

## **2017 Biosecurity Protocols**

The Gulf Coast Classic Company is dedicated to the health, welfare and safety of all exhibitors both equine and human. To protect our equine partners, we will be enforcing the following protocols at both the Pensacola, FL and Mississippi Gulf Coast Circuits this winter.

***It is advised that all horses stabling on the Gulf Coast Winter Classic show grounds arrive between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. If it is necessary to arrive at any other time you must check in with the night security officer.***

1. A current (within 12 months) negative Coggins test is required.
2. A Health Certificate must be signed by a licensed veterinarian within 30 days of arrival at the Gulf Coast Show Grounds.
3. Any horse on the show grounds with a fever of unknown origin or of suspicious origin must be reported to Gulf Coast Winter Classic Show Management and to the Show Veterinarian. It is always better to err on the side safety. Isolation stalls will either be available on the grounds or at a local veterinary practice if the need arises.
4. Please take the time to review equine good hygiene practices. Please convey the importance of this to your equine caretakers for their daily routines. The Gulf Coast Classic Company strives to provide a safe and enjoyable show experience. An important part of that experience is maintaining healthy horses.

### **5. USEF GR845 Equine Vaccination Rule**

1. At Federation licensed competitions horses, more than 7 months of age, entering the grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the stables. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the competition grounds upon request by Competition Management. Documentation should consist of one of the following methods mentioned below. The frequency of vaccine administration should be per the vaccine manufacturers' or veterinarian's recommendations. It is recommended that vaccines are administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian.
2. In the case of vaccines administered by a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide documentation from the veterinarian on documenting that the horse in question received the vaccinations; name of the vaccines and date of vaccine administration.
3. In the case of vaccines administered by a person other than a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a receipt of the vaccine purchase which is signed by the owner, or agent with care, custody, and control of the horse; name, serial number and expiration date of the vaccine; and date of vaccine administration.
4. In the case of a horse that is unable to receive either of the vaccinations due to a history of adverse reactions, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a letter from the veterinarian on official letterhead stating that the horse in question cannot be vaccinated due to medical concerns and a log of temperatures taken twice daily for the seven days prior to entering the competition grounds. These horses must also have their temperature taken and logged twice daily while on the competition grounds. The log of temperatures should be provided to the Competition Management, steward, or technical delegate when requested.
5. Competition Management may not amend or enhance vaccination requirements without prior approval of the Veterinary Committee.