



## Horse Health Biosecurity Declaration Updated FAQ's (May 2026)

### **1. Does my Show need to use the AgShows NSW Horse Health Declaration? Why do we need more paperwork?**

The Horse Health Biosecurity Declaration has been developed to support Member Societies in managing biosecurity risks within their horse sections, particularly in the event of a potential disease outbreak. It captures key information aligned with NSW DPI guidance and helps ensure appropriate traceability and response if required.

Importantly, this document is not a legal document. It is provided as a recommended template that Member Societies may:

- use in its current form, or
- adapt to suit their individual show requirements

Any adaptations should be approved by AgShows NSW to ensure the integrity of the biosecurity intent is maintained.

Many NSW shows have successfully used similar declarations for years and may choose to continue with their existing forms or update them in line with this template.

The declaration also clearly places responsibility on the competitor for horse health, and for any veterinary or quarantine costs if required.

### **2. What is the difference between a Transported Stock Statement (TSS) and a Horse Health Declaration? Do competitors need both?**

Under NSW DPI requirements, a **Transported Stock Statement (TSS)** is generally required when transporting livestock, including horses. However, an exemption applies when horses are travelling to or from an agricultural show, exhibition, gymkhana, or similar event.

The **Horse Health Biosecurity Declaration** is therefore used by Show Societies to capture relevant biosecurity and traceability information specific to the event.

### **3. Which horses need to be included on the declaration?**

All horses brought onto the showgrounds must be recorded, including:

- competition horses across all sections (e.g. hacks, harness, heavy horses)
- horses involved in displays or entertainment
- horses attending for acclimatisation, training, or companionship

This ensures full traceability of all equines present on the grounds.

### **4. What is a PIC (Property Identification Code)? How do competitors get one?**



A **PIC** is a unique identifier for land where livestock are kept, including horses. It has been a requirement in NSW since 1 September 2012.

PICs:

- are issued by Local Land Services
- support livestock traceability and biosecurity response

Show Societies are encouraged to:

- promote PIC requirements in schedules
- provide links to DPI resources so competitors can obtain one prior to the event

Showgrounds should also publish their own PIC within schedules.

### **5. *What information does the declaration capture?***

The updated April 2026 form includes key details such as:

- competitor and contact information
- property of origin and PIC
- horse identification (name, description, microchip/brand/markings)
- vaccination status
- vehicle details
- biosecurity and health declarations

It also includes consent for veterinary inspection and acknowledgement of quarantine requirements if needed.

### **6. *Who is responsible for horse health and any associated costs?***

The owner or person in charge of the horse:

- declares the horse is fit and healthy to attend
- agrees to veterinary inspection if required
- accepts responsibility for any veterinary, quarantine, feeding or associated costs

This ensures clear accountability and supports effective biosecurity management.

### **7. *Can the declaration be completed online or pre-entry?***

Yes. The declaration may be completed:

- at the time of entry (including online), or
- upon arrival at the show

However, if there is any change in the horse's health status, the competitor must withdraw the horse from the event.

### **Who do we contact for further information or approval of adaptations?**

For guidance, clarification, or approval of any changes to the template, please contact:

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