

# Ottawa Dressage Festival – 2025 Biosecurity Plan

**Preventing the spread of equine infectious disease is everyone's responsibility!  
Please follow these steps to prevent disease outbreaks at the Ottawa Dressage Festival.**

## **1. Before arrival at the show:**

- All horses attending the Ottawa Dressage Festival must have been administered Equine Influenza and Equine Herpes Virus (1&4) vaccinations within 6 months (+21 days grace period) before arrival at the event (i.e., between **Nov 7, 2024 – May 21, 2025.**) No horse shall receive vaccination within 7 days prior to arrival at the event.
- A negative Coggins test done within 12 months of May 29, 2025, is required for all horses.
  - For Gold (National) entries, a copy of the vaccination records and a copy of the negative Coggins tests must be attached with the show entry.
  - For FEI horses, refer to *Chapter II FEI Veterinary Regulations 2025* for further guidance on vaccination requirements. FEI horses must undergo a veterinary exam on arrival and passports will be reviewed prior to admission to the CDI/CPEDI stabling. As of February 1, 2025, Equine Influenza vaccination details must also be recorded in the FEI HorseApp. Please attach a copy of the vaccination passport page and proof of negative Coggins test with your show entry as well.
- For all horses, the horse's rectal temperature must be taken twice daily for 3 consecutive days before the show. Temperatures must not exceed 38.5°C (102°F) and must be recorded in the FEI HorseApp (for FEI horses) or on the *EC Horse Temperature Chart* for Gold (National) horses.
- Sanitation of transport vehicles is advisable, especially if they have transported horses to other locations.

## **2. During the show:**

- Horses will be stabled in stable groups. Stalls must be labelled with the horse, owner identification and an emergency contact number.
- Temperature must be checked twice daily and posted on the stall front for review.
- CDI and CPEDI competitors must record the temperatures using the FEI HorseApp.
- Any temperature over 38.5° C (102° F) must be reported to the horse show office and/or horse show veterinarian.
- Horses must be tacked up and otherwise handled in their stalls. Equipment should not be shared between horses. If shared, tack and equipment must be cleaned/disinfected between use by different horses.
- Remember to sanitize your hands after handling a horse.
- Stall doors must be kept closed so nose to nose contact with passing horses is reduced.
- Do not permit your horse to lick or sniff surfaces in communal areas. If this does occur, please use a disinfectant wipe on the area.
- If sharing a wheelbarrow, do not bring it into your horse's stall. Leave it in the aisle.
- Only essential people associated with a horse are to approach the stall.

## **3. Response to any horse showing signs of infectious disease:**

- Horses will be moved to the isolation stable if they show any signs of infectious disease or have been in contact with another horse that shows signs. Strict biosecurity measures will be implemented.
- The horse must be examined by a veterinarian and any relevant diagnostic tests as recommended by the veterinarian must be carried out at the expense of the Person Responsible.
- Based on the results of the examination, the horse may need to be removed from the show grounds as soon as possible.

## **4. Observation after the show:**

- Following the competition, it is recommended that horses be isolated at their home facility for 21 days prior to reintroduction to other horses. If this is not possible, be sure to observe all horses carefully for 21 days. Horses should have temperatures taken twice a day for four days after the show and be observed for abnormal behavior and signs of cough, nasal discharge, discomfort, or lameness.

## **References:**

Equestrian Canada 2024 Section A General Regulations  
Articles 1002, 1003, 1027, 1029, FEI 2025 Veterinary Regulations