



WORLD EQUESTRIAN CENTER - OCALA HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR EQUINE EXHIBITORS

To ensure the safety of all equine exhibitors showing at World Equestrian Center (WEC), management has implemented the following health and safety requirements for all horses on the property.

Health Documentation Requirements for All Horses

All horses entering WEC – Ocala must have valid health documentation. Submission methods vary depending on the type of show:

USEF-rated Hunter/Jumper:

- Submit documents exclusively through **EquiTrace® EventPass**

All WEC Dressage Shows:

Submit documents exclusively through **EquiTrace® EventPass**

WEC Quarter Horse Shows:

- For WEC Quarter Horse Shows, health documents may be accepted by email at AEPHealthPapers@gmail.com for Orange Blossom Classic, A Sudden Impulse and The Championship Show.

For all third-party rental events:

- Follow health document procedures provided by your event organizer and per required documents below.

Horses without completed and valid paperwork will not be permitted on the property.

New for 2025: EquiTrace® EventPass Required for USEF-Rated Hunter/Jumper & Dressage Shows

WEC – Ocala will utilize **EquiTrace® EventPass**, the official verified Horse Health Records provider of US Equestrian (USEF), for all **USEF-rated Hunter/Jumper & Dressage competitions**.

All exhibitors are required to upload the necessary health documents into their **EventPass account** prior to arrival. Upon entry, EventPass will generate a QR code that can be scanned using the mobile app or presented in a printed format for quick verification at the entry gates.

Create a free EventPass for WEC at equitrace.app/eventpass-wec and see a step-by-step process on how to register.

Entry checkpoint for all events:

- Health papers will be verified upon arrival at the **SR-40 or 80th Avenue entrance near the WEC General Store**.

Required Documents:

- **Health Certificate (14 days)** – Required for all horses arriving from in the state and outside the state of Florida. The Health Certificate must be issued by a licensed Veterinarian and be dated within 14 days of check in, affirming that the horses entering the facility have not had an elevated temperature, been to a facility where there has been a positive or suspected positive case of EHV, been in a close proximity to an ill horse and receive routine vet care and vaccinations. The Health Certificate must be signed by a licensed veterinarian and on the vet's letterhead.
- **Trainer/Owner Health Declaration** – Signed by an owner/trainer confirming that the horse has not experienced a fever exceeding 101.5 degrees or any disease in the 72 hours leading up to its arrival. Additionally, the horse must not have been exposed to or treated for an unexplained fever in the past 28 days and should have tested negative for any disease at least 30 days prior to arrival. If the horse has tested positive within the last six months for any infectious diseases, this information should also be disclosed.
- **Negative Coggins (12 months)** – Proof of a current negative Coggins test within 12 months.
- **Vaccinations (six months)** – It is required all horses be vaccinated for Equine-EHV I/IV (either modified live or killed vaccine), Equine Influenza no sooner than seven days prior to and no later than 180 days (six months) prior to entering the show grounds. Most EHV-1 vaccines are only considered effective for 180 days. Please check with your veterinarian about which vaccine is right for your horse. We strongly recommend vaccinations against WNV, EEE, WEE, Tetanus and Rabies.



AFTER ARRIVAL

Monitoring Horse Health while on the Grounds

Twice daily temperature checks, morning and evening, will be required during the horse's stay at WEC and should be recorded on the temp chart located on the stall door of each horse.

Temperatures should be taken prior to any exercise. Temperature monitoring is required at WEC. Repeated violations of this policy will be subject to further action by WEC management and may include being asked to leave the grounds.

Additionally, all horses should be observed for abnormal clinical signs which may be indicative of a potential equine infectious disease.

Any temperature over 101.5F degrees or abnormal clinical signs shall be reported immediately to the Show Veterinarian and Horse Show Manager. The Show Veterinarian will examine the horse to determine if isolation or testing of the horse for a potential equine infectious disease. World Equestrian Center reserves the right to test any horse that has a fever and/or clinical signs for an infectious disease.

At World Equestrian Center - Ocala call Show Veterinarian Dr. Larry Wexler at 352.812.1411 and the Horse Show Manager at 352.414.7883.

Practice and communicate the following biosecurity best practices to your barn staff.

- Take temperatures of all horses twice daily and maintain a log for each horse.
- Limit nose-to-nose contact between horses.
- Handlers and riders should maintain distances between horses at all times.
- Avoid non-essential people touching horses.
- Practice good hygiene. Handlers should wash hands in-between handling horses and maintain proper biosecurity protocols in the barns and rings.
- Avoid sharing equipment unless it is thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- Braiders/Vets/Farriers/Equine Therapists must produce a list to the Show Office of client horses with their appropriate stall number.
- Braiders/Vets/Farriers/Equine Therapists should clean and disinfect their hands, equipment, clothing, and shoes between horses.

We look forward to a wonderful show season and hope that all exhibitors do their part on following these rules to help ensure the safety of all horses.

Please continue to check WEC.net for any additional recommendations or requirements.

For questions about our Ocala facility, reach out to the Horse Show Manager at 352.414.7883 or on-site veterinarian, Dr. Larry Wexler DVM at 352.812.1411.