



COMPETITIONS DEPARTMENT



Dear Competition Managers and Secretaries,

After receiving and considering member feedback, a recent presidential modification was approved, delaying US Equestrian's implementation of GR1101.10 requiring competing horses to have a microchip on file with USEF from Dec. 1, 2025 to Dec. 1, 2026. Several of our affiliates have expressed concern that not all their members were made aware of the upcoming requirement, and we are using this time to get everyone up to speed. This means that competition secretaries will not be required to verify the microchip status of horses for the remainder of the 2026 competition year. (Please note: the existing requirement applying to Hunter/Jumper competition participants has not changed)

Although the implementation of the requirement has been delayed, we continue to encourage you to notify exhibitors if you notice they have not reported their horse's microchip to USEF so that they can be in compliance for the 2027 competition year.

We extend our thanks to those who have already assisted competitors bring their horses in line with the microchip requirement. They are helping us continue to build a safer, healthier sport for horses.

US Equestrian is requiring the use of microchips because they can provide rapid, definitive identification and biosecurity tracing information for horses in the event of an infectious disease outbreak. This permanent form of identification helps animal health officials quickly determine which horses have been to which sanctioned events, allowing for more effective isolation of exposed horses and helping us limit disease spread. Microchips can also help reunite horses with their owners in the wake of a natural disaster.

If you have any questions regarding this change or the upcoming requirements, please reach out to us at any time. We appreciate your help in facilitating the implementation of this rule as we approach December 1, 2026.

As a reminder, if a horse does not have an existing USEF ID number, Horse IDs can be obtained for free via your USEF Member Dashboard here:

members.usef.org/horses/add

Important Resources:

- [Microchip 101](#)
- [Microchip Mythbusters](#)
- [FAQs - including how to report your horse's microchip number](#)