

Queensland Polocrosse Biosecurity Policy Statement

Queensland Polocrosse aims to conduct the safest Polocrosse events possible for all involved including competitors, horses, event organisers, volunteers and visitors.

Queensland Polocrosse and our sport affiliates take biosecurity seriously and have measures in place to mitigate the risk of infectious diseases and pests. Best practice biosecurity will be achieved through:

- Working towards using **Biosecurity Plans and Biosecurity Contingency Plans** for all events conducted by Queensland Polocrosse and our sport affiliates.
- **Horse Health Declarations (HHD)** for all events conducted by Queensland Polocrosse and our sport affiliates. Full compliance of HHD's by 1 July, 2015.
- Promoting the **property identification code (PIC)** of the horse's origin to be included on the HHD.

Biosecurity and workplace health and safety measures are put in place to provide the safest environment for horses, competitors, volunteers and visitors.

In the event of a biosecurity incident, a biosecurity contingency plan will be implemented.

People on the grounds during a biosecurity incident will be expected to comply with directions from event organisers, Queensland Polocrosse and event organisers will liaise with appropriate experts during a biosecurity incident such as Biosecurity Queensland and Queensland Health.

In relation to the Hendra Virus, Queensland Polocrosse acknowledges the advice of Workplace Health and Safety Queensland, Queensland Health and Biosecurity Queensland, that vaccination is the single most effective way of reducing the risk of Hendra virus infection in horses and provides a work health and safety and public health benefit.

Strategic vaccination of horses is encouraged and horse owners should discuss their individual risk with their private veterinarian.

IT IS THE INTENTION OF QUEENSLAND POLOCROSSE TO REVIEW THIS POLICY REGULARLY AS FURTHER INFORMATION COMES TO HAND.

Important contact details:

Emergency animal disease watch hotline 1800 675 888 **(24 hours)**

Biosecurity Queensland 132523 **(business hours)**

Workplace Health Safety Queensland 1300 369915

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