

Kelowna Riding Club (KRC) Biosecurity Policy

1. Purpose

To safeguard the health of horses, riders, and the broader equine community by preventing and responding to infectious disease risks through a standardized biosecurity framework, in alignment with Horse Council BC (HCBC) and Equestrian Canada (EC) recommendations.

2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All horses, riders, trainers, officials, volunteers, spectators, and service providers entering the KRC grounds.
- All events hosted at KRC including clinics, schooling nights, competitions, and open riding.
- All areas of the KRC facility, including stabling, warm-up areas, show rings, and spectator zones.

3. Biosecurity Practices

General Health Requirements

- Horses must be healthy and free from signs of contagious illness to access the facility.
- Proof of up-to-date vaccinations for Equine Influenza and Equine Herpesvirus (EHV-1/4) may be required prior to participation in events.
- Horses showing signs of illness (fever, cough, nasal discharge, diarrhea, neurological symptoms) may be refused entry or removed from the grounds.

Arrival & Stabling

- All horses must check in with event management or designated biosecurity personnel upon arrival.
- Temporary stalls must be cleaned and disinfected after use.
- Each horse must have a stall card visible with their name, emergency contact, and a daily **temperature log** completed by the rider/handler.

Hygiene Protocols

- No shared water buckets, feed tubs, grooming tools, or tack between horses from different households unless disinfected.
- Hand hygiene is encouraged after contact with horses, tack, or common areas.
- Manure must be disposed of in designated areas.
- Disinfectants and sanitizers will be provided at wash areas and stabling zones.

4. Responsibilities

Horse Owners / Riders / Trainers

- Monitor horse health daily and record temperatures on stall info sheets during multi-day events.
- Immediately report signs of illness to the Health & Safety Officer or event manager.
- Bring only healthy horses to the facility and follow all posted procedures.

Event Organizers / Show Managers

- Ensure biosecurity protocols are communicated in all pre-event materials and signage.

- Provide stall cards for all horses including a section for daily temperature recording.
- Enforce compliance in partnership with the designated Health & Safety Officer.

KRC-Designated Health & Safety Officer (H&S Officer)

- A designated person from KRC must be appointed for every event, especially sanctioned competitions.
- Duties include:
 - Monitoring adherence to biosecurity practices.
 - Conducting random checks of stall cards to ensure temperatures are being recorded.
 - Coordinating with event organizers to manage isolation protocols if needed.
 - Keeping a log of any issues or reports related to horse health.
- Acts as the liaison between the club, veterinarians, officials, and the KRC Biosecurity Lead if a suspected outbreak occurs.

KRC Board & Biosecurity Lead

- Oversee policy development and revisions.
- Support the Health & Safety Officer during events.
- Review post-event reports and adjust protocols as needed.

5. Consequences of Non-Compliance

Failure to follow KRC's biosecurity protocols may result in:

- Immediate removal of the horse and/or individual from the premises.
- Disqualification from the current event and/or future events.

- Temporary or permanent ban from using KRC facilities.
- Reporting to applicable equestrian governing bodies (e.g., EC or HCBC).
- Liability for any damages or consequences caused by negligence or failure to disclose known illness.

These consequences may be applied at the discretion of the KRC Board and/or event officials.