



SHARPS CONTAINERS

GR1210.4, as follows, relates to USEF requirements regarding sharps containers:

GR1210 General.

4. Competition management shall place a minimum of one sharps container per each competition, whether or not stabling is provided. Additionally, at least one sharps container per fifty occupied stalls for the disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments in convenient locations in barns housing competition horses. It is competition management's responsibility to replace such containers when full and dispose of them properly. Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments. Competition management will place a notice of this requirement either in its prize list or on a specific handout given to trainers on check in at the competition. If local law has different requirements, local law will prevail. Competitions failing to comply with placing the required number of containers on the show grounds will be considered in violation of the rules and may be subject to penalty as determined by the CEO or Executive Director and/or the Hearing Committee.

The following link will connect you to a page of the Environmental Protection Agency that deals with disposal of Sharps. This website also offers a list of all state health and solid waste/sanitation department contacts. In order to determine the correct disposal method for your area, you are advised to contact your local solid waste department.

www.epa.gov/epaoswer/other/medical/sharps.htm