

## Useful Legal Links for Equestrian Marshals:

[www.sca.org/docs/AdultEquestrianWaivers.pdf](http://www.sca.org/docs/AdultEquestrianWaivers.pdf) This includes the SCA standard equestrian event signage and waivers for all 50 states.

[www.utopia.utexas.edu/project/equine/statutes.htm](http://www.utopia.utexas.edu/project/equine/statutes.htm) This includes a wide variety of laws including signage and transport rules regarding equestrian activity for all 50 states.

[www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/sregs/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/sregs/) This link to the USDA APHIS service contains links to each state's regulations pertaining to interstate transport of animals.

**Signage:** New York and West Virginia do not require specific signage. Society standard signage should be posted at any Aethelmearc equestrian event in these two states. Pennsylvania has just recently passed regulation regarding specific signage. A minimum of two signs must be posted prominently, **they must be 3 by 2 feet in size** (you cannot just print off one sheet of normal letter paper with this warning), and they must state (exact wording) "You assume the risk of equine activities pursuant to Pennsylvania law."

Such signs must be posted prominently in all states. For all events it is recommended that at a minimum one sign be posted by troll/sign-in, and one be posted in the equine area. If the area where the equines are being stabled/held is distant from the equine event area, more signs should be posted as needed to assure that they will be seen by the populace. These signs are different than "Equestrians Only" signs. "Equestrians Only" signs should be posted additionally to warn that those who are not qualified equestrians out of equine areas.

**Waivers:** NYS and PA should use Society standard equine event waivers. WV has a specific waiver, see the Society Adult Equestrian waiver file above (or attached).

### Summary of *interstate* laws regarding transport of horses for the states that comprise Aethelmearc:

NYS: Horses need a 30-day health certificate issued by an approved veterinarian. Coggins testing is needed to obtain this certificate. The 30-day health certificate is good for only one transport, i.e., if you go to an event in NYS and then want to go to another in less than thirty days, you need a new health certificate (with new Coggins testing).

PA: Horses need a Coggins certificate current within 12 months. The only exception is a foal under 6 months does not need one if his dam has one and tests negative.

WV: Horses need a Coggins certificate current within 6 months.

Note: *Intrastate* transportation only requires what the end facility requires. E.g., a horse being transported from one part of PA to another only has to comply with what the barn on the other end requires. This should include a relatively recent Coggins test, and if not I would recommend you should not risk your horse.