

Horse Care Document

Adina Polocrosse World Cup 2019

22 – 28 April 2019, Warwick Qld

Definitions

WCC- Adina World Cup Committee-

PAA: Polocrosse Association of Australia

Match Committee MC

The Match committee will comprise:

IPC Umpire Convener – Stewart Neal, Draw Representative Charles Brook, Host Event Manager – Les Fraser.

Disputes Committee

The Disputes committee will comprise:

Gill Mathie IPC President or his nominee, Michael Rynne Host Nation President or his nominee, Stewart Neal IPC Umpire Convener or his nominee.

Horse Coordinator Committee (HCC): Consists of three members as per the IPC ruling

Gill Mathie, Kent Wells and Charles Brook. The HCC shall make the final decision on any matters concerning the horses.

Team: This includes 8 Players (4 men and 4 women) who have been selected to represent their country, one coach, one manager and one umpire.

Players: Official team players, as selected to represent their nation in this World Cup, are the only people allowed to ride the horses

Horse Pool: There will be 8 horse pools of equal strength. These consist of 16 horses per pool. Each pool consists of 8 designated ladies' horses and 8 designated men's horses. Every horse, depending on its ability will be graded as an A or a B grade horse.

Horse Pool Coordinator: The persons responsible for dividing the pools and available for queries on the reasoning and methods employed – *Kent Wells, Charles Brook & Cameron Shepherd*

Ladies Horses: Horses to be ridden by ladies' players only

Mens Horses: Horses to be ridden by men players only

Country Horse Coordinator(s)(CHC) 8 Selected Volunteers have been approved by the **WCC**. Each team will be designated a Country Horse Coordinator. The CHC are directly answerable to the **HCC**.

Horse Handler Volunteers (HHV): Will be allocated for the duration of the World Cup. Their duties are to feed care and assist the **CHC**.

Team Supporters: Team Supporters are people who have travelled to Warwick to support their team. They may assist the team with their horse's preparation and recovery for games and practices under the

supervision of the Country Horse Coordinator. They are not Horse Handler Volunteers and may not take on any duties specifically designated to the **HHV**.

Vet: The official World Cup vet is from *Warwick Vet Clinic* These vets are the highest authority on horse care at the World Cup, *Dr Chris Reardon and Associates*.

Farrier: Tim Minogue and his associates.

Chiropractor and Physiotherapist: By referral from Overall Horse Coordinator; Lucy Swann, Equissage and Vern Wakefield, Horse Chiropractor. Any fees payable are at the team's or owner's expense.

Horse Draw Tuesday 16th April at 8 am, following the Mayoral Breakfast:

1. World cup sponsor CEVA Animal Health representative will draw each country position in the draw
2. Team Captain will draw for a pool of horses.
3. Return to Morgan Park for Horse Inspections / Vetting. Horses will be inspected in order of Draw.

Horse Information Sheet: Information about each horse, it's specified tack, feed, medical history and relevant information needed for riding and playing the horse. The specifications on this sheet cannot be changed or altered without the Horse Owners permission and two signatures from the **HCC**.

Reserve Horses: Once each country has drawn their respective pool of horses, they will have an opportunity to check their horses at their scheduled times. The Team must trot out each horse in hand. Should the team have a concern over any horses' soundness, the vet must be consulted. If the vet agrees that the horse is unsound the horse may be exchanged from a choice of two horses from the reserve pool. The two reserve horses in question will be trotted out before the Team in hand, they will not be ridden then a ballot will take place to determine the replacement horse. Once the team starts to ride their horses there will be no reserve horses available to them.

Horse Rules: The rules as laid out in the document and in the IPC rulebook.

General Good Conduct for the HCC, CHC, HHV the Teams & Supporters.

- Upholding values of transparency, honesty, good faith, fairness, good horsemanship and sportsmanship.

General Safety Protocol

- The Players must ride with Helmets and riding boots at all times.
- Horses may not be ridden in halters or bareback.
- Horses legs must be bandaged and have over reach boots on whenever they are ridden and worked.

General Horse Owner information

- Horse owners may have access to their horses. Owners must make an appointment with the **CHC** via the **HCC**.
- Horse owners should address all queries to the **HCC** and not to the Team (see Team definition)
- Owners may not verbally, or, in writing alter the Horse Information Sheet after the draw without the approval of the **HCC**.
- Each horse is recommended to come with its own bridle and bit, excluding the reins
- Players must bring their own bridles, reins, breast plates, martingales, saddlecloths and saddles.
- The Horse owner must supply any special equipment they insist the horse should be ridden in, such as riser pads, tendon boots, gel pad, girth protectors.
- Horses will be fed Barastoc Complete Performer, Barastoc Command, Barastoc Steamflaked Barley, Oats, Wheaten Chaff, Lucerne Chaff and Hay.

- Horse Pools will receive complimentary quantities of CEVA Animal Health products Vam and Recovery.
- Horse Pools will receive complimentary KER products.
- Every horse must be shod between April 1st and 13th. Any horses requiring shoeing will be at owners' expense.
- Horse owner to supply water and feed buckets, horse rugs and halter. **Clearly Named with both Horse and owners name.**

General Team Conduct

- The Team will treat all the horses with respect and care for them as if they were their own. The Team must follow the rules laid out by the IPC and in this document.

Stable Protocol

- The Horses will be stabled in blocks of 16 stables with a feed container.
- The HCC shall always have access to all the horses. The CHC and their HHV will always have access to their specific pool of horses.
- The Team will have access to the stables during their scheduled times only. Except for Special Exemptions.
- Team Supporters may assist with leading the horses and holding the horses between chukkas. All the Teams supporters are to be the responsibility of the Team in respect of Insurance, Board and lodging. Adina World Cup committee are not responsible for any injuries to the team supporters.
- The Team or any other person is not permitted into the stable area unless they are accompanied by the CHC or a member of the HCC. Except for otherwise special circumstances.

Feeding Regime

- Horse feed has been supplied and the horse owner should have quantities stipulated on the Horse Information Sheet.
- The CHC will supervise the HHV feeding of all the horses. The Team is not permitted to feed the horses anything. One member of the Team may be present at feeding times to observe.
- Teams will be supplied with KER Electrolytes for all horses (initial supply complimentary).
- Ceva Animal Health products VAM x 2 and Recovery x2 (complimentary) additional Ceva Animal Health products are available for Countries to purchase from Olsen's produce.
- The team may request the CHC to add Oats or to increase the feed. The horse owner must be approached by the HCC for consent.

Horse- Handling Protocol

- The Team is to take note of any special conditions the Horse Owner has added to the Horse Information Sheet with regards to any special care needed for the Horse.
- No horse shall be ridden or led out without the CHC or a member the HCC present
- All 16 horses must be worked during the daily scheduled 90-minute practice sessions.
- The Team must trot out any horses not played during the test matches directly after the match.
- The Team will lead the horses out at least twice a day at a time to be arranged with CHC. The horse must be led out in halters for an hour with official Adina World Cup Australian Stockman's Saddlery horse rugs on horses. Team Supporters may assist with the daily leading of horses.
- Horses must be washed down and scraped after exercise at the allocated wash bay. If the weather is cold, the team and HHV must rug their horses when they return from their afternoon walk.
- The Horse Owners have indicated on the Horse Information Sheet if the horse is to be ridden with a whip or with spurs. If the Horse owner has indicated no whips or spurs, it will be considered abuse to the horse if the instruction is ignored.
- If a horse is cut or bruised from spurs during a game, the match referee will send the horse off the field temporarily or for the rest of the game. The rider will have spurs removed for the remainder of the tournament. After the game, the HCC may remove the horse from the pool temporarily or permanently depending on the severity of the cut or hematoma. This decision will be at the

discretion of the HCC who may consult with the Vet. If a horse is cut/bruised by spurs it is unlikely that the horse will be ridden in spurs again by any rider.

The IPC rules state that if any horse is considered abused, it will be removed from the pool immediately without a replacement

Veterinary Protocol

- The Vet will be at the stables daily. The CHC will take any horses needing medical attention to the vet. The Team horse manager may accompany them.
- It is forbidden for anyone other than the Vet to inject a horse. CHC will oversee the Ceva Animal Health products being administered to horses.
- The HCC may authorize a horse treatment by the Equissage / Physiotherapist or Chiropractor as a “feel good” treatment, this cost will be for the Team. This must be organized through the correct channels: The Team manager to approach the CHC for approval from the HCC.
- No person other than the listed Physiotherapist or Chiropractor may massage or manipulate the horses.
- Players may apply the following cooling aids to the horses’ legs. Tuff Rock, Uptight, Ice bandages, Epson salts bandages or cooling gel. At team’s expense under the supervision of CHC.
- The Team may not bring any first aid medication, topical treatments or homeopathic remedies. The horse will be referred to the vet should it require further treatment.

Tack Protocol

- There will be no changes made to the Horse Information Sheet with regards to the tack without the owner’s consent and authorized by a member of the HCC
- If the Team would like to request a change this must be done through the correct channels. Team manager to speak to the CHC who will in turn speak to the HCC. The HCC will speak to the owner and make a decision. All changes must be recorded. The Team is not permitted to speak directly to the Horse Owner.
- Each Country will be responsible for storing their own tack.
- Countries are responsible for the horse owners tack, halters, rugs and buckets etc. These items must be replaced if they are lost or broken.
- The Teams should bring extra bridles and caverson nosebands to avoid delays should there be a breakage. The Teams are permitted to put the horse’s bit onto their own bridle as long as they return the bit to the original bridle before they return the tack to the horse owners.

Special Exemptions

- The HCC may grant Special Exemptions, or any other measure deemed reasonable and necessary for the benefit of the horses.

Powers of the HCC Committee

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