



JOINT TASK FORCE-NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
INAUGURAL PARADE COORDINATOR OFFICE

EQUESTRIAN ELEMENT APPLICATION GUIDE

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The following information is provided to equestrian elements, or any group that utilizes horses in their formation, who are applying for selection to participate in the 2025 Presidential Inaugural Parade. Please read through this document carefully, as failure to meet the requirements detailed below may impact your group's eligibility to participate.

The certification and agreement materials listed below will be required **ONLY** for groups that have been selected by the Presidential Inaugural Committee (PIC) to participate in the parade. These requirements are provided at this time in order to ensure all selected applicants will be prepared to provide these materials in a timely manner.

PART I - CERTIFICATION AND CONSENT AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS

All certification and consent agreement materials must be provided for each individual horse and must accompany each horse or the leader of each group of horses. These materials must be available for inspection by authorities while the horse is in the Washington, D.C. area. This includes the Prince George's Equestrian Center, the parade holding, staging and dispersal areas and on the parade route.

VETERINARY INSPECTION, CERTIFICATES AND CONSENT AGREEMENT

Each participating horse in the parade must undergo the following tests **PRIOR** to arrival in the Washington, D.C. area. These tests must be performed and certified by a licensed veterinarian in the horse's state of origin. It is important that each certificate contain the name of the performing group each horse will be a part of during the parade. Please ensure the following tests are conducted:

1. EQUINE INFECTIONS ANEMIA TEST (EIA)

This is commonly referred to as a Coggins Test. This test must be performed no more than 12 months prior to Monday, January 20th, 2025.

2. VALID CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARIAN INSPECTION (CVI)

Certification for this evaluation typically expires within 30 days of inspection. Be advised that all CVIs must remain valid until the animal departs the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia.

3. BORIUM SHOE CERTIFICATION

Due to the likelihood of snowy and icy conditions on the paved surfaces along the parade route, Borium (Tungsten carbide) must be applied to the shoes of all participating horses. This is for the safety of the horses, as well as for the riders.



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4. ANIMAL EUTHANASIA CONSENT FORM

The owner of each participating horse or animal in the parade must grant permission to the PIC, its representatives or agents, to perform euthanasia of any animal if such action is, in their sole judgment, deemed necessary during preparations for, participation in or dispersal following the parade. This permission form must be completed and submitted for each individual participating animal.

Instructions for certification and consent agreement material submissions will be provided once the selection process is complete.

II - INFORMATION FOR PARADE DAY

DRIVERS

Every vehicle used for the transportation of equestrian elements, such as horse trailers, trucks and the like, must have its own dedicated driver who will not participate in the parade. All drivers must remain with their vehicles at all times. All drivers will transport their vehicles to the Horse Assembly and Dispersal areas, as directed by Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region Joint Team Parade (JTM Parade) personnel.

FORMATIONS

Equestrian groups shall remain in a formation of no more than 8 horses abreast. The length shall be limited to that indicated in the group's original application.

All groups shall maintain their formation for the duration of the parade. Special maneuvers and/or drill formations will not be permitted at any time.

FARRIER

The PIC may arrange to have a farrier on site at the Horse Staging, Assembly and Dispersal areas. Parade participants are responsible for all costs for services rendered on site.

EMERGENCY VETERINARY CARE

Emergency care contract and volunteer units may be made available by the PIC. These units will be located at the Horse Assembly area, along the parade route and at the Horse Dispersal area.

SAFETY

Hundreds of thousands of people will physically line the parade route. In addition, several thousand will be marching in the parade. For their safety, as well as the integrity of the parade, it is important that all horses remain both physically and mentally under control for the entire



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day. Only experienced riders should be selected to ride in the parade. Horses not under control may be removed from the parade.

III - GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

STALL RESERVATION AND PAYMENT FORM

The staging area for all equestrian participants in the parade is the Prince George's Equestrian Center (PGEC), located in Upper Marlboro, MD. All horses participating in the Parade are required to stable overnight at PGEC on January 19th, 2025, unless specifically exempted by the PIC or JTM Parade. More information regarding PGEC can be found at pgparks.com/facilities/showplace-arena-at-pgs-equestrian-center.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions concerning Equestrian Groups, please email the JTF-NCR Inaugural Parade Coordinator Office at 2025inauguralparade@army.mil. Please include the name of your group in all correspondence.