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VIA EMAIL

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Re: 2023 World's Championship Horse Show

Dear David and Scarlett:

Thank you and your colleagues for meeting to discuss the USEF Compliance Inspection findings from the 2023 World's Championship Horse Show and the specific issues outlined within the October 19, 2023, USEF Compliance Inspection Report. Based on that conversation and your request for as much clarity as possible, to follow is a list of conditions that must be met prior to and maintained throughout the duration of the 2024 competition. These conditions will be incorporated into the 2024 USEF Competition License Agreement.

1. Arrange for and ensure USEF Stewards are present on competition grounds in sufficient time to monitor the warm-up areas prior to the start of any classes.
2. Ensure the Safety Coordinator understands their duties and that they fulfill all duties outlined in USEF GR846, including defining and implementing measures to inform exhibitors following any incident causing delay.
3. Ensure tent stabling provides, at all times, adequate space for horses and humans to easily move around between the tents and within tented stabling aiseways. These areas must be free from obstructions that may pose a safety hazard, including but not limited to wheeled vehicles, supplies, trunks, and electrical equipment. A recommended best practice is that aisles are sized so that stall doors across from each other can open concurrently to the widest point without touching.
4. Arrange and mandate the use of dedicated horse wash areas away from the tents to eliminate the washing of horses within and between tented stables, and ensure drainage flows away from the stabling area.
5. Ensure electric power installations provide for all electrical uses permitted by competition management for the duration of the competition, and do not pose a safety threat for stabled horses (e.g., cables or wires within reach of horses or electrical equipment placed close to areas where water collects).
6. Prevent manure waste from spreading outside of bins.
7. Wash, sanitize, and repair temporary stall partitions prior to horses moving in, and ensure all are safely in place for the duration of the competition, and that door latches are secure and functional.
8. Correct the door-stop issue in permanent stabling in a manner that minimizes the ability of a horse's welfare to be compromised.
9. Ensure horses do not occupy a stall with a tent pole located within it.



10. Post guards at all designated horse crossings that intersect a motor vehicle route.
11. Ensure all dogs are held on a leash or otherwise restrained.
12. Ensure all sharps containers are regularly maintained and placed out of the elements.
13. Post the USEF MAAPP poster at the show office and in other conspicuous and high-traffic areas, i.e. rest room facilities, stabling areas, concessions, etc. Additionally, ensure that the direct communication is posted at check in and that participants are instructed to read it, as per the [USEF Safe Sport Quality Control System](#).

Please understand that compliance inspections conducted by USEF staff endeavor to support competition managers in providing a safe and welcoming competition experience for USEF members and their horses, and we appreciate your efforts to work together with us to achieve this. Should you wish to request that USEF review the facility installations once the set-up is complete, and prior to horses moving in, we are open to providing this support.

The items outlined within this letter represent measures that directly affect USEF's ability to license the World's Championship Horse Show going forward, and we appreciate your efforts to ensure these are implemented for the safety and wellbeing of both equine and human athletes. Please confirm you wish to move forward with the licensing for this competition, and should you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Best regards,



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Chief Executive Officer

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