

Record of horse and competitor details for officials at horse events

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Check for declarations

The Horse Health Official must check that a declaration has been filled in for horses arriving at an event. The declaration must be completed in all respects and signed by the person in charge of the horse.

Where a declaration has not been completed prior to fronting at the event details must be collected by the Horse Health Official

The Horse Health Official must retain the declarations for no less than 28 days after the completion of the event.

The information required is listed on the declaration and includes:

- The name of the person in charge of the horses to list their contact details.
- The name and identification details of the horses.
- Detail of the property from which the horses have come and to where they are returning after the event.
- Signed and dated declarations regarding the health of the horse and cleaning; and
- Disinfection of horse equipment and horse vehicles used.

Where horses arrive without a declaration

Where the horse is not accompanied by a declaration, the Horse Health Official must record:

- The name, address and contact details of the person in charge of the horse.
- The identification (colours, marks, brands) of the horse(s).
- The address from of the property from which the horse has travelled to the event.
- The address of the property to which the horse is returning after the event.
- The information must be retained for a minimum of 28 days after the event.

Veterinary on call cover

The Event organisers are required to have made contact with a local veterinarian prior to the event ensuring veterinary coverage in an on call capacity. Veterinary on call capability needs to be available in the event that the Horse Health Official deems that a horse is unwell and has respiratory symptoms.

Symptoms to query may include a horse:

- Not eating normally.
 - Having a nasal discharge that is serous or purulent.
 - Has a cough.
 - Has a temperature greater than 38.5°C.
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