



## Equine Medication Monitoring Program Event Manager Newsletter

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### **New Rule 2016: Suspension of Exhibitors and Event Manager Responsibility**

In addition to penalties and fines, both a trainer and owner, who have violated the California Equine Medication Laws may be suspended from all competitions at any public event in California for not less than 90 days. It is unlawful for any person suspended from competition by the secretary to compete in any public horse show or competition during the period of suspension. The suspended individual is not permitted entry to event grounds of any registered event in the state of California during the suspension period.

Effective January 1, 2016, event managers may not permit participation of a suspended individual in the registered event and event managers must immediately notify department of suspended individual's presence of the event grounds. Event managers who fail to notify the department may be subject to civil penalty, fine and suspension. All EMMP suspensions are posted to the EMMP Website at:

[https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal\\_health/EMMP/](https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/EMMP/) .

Additionally, EMMP notifies sponsoring organization of member suspension. Any questions regarding suspensions please contact EMMP Staff Veterinarian at 916-900-5039 or [EMMP@cdffa.ca.gov](mailto:EMMP@cdffa.ca.gov)

### Horse Show Drug Testing Goes Electronic

Historically, the California Equine Medication Monitoring Program has been a paper based system with field personnel completing a paper record of sample collection for each horse. The paper system required hand drawing the horse markings and handwriting horse and owner details. In 2016, the field personnel will be using iPad mini tablets to capture the data electronically. The iPad will also capture photos of the selected horse and bar code numbers from the sample. Streamlining the system will ensure efficiency and accuracy of data. The information from the tablets will be uploaded into a database from which data analysis and reporting will be possible.

### Tester Selection Protocols

Recently, exhibitors and event staff voiced concerns and questions regarding the EMMP selection protocols. According to the California Equine Medication Rule, any horse on the event grounds at a registered event is subject to EMMP sample collection. Selections by EMMP field personnel are random and in accordance with an approved selection protocol. However, emphasis may be placed on high placing or high score rides. The EMMP representative will make the selection immediately following competition at the competition exit gate. At this time the EMMP representative will obtain a few details and determine the appropriate time and location for sample collection. Additional information will be gathered at time of sampling at the designated time and location. Approximately thirty minutes is allowed for cool down and settling the horse after competition. Exceptions are at the discretion of the EMMP representatives and may be based on the selected horse's show schedule for that day. **It is the responsibility of custodial agent of the selected horse to submit horse for sample collection.** The EMMP representative is not responsible for following the selected horse or locating the selected horse. Failure of the custodial agent to submit the horse for sample collection or refusal to permit sample collection will result in the issuance of a Notice of Violation and a fine of \$1,000 to \$10,000. Any concerns related to the EMMP selection protocol should be immediately reported to EMMP Staff Veterinarian, Dr. Katie Flynn, at [kflynn@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:kflynn@cdfa.ca.gov) or 916-900-5039.

### Designated Area for Sample Collection

An EMMP priority is the safety of the public, the horse and EMMP representatives. The safest area for sample collection is in a designated stall. Additionally, the designated stall assists the exhibitors in locating the tester when submitting the horse for sampling after a cooling off period. For the convenience of the exhibitors and trainers, a designated stall close to the competition area is ideal. At time of arrival at the event the EMMP field representative will check in with event management to request a stall. If a stall can be provided, the EMMP field representative will post temporary signage on the designated stall indicating EMMP testing area. The EMMP appreciates the assistance of event staff on this issue.

### Drug Declarations: USEF or CA Form?

For events which fall under the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), only an USEF Medication Report Form needs to be completed and submitted to USEF. For non-USEF events a [California Drug Declaration Form](#) (CA Form 76-027) is required to be completed. California non- USEF event managers are responsible for collecting, signing and submitting exhibitor or consigner California drug declaration forms. Drug declaration forms are provided in the event registration packet mailed out at time of event registration. If additional forms are required contact EMMP staff at 916-900-5045 or [EMMP@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:EMMP@cdfa.ca.gov) .

### Reminder Online Event Registration System for Event Manager

The new online event registration system allows the event manager to register a new event, view previous events, and copy previous recurring events. Once all the required event data is provided, event managers will receive their event number and have the ability either to view or print registration forms. Visit the website below to set up an online event manager account and to register events.

<http://apps4.cdfa.ca.gov/emppublic/eventregistration.aspx>

Direct all inquiries to 916-900-5045 or [EMMP@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:EMMP@cdfa.ca.gov).

### Event Manager Notification to Exhibitors

Your assistance is needed to ensure individuals exhibiting at a registered event in California are aware of the California Equine Medication Rules. EMMP has developed the verbiage below for event managers to utilize in event materials such as premium booklets, event entry documents or on websites.

Under California law this is a public event which falls under the mandate of industry funded California's Equine Medication Monitoring Program (EMMP). The intent of the EMMP is to ensure the integrity of public horse shows, competitions and sales through the control of performance and disposition enhancing drugs and permitting limited therapeutic use of drugs at an equine event. For guidance on permitted drugs and medication visit:

[https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal\\_Health/emmp/pdf/EMMP-Guidelines.pdf](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/emmp/pdf/EMMP-Guidelines.pdf) .

### Remittance of Drug Fees within 15 days

The drug fee of \$5.00 collected for each horse entered or consigned to the event collected at the event, shall be submitted to the EMMP within fifteen (15) days of the final day of the event. A civil penalty of 10% of the amount due plus 1.5% interest/month on the unpaid balance calculated from the date of the event may be levied on an event manager who fails to remit collected fees within fifteen (15) days of the final day of the event. Continued failure to remit fees in a timely manner may result in civil penalties and potential suspension from hosting events in California for a minimum of 90 days. Fees can be paid by the online Pay online with a Mastercard or Visa at:

<https://secure.cdfa.ca.gov/egov/emmp/>. (Have event number and event details available to enter online.) Checks should be made payable to CDFA- EMMP and include the event number and should be mailed to:

CDFA- EMMP, 1500 W. El Camino Ave #215, Sacramento, CA 95833.

### Two Year EMMP Event Record Retention

As a reminder, event managers are responsible for retaining event records for two (2) years after the final day of the event. To enable verification of the collection and remittance of appropriate fees, event records must be made available, if requested, for inspection and photocopying by EMMP staff.

### Latest Disease Information: Where to go?

A Facebook posting indicates there is an equine disease outbreak in the town you are hosting your show. Where can you go to find out this information is true? There are several resources to assist you in confirming this information. First resource is your show veterinarian or a veterinarian that practices in the geographic area of your show. For regulatory diseases, such as Equine Herpesvirus-1, Equine Infectious Anemia, Equine Piroplasmiasis, Vesicular Stomatitis, or West Nile Virus, the California Department of Food and Agriculture can provide you the latest information. Did you know that the CDFA has an EHV-1 Alert webpage that is updated within 24 hours of a confirmed case of EHV-1 in the state of California? The EHV-1 webpage, [https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal\\_health/equine\\_herpes\\_virus.html](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/equine_herpes_virus.html), also has outreach materials that can be distributed at your event.

If your event has horses coming from out of state, you might be interested in learning what is going on in those other states. The newly launched Equine Disease Communication Center, <http://equinediseasecc.org/>, is designed to report real time information about equine infectious disease outbreaks in the United States. Additionally, the site is a resource for disease, vaccination and biosecurity information.

**California Entry Requirements for Horses**

For equine movements into the state, California requires a valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), also known as a health certificate, issued within 30 days before entry and evidence of a negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test performed at a USDA-Approved laboratory within twelve (12) months before the date of entry. Note, in the event of a disease outbreak, these requirements may change and it is best to contact the Department at 916-900-5052 for the latest information. For example, during the recent Vesicular Stomatitis Outbreak, California required a [Vesicular Stomatitis statement](#) on health certificates for any horses originating from a VS-Affected State.

To ensure the health of California's equine population at horse shows, the California Department of Food and Agriculture recommends California event managers require appropriate health requirements to ensure only healthy horses enter the event grounds.

**Biosecurity Protects the Future of Your Show**

Since the Equine Herpes Virus-1 outbreak, associated with the Western National Cutting Horse Event in Ogden, UT in May 2011, there has been an increased awareness and need for biosecurity measures at equine events. As you are planning your 2016 shows, we recommend reviewing the "Biosecurity Toolkit for Equine Events" document at: [https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal\\_health/Equine\\_Biosecurity.html](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/Equine_Biosecurity.html).

The Biosecurity Toolkit provides resources to recognize potential disease risks at an event venue and to develop a biosecurity and infectious disease control plan to help protect the health of the competition/exhibition horses and the equine population. Each event and venue is unique; therefore, the toolkit provides guidance for the assessment and development of event-specific plans that address the specific identified disease risks of the event and venue.

Your assistance in protecting the health of California's equine population through implementation of biosecurity measures at your equine event is greatly appreciated.

**PROGRAM INQUIRIES**

For more information about EMMP contact:  
CDFA- EMMP  
1500 W. El Camino #215, CA 95833

[http://cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal\\_Health/EMMP.html](http://cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/EMMP.html)

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