accepting my application to participate in the Event, I, to the extent permitted by law:

- (a) release and will release EFAV and the Event Committee from all Claims that I may have or may have had but for this release arising from or in connection with a Standstill and/or my participation in the Event; and
- (b) indemnify and will keep indemnified EFAV and the Event Committee in respect of any Claim by any person arising as a result of or in connection with a Standstill and/or my participation in the Event.

In this registration form, references to:

"Claim" means and includes any action, suit, proceeding, claim, demand, damage, cost or expense however arising.

"EFAV" means Equestrian Federation of Australia (Vic) Branch Inc and includes its directors, officers, servants or agents.

"Event Committee" means the organiser of the event, whether an individual, unincorporated group, association or company, and, where the context permits, includes their directors, officers, members, servants or agents.

Name of Competitor _____

Signature _____ Date _____