

EHV-1 By-Laws are effective for all FEI Events held in Mainland Europe (as per the list of countries available in the Forms & Download section) as of 12 April 2021.

The FEI Post-EHV-1 Return to Competition By-Laws (“EHV-1 By-Laws”) are intended to protect FEI Horses and global equestrian sports from the consequences of infectious diseases being transmitted before, during and after FEI Events.

The EHV-1 By-Laws are issued according to the FEI Board Decision of 30 March 2021 and apply to all FEI Events in Mainland Europe held under FEI jurisdiction as of 12 April 2021. Except where indicated otherwise, these EHV-1 By-laws shall remain in effect until 30 May 2021. This deadline may be extended by the FEI based on an assessment of the EHV-1 situation. The Critical Measures/Requirements for a Safe Return to Competition in Mainland Europe post-EHV-1 (12 April onwards) published on 30 March 2021 and available in the Forms & Downloads section, shall form an integral part of the EHV-1 By-Laws. The FEI Board has mandated FEI Headquarters to make updates to these EHV-1 By-Laws as and when necessary as the situation in relation to EHV-1 evolves and measures are identified.

Note: Capitalised terms either refer to the existing definitions in the FEI General Regulations (“GRs”), FEI Veterinary Regulations (“VRs”) or to the definition provided in these By-Laws.

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Article 1 - Objectives of the By-Laws

- 1.1. The EHV-1 By-Laws are intended to:
 - a) Protect FEI Horses and global equestrian sports from the consequences of infectious diseases being transmitted before, during and after FEI Events.
 - b) Provide reassurance of the high health of equestrian sport Horses to global, continental and national veterinary authorities and organisations in order to maintain and further improve the conditions for international movement of such horses.
- 1.2. The short term objective is to minimise the risks for a restart of FEI Competitions and FEI Events in mainland Europe after the EHV-1 outbreaks.
- 1.3. The long term objective is to increase biosecurity knowledge, skills and awareness among all FEI stakeholders.

Article 2 - Persons bound by the Policy

- 2.1 All National Federations ("NFs"), Organising Committees ("OCs"), Officials, Horse Owners, Persons Responsible, Athletes, team officials, Veterinarians and other individuals and bodies involved in FEI Events shall comply with, and are bound by the EHV-1 By-Laws and any EHV related requirements and/or restrictions imposed by the FEI. In addition, by virtue of accepting an accreditation to an FEI Event, such person agrees to be bound by the EHV-1 By-Laws.
- 2.2 In addition, NFs, OCs and FEI Officials have the following responsibilities:
 - 2.2.1 NFs:
 - a) Communicate these EHV-1 By-Laws to the OCs under their jurisdiction.
 - b) Ensure that all OCs under their jurisdiction develop a biosecurity plan and mitigation plan for outbreaks of infectious disease in accordance with these EHV-1 By-Laws and FEI Rules and Regulations for any FEI Event/Competition they intend to hold.
 - c) Assist the OCs in this task if required.
 - d) Facilitate the OCs' interaction with the relevant domestic government and health/veterinary authorities where appropriate.
 - 2.2.2 OCs:
 - a) It is recommended that OCs consult the domestic health/veterinary authorities in the biosecurity plan and mitigation plan for outbreaks of infectious disease elaboration process where appropriate/needed.
 - b) Submit the biosecurity plan and mitigation plan for outbreaks of infectious disease (including name and contact details of the person(s) in charge) to the Veterinary Delegate ("VD") no later than one week before the event. For Events with more than 400 Horses stabled overnight, the biosecurity measures must be signed off one week in advance of Horse arrivals.

- c) Communicate the biosecurity plan and mitigation plan for outbreaks of infectious disease decided to the FEI Officials appointed for the Event (Foreign Judge/President Ground Jury/Technical Delegate/Chief Steward/Veterinary Delegate)
- d) Apply and enforce the mitigation measures identified for the Event.
- e) In addition, apply and enforce any measure and requirement specified in the EHV-1 By-Laws.

2.2.3. FEI Officials:

- a) Know these EHV-1 By-Laws.
- b) Understand and comply with mitigation measures for outbreaks of infectious disease applying at the Events they are appointed to.
- c) Within their respective functions, assist OCs with the measures implemented under these EHV-1 By-Laws.
- d) Provide any relevant feedback to the FEI in their respective reports or as directed by the FEI.
- e) Report any suspected case of EHV-1 to the FEI Veterinary Department immediately.

2.2.4. FEI:

- a) Ensure that OCs have completed their biosecurity plan and mitigation plan for outbreaks of infectious disease in accordance with these EHV-1 By-Laws and FEI Rules and Regulations.
- b) Take the necessary measures in case of a Horse or Horses test(s) positive for EHV-1 and/or in case of further EHV-1 outbreak(s).
- c) May, at its sole discretion, sanction and/or open a disciplinary case against a person or persons not complying with the EHV-1 By-Laws.

Article 3 - FEI Jurisdiction (this article shall remain in effect beyond 30 May 2021)

3.1 FEI Secretary General cancellation

3.1.1 Notwithstanding art. 109.12 of the FEI General Regulations, the FEI Secretary General shall have the authority to cancel an Event, including an Event that is in progress, with immediate effect, if:

- an EHV-1 outbreak has occurred at the Event; or
- there is one or more suspected cases of EHV-1 on site; or
- based on veterinary/epidemiological advice, cancelling the Event is necessary to prevent an EHV-1 outbreak occurring.

3.1.2 The Decision of the FEI Secretary General shall be final and not subject to appeal.

- 3.1.3 Upon the cancellation of the Event, the FEI Officials on site and the OC must:
- ensure that all Competition related activity (training sessions, warm ups, schooling, etc.) is also stopped immediately; and
 - immediately start to apply the measures set out in the Biosecurity Contingency Plan and/or instructions from the FEI or relevant health/veterinary authorities.

3.2 Removal of an Event from the FEI Calendar

In accordance with art. 112.3 of the FEI General Regulations, the FEI Secretary General shall have the authority to remove any Competition and/or Event from the FEI Calendar if justified circumstances relating to a Competition or the Event are established. The non-compliance of an OC's biosecurity plan and/or mitigation plan for outbreaks of infectious disease with these EHV-1 By-Laws and/or any other non-compliance with these EHV-1 By-Laws shall be considered as justified circumstances for the purpose of art. 112.3 of the FEI General Regulations.

Before removing the Event from the FEI Calendar, the FEI may, in its sole discretion, provide an OC with an opportunity to make the necessary and required changes to the biosecurity plan and/or mitigation plan in order to be compliant with these EHV-1 By-Laws, such changes to be approved by the FEI and made within the deadline set by the FEI.

3.3 Increased FEI Jurisdiction

Where an Event has been cancelled or removed from the FEI Calendar pursuant to articles 3.1 and 3.2 above or where the FEI declares an EHV-1 outbreak while an FEI Event is still ongoing or has ended, the FEI shall have the following increased jurisdiction:

3.3.1 Horses

For all Horses still on site at the Venue or have been onsite within 14 days of the first case being identified (or within 21 days if there are justified circumstances as identified and decided by FEI):

- (i) Requirements for Horses that are still onsite, the following shall apply:
- Mandatory compliance with all biosecurity measures imposed by the domestic veterinary authorities, the FEI and/or the FEI Officials on site;
 - Any Horse that has:
 - tested positive for EHV-1;

- shows (or has shown) symptoms of EHV-1 on site (even if it has returned a negative test);
- been deemed by the FEI or the domestic veterinary authorities as being “in contact” with a Horse that has tested positive for EHV-1 or a Horse that is showing (or has shown) symptoms of EHV-1 while on site will be blocked in the FEI database.

In addition to keeping the Horse(s) isolated and taking twice-daily rectal temperatures, a negative PCR test result taken after day 21 must be provided to the FEI Veterinary Department before Horse(s) will be unblocked and eligible to compete again in FEI Events. If the test generates a positive result, the Horse must remain in isolation for an additional 7 days and be re-tested. This procedure is in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations, Article 1029.7.

- No Horse is permitted to leave the venue (including any satellite stables) unless and until it has been deemed fit to travel by the relevant domestic veterinary authorities and has received the relevant health certificates;
- When the Horse is cleared to leave the venue, the Horses’ GPS coordinates identifying their location must be submitted to the FEI via the FEI HorseApp as follows: all location where the Horse stops, meaning the departure point, any stop-over points and arrival location. In addition when the Horse is moved from the destination stable to another location, this should also be reported via the HorseApp;
- (ii) Requirements for Horses that had already left the venue prior to the an EHV-1 case identified:
 - Horses’ GPS coordinates identifying their location must be submitted to the FEI via the FEI HorseApp as follows: all location where the Horse stops, meaning the departure point, any stop-over points and arrival location. In addition when the Horse is moved from the destination stable to another location, this should also be reported via the HorseApp;
 - The FEI Veterinary Department must be informed immediately if any Horse:
 - Tests positive for EHV-1; or
 - Shows (or has shown) symptoms of EHV-1 (even if it has returned a negative test).
 - Any Horse that has:

- tested positive for EHV-1;
- shows (or has shown symptoms) of EHV-1 on site (even if it has returned a negative test);
- been deemed by the FEI or the relevant veterinary authorities as being “in contact” with a Horse that has tested positive for EHV-1 or a Horse that is showing (or has shown) symptoms of EHV-1 while on site will be blocked in the FEI database.

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The FEI may, in its sole discretion, consider and accept more technically advanced/certified testing and requirements

Failure by a PR, Horse Owner and/or Support Personnel to comply with any of the above requirements may result in the imposition of disciplinary sanctions including the immediate suspension of the Horse and PR from all Competitions for a fixed period of time.

3.3.2 FEI Officials

Notwithstanding the cancellation of an Event and its related period of jurisdiction, the FEI Officials on site (and any other FEI Officials that the FEI may appoint to assist with containing the outbreak) shall continue to have the authority to act as FEI Officials and represent the FEI onsite until such time as the FEI deems that their presence is no longer required.

3.3.3 OCs

OCs must act in accordance with the instructions of the FEI Officials and/or FEI Headquarters and/or the relevant domestic animal health authorities in relation to the implementation of biosecurity measures.

3.4 Miscellaneous

For the purpose of these Return to Competition Bylaws “on site” shall mean venue where the Event is taking place and includes any satellite venues/stables/warm-up arenas where Horses have been training or stabled in connection with the Event.

Article 4 - Sanctions

- 4.1 Anyone refusing to comply or not complying fully with the biosecurity plan and mitigation plan for outbreaks of infectious disease put into place by OCs under these EHV-1 By-Laws may be asked to leave the venue.
- 4.2 Events for which the FEI (either directly or through the Veterinary Delegate where applicable) has not received the documented biosecurity plan and mitigation plan for outbreaks of infectious disease (and/or the biosecurity plan and mitigation plan do not comply with these EHV-1 By-Laws) may be removed from the FEI Calendar in accordance with Article 112.3 of the FEI General Regulations.
- 4.3 The FEI may, at its sole discretion, sanction and/or open a disciplinary case against any OC, Athlete, FEI Official, Horse Owner, Support Personnel and/or any person or body for any alleged breach of these EHV-1 By-Laws in accordance with Chapter VIII (Legal System) of the FEI General Regulations.

Article 5 - EHV-1 By-Laws and Domestic Legislation

- 5.1 All measures under the EHV-1 By-Laws must take into account and comply with the applicable legislation and policies from the domestic government and health/veterinary authorities.
- 5.2 These EHV-1 By-Laws are not intended to supersede the applicable legislation and policies from the domestic government and health/veterinary authorities. They are meant to supplement them with sport specific considerations in order to ensure that appropriate levels of precautions are taken prior, during and after all FEI Events that are subject to the EHV-1 By-Laws.
- 5.3 Should there be any disputes about the interpretation of any provision of these EHV-1 By-Laws and/or the measures available in Forms & Downloads section, the interpretation given by FEI Headquarters shall prevail.