

## Petition for a Variance of Minnesota Rules, Part 1721.0100

This form is recommended, but not required to be considered for a rule variance. The Board of Animal Health (“Board”) will review the completed petition, along with any related supplemental documentation and will issue a written order granting or denying the variance within 60 days of receipt of the completed petition. If the variance is granted, the Board will notify the Petitioner and the Official Veterinarian of the terms and conditions of the variance. Additional information may be required before the Board can grant or deny the variance request. **Please note: You must apply for an exhibition event permit separately. This petition form is not an application for an event permit.**

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### Section A: This section is to be completed by the Equine Exhibition Event Manager

Equine Exhibition Manager Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Manager Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibition Event Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibition Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibition Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you successfully completed the Board’s Equine Exhibition Manager Training course? If yes, please also provide a copy of the certificate of completion.

Yes       No

Official Veterinarian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Official Veterinarian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the boxes that correspond to the Equine Exhibition Event requirements for which you are *seeking a variance*:

- Official Veterinarian shall inspect all livestock on the day admitted to the exhibition.
- Official Veterinarian shall inspect all livestock at least once daily during the exhibition.
- Official Veterinarian shall approve the cleaning and disinfection of the exhibition premises prior to the exhibition and during the exhibition if livestock are released and new livestock are brought to the exhibition premises.
- Other, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain why a variance is necessary for your Equine Exhibition Event (how would enforcement of the rule result in hardship or injustice?):

Please provide any information you are aware of regarding the Board's treatment of similar cases:

Please provide the name, address, and telephone number of any person you know would be adversely affected by this rule variance being granted:

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**As a condition of being granted a variance for this Equine Exhibition Event, I agree to comply with each of the items listed below (place a checkmark in each box to indicate your agreement):**

- Retain the services of an Official Veterinarian. Minn. R. Part 1721.0100, subp. 3(A).
- Comply with all orders of the board or the official veterinarian pertaining to the sanitation of the premises and the health status of all livestock exhibited. Minn. R. Part 1721.0100, subp. 3(B).
- Clean and disinfect all building and exhibit areas for the use of livestock prior to the opening date of the exhibition and during the exhibition if livestock are released and new livestock are brought to the exhibition premises. Minn. R. Part 1721.0100, subp. 3(C).
- Maintain the livestock and exhibition areas in a sanitary condition. Minn. R. Part 1721.0100, subp. 3(D).  
Coordinate with the Official Veterinarian to ensure that any livestock showing symptoms of infectious, contagious, or communicable disease are removed from the premises or quarantined in a separate facility. Minn. R. Part 1721.0100, subp. 3(E).
- Maintain records as described in Minn. R. Part 1721.0100, subpart 7. Minn. R. Part 1721.0100, subp. 3(F).

**As a condition of being granted a variance for this Equine Exhibition Event, I acknowledge my understanding of each of the following items (place a checkmark in each box to indicate your understanding):**

- This petition is for a variance to Minnesota Rules, Part 1721.0100 only. All other statutes and rules are still in full force and effect as they relate to the Equine Exhibition Event listed on this petition.
- This petition only applies to a variance for the Equine Exhibition Event that is listed on this document.
- The Official Veterinarian for the event must also agree to the terms of the variance and complete Section B of this petition.
- If a variance is approved for the Equine Exhibition Event listed on this petition, the terms of the variance will be enforced as if they are part of the rule itself. Minn. Stat. § 14.055.
- Any violation of the terms and conditions of a granted variance will result in an immediate revocation of the variance and the Equine Exhibition Event Manager will be subject to rule violation penalties and enforcement actions.
- If a granted variance related to the Equine Exhibition Event listed on this document is revoked, the Board will take that revocation into consideration during the review process for any future rule variance petitions submitted by the person completing this petition.

### **Attestation of the Equine Exhibition Event Manager**

By typing my name in the signature field, I understand that I am electronically signing this form. I attest and certify that the information provided is true and accurate. I understand that my electronic signature has the same legal effect and can be enforced in the same way as a handwritten signature. (Minn. Stat. Ch. 325L.07).

**I Agree**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

**Section B: This section is to be completed by the Official Veterinarian for the Equine Exhibition Event**

**As a condition of the Equine Exhibition Event being granted a variance and as the Event's Official Veterinarian, I acknowledge my understanding that if a variance is approved for this event, the Equine Exhibition Manager will be responsible for each of the following items for the duration of the event (place a checkmark in each box to indicate your understanding):**

- Comply with all orders of the board or the official veterinarian pertaining to the sanitation of the premises and the health status of all livestock exhibited. Minn. R. Part 1721.0100, subp. 3(B).
- Clean and disinfect all building and exhibit areas for the use of livestock prior to the opening date of the exhibition and during the exhibition if livestock are released and new livestock are brought to the exhibition premises. Minn. R. Part 1721.0100, subp. 3(C).
- Maintain the livestock and exhibition areas in a sanitary condition. Minn. R. Part 1721.0100, subp. 3(D).
- Coordinate with the Official Veterinarian to ensure that any livestock showing symptoms of infectious, contagious, or communicable disease are removed from the premises or quarantined in a separate facility. Minn. R. Part 1721.0100, subp. 3(E).
- Maintain records as described in Minn. R. Part 1721.0100, subpart 7. Minn. R. Part 1721.0100, subp. 3(F).

**As a condition of the Equine Exhibition Event being granted a variance, I acknowledge my understanding that if a variance is approved, as the Official Veterinarian of the event, I will be responsible for each of the following items for the duration of the event (place a checkmark in each box to indicate your understanding):**

- Be on-call for the duration of the Equine Exhibition Event.
- Refuse admission of livestock showing clinical signs of any infectious, contagious, or communicable disease, or of livestock not meeting the exhibition entrance requirements outlined in Minn. R. Part 1721.0100, subpart 6. Minn. R. Part 1721.0100, subp. 4(C).
- Order the immediate removal to the quarantine facility or removal from the exhibition premises of any livestock with clinical signs of infectious, contagious, or communicable disease and order and supervise the cleaning and disinfection of the area from which the diseased livestock was removed. Minn. R. Part 1721.0100, subp. 4(F).
- Conduct any necessary tests to determine the health status of the livestock on the exhibition grounds. Minn. R. Part 1721.0100, subp. 4(G).
- Within seven days of completion of the exhibition, submit to the board the report that is required in Minn. R. Part 1721.0100, subp. 4(H).

**Attestation of the Official Veterinarian for the Equine Exhibition Event**

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**I Agree**

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Signature of Official Veterinarian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Official Veterinarian

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Date Signed

**For Internal Use by the Board of Animal Health**

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Date Reviewed

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Initials of Reviewer

Granted  
 Denied

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Petitioner Notified

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Official Veterinarian Notified