

The summary set out below only contains the key changes to Veterinary Regulations. Athletes, Persons Responsible, Officials, National Federations, and any other relevant persons should consult the rules section of the FEI website to familiarise themselves with all changes to the Veterinary Regulations.

INFORMATION FOR NATIONAL HEAD VETERINARIANS

- NFs are required to forward and distribute any special communications relating to biosecurity awareness and the promotion of good biosecurity practices.
- NFs are required to familiarize themselves with any government authority requirement for International equestrian events in their country, including HHP events.
- NFs now have greater flexibility in appointing appropriate veterinarians as National Head Veterinarians with respect to the new exemption from event mentoring requirements.
- NFs must ensure that all Horse passport information including microchips and other identification information is up to date in the FEI database. NFs must ensure that scans of the description page and diagram of the FEI passport, and, where applicable, any FEI Recognition Card or duplicate FEI passport are promptly uploaded to the FEI Database. NFs can now receive sanctions for non-compliance with the Regulation.
- If a NF wants to request any change(s) regarding a microchip number in the FEI Database the NF must first obtain a statement from a veterinarian, stating that the Horse has been checked and the new microchip number has been verified and recorded in the FEI passport (using Description page 'Other' box). The NF must directly submit that statement to the FEI before the FEI can process any request to change the microchip number in the FEI database (see below for the new form).
- NFs must inform the FEI, within 72 hours, of fatal illness or injuries sustained by a horse either at a FEI event or after a FEI event (where the fatal illness or injury is related to the horse's participation at the FEI Event), and register the horse's death in the FEI Database. Sanctions can be imposed for non-compliance with the Regulation.
- Two new forms are available to inform the FEI of changes to horses' microchip numbers and the reporting of fatalities related to FEI events. Forms can be found in the veterinary download section of the website.

INFORMATION FOR ATHLETES

Equine Health

- All FEI registered Horses intending to compete at FEI Events (including CIMs) must be vaccinated against Equine Influenza in accordance with these VRs. The exception being if the applicable domestic legislation prevents the use of Equine Influenza vaccines within the relevant territory.

- PRs must inform their NF of fatal illness or injuries sustained by a horse either at a FEI event or after a FEI event (where the fatal illness or injury is related to the horse's participation at the FEI Event). The NF must be informed within 72 hours of the horse's death. Sanctions can be imposed for non-compliance with the Regulation.

Veterinary Forms and medication

- Where a Veterinary Form 1 is submitted retroactively, the form must be signed by the veterinarian who administered the treatment.
- Cyclosporine implants and topical eye medication containing cyclosporine can now be used during competition. The implants or medication must be declared using a new format of the Veterinary Form 2 that can be found here.
- It is recommended to keep a logbook listing all supplements administered to FEI Horses including all details such as date of administration, dose, place of administration (location), official product name and relevant batch number. Logbooks can be obtained from the FEI Veterinary Department.

Equine Anti-Doping & Controlled Medication (EADCM) Sample Collection

- Urine and blood samples will normally be collected from all Horses selected for sampling. A Permitted Treating Veterinarian (PTV) proposed by the Person Responsible (PR) or owner may request that they do the blood sampling for reasons of horse familiarity and safety. Any respective sampling, provided authorised, must be under the supervision of the allocated Testing Veterinarian.

INFORMATION FOR NON-VETERINARY OFFICIALS

Official Veterinarians

- Official Veterinarians, Testing Veterinarians and Veterinary Service Managers cannot compete themselves in the Event where they are officiating, or in any national classes that may be running at the same Event.
- Veterinary Delegates must not officiate at the same event, including all levels of competition, for more than 3 consecutive years without taking at least 1 year break from the event.

Horse Inspections

- The Horse Inspection track should be a minimum of 30m and recommended length of 50m.
- A summary of panel members required at Horse Inspections has been included in the Veterinary Regulations.

- The Veterinary Delegate must be made aware that the examination of boots is taking place and must be available for consultation if required.

Treatments and therapies

- The use of per rectum treatment is prohibited during events.
- Horses cannot compete whilst using kinesio-taping or patches, however their use is permitted in the FEI Stables Area.

Sanctions

- It is the Ground Jury's responsibility to issue all sanctions listed in Annex II of the VRs.
- New sanctions and amendments have been added to Annex II of the VRs. In particular:
 - Sanctions for any performance of treatments in an area other than the Designated Treatment Box will now be decided by the Veterinary Commission (VC).
 - Persons unauthorised in possession of syringes, needles or similar equipment: a fine of CHF 1000 will be imposed and elimination if the Horse was being injected.

Driving

- Minor changes have been made to the decision process regarding the first horse inspection, further inspections or re-inspections of horses.

Endurance

- A standardised paper FEI Vet Gate Card must be now be used at Events.