

GHF/Massey Ferguson Dressage Shows

Event Isolation Protocol at GIHP

Statement: Once a horse is identified as having a potential communicable disease, the owner or agent responsible for the animal or the person identifying the animal shall immediately notify competition management.

In the event a horse on the competition grounds presents or is suspected of having a communicable disease as described by the USEF in their publications and notices, the following procedures will be instituted by competition management pursuant to USEF guidelines and local laws and/or ordinances governing equine competitions and animal welfare statutes:

- Direct the owner/agent/handler to remove the animal from the immediate competition area to the Vet/Farrier building near Barn 5 at the **Georgia International Horse Park**. This location is away from all competition horses.
- Competition management will provide a covered refuse container at the isolation sites and bags designated as biohazard-use bags for manure and any and all refuse generated by the horse or the owner/agent/handler associated with the handling or care of the infected animal.
- The owner/agent/handler will be directed to refrain from having any contact with other horses associated with the competition.
- Competition management will provide a container of Chlorhexidine solution or suitable substitute and biohazard-compliant supplies as stipulated by the USEF for the use of the owner/agent/handler to disinfect their hands, tack and/or implements; and a pan of similar solution to disinfect their footwear prior to allowing them to re-enter the competition area.
- Competition management will notify the owner/agent/handler to remove the isolated animal from the property to a suitable veterinary facility immediately. A separate ingress/egress access for the transport vehicle will be provided adjacent to the isolation paddock
- Once the contaminated stall is vacated, the stall will be padlocked (the show manager has a key) until the horse park management can clean and decontaminate the stall after the competition when it cleans/decontaminates all stalls after each show.