### Preparing for the INFR Tour Rodeos in Canada

### Recommended Border to use - Peigan Border

This Border Accepts all tribal ID’s.

### What are the US Passport Requirements for a Trip to CanadaAll travelers crossing into Canada will need both proof of identity and proof of citizenship. For those traveling by air, a passport is required. For those traveling by land or sea, a passport, passport card (often called a "pass-card;" a special wallet-sized ID), Enhanced Driver License or an Enhanced ID Card (EDL/ID) is mandatory.

**Children**

All parents bringing children to Canada, whether married or divorced, should bring a signed letter of consent from the absent parent regarding traveling with the child in Canada. Divorced parents must additionally bring documents concerning the legal custody of the child. In the case of children under 18 traveling to Canada overland on school trips (accompanied by adults and carrying parental permission), proof of identity is not required. Such students do not need a passport although they are required to provide their birth certificate or an authorized copy.
**Basic Requirements to cross the United States / Canadian Border**

* The driver must have a valid drivers license.
* You must also have your vehicle registration. Border officials are always on the lookout for stolen vehicles or people trying to avoid duties on vehicles purchased out of country.
* Having your proof of insurance showing coverage is recommended.
* Alarm bells will go off anytime you try to cross the border in a car that is not yours.   This is especially true if you fly across the border, and then try to come back in someone else’s personal vehicle.  See our page on [Crossing the Border in a Borrowed Vehicle](http://www.ezbordercrossing.com/the-inspection-experience/driving-a-borrowed-vehicle/)  for instructions and a sample permission letter you should bring.
* Rental Cars: Generally speaking, an American citizen can cross the border in a rental car without much problem.  It is a bit more complicated for Canadian citizens.  We have a separate page with much more detail on [taking a rental car across the border](http://www.ezbordercrossing.com/the-inspection-experience/rental-cars/).
* As a general rule, neither country will prevent one of it’s own citizens from re-entering the country and return home even if you lack the preferred documentation.  Of course, you may be subjected to a secondary screening.

**Documents Needed to Enter Canada**

**American Citizens**:

 A passport is not required but is strongly recommended. Alternatively, you will need other documentation that shows proof of American citizenship such as a birth certificate, a certificate of citizenship or naturalization or a Certificate of Indian Status, plus a photo ID.   Remember, you will need to comply with the stricter U.S. entry requirements to return to the U.S.

**For Canadians returning to Canada:**

 A passport is strongly recommended by the Canadian Border Services Agency.  Otherwise, you will need proof of citizenship and a photo identification card.  Other forms of identification can include Enhanced Driver’s License (EDL)/Enhanced Identification Card (EIC), NEXUS card, Free and Secure Trade (FAST) card, Canadian citizenship card, Certificate of Indian Status, or a Birth certificate in combination with either a driver’s licence or a government-issued photo identification.  The CBSA warns that these other forms of documentation may cause significant delay and trigger secondary screening as border officers try to verify your information.

**How to Transport a Horse From the USA Into Canada** To bring a horse across the Canada/U.S. border for a short-term or permanent stay, you must follow specific regulations. Strict rules prevent the spread of disease from one country to the other. (See Reference 1) Horse owners must have the required paperwork before the border agent will allow entry. Certain border crossings have a veterinarian on hand to perform health checks before a horse may enter. Failure to follow the rules leads to financial penalties.

Things You'll Need – Also check with your vet for any updated information prior to your departure date.

* Coggins Test
* International Health Certificate

## Horses Entering Canada for Less Than 30 Days

1. Call a local veterinarian to arrange an appointment to have the horse tested for communicable diseases. Make sure the veterinarian is USDA-endorsed. Schedule this appointment to be as close as possible to your travel dates. (See Reference 1)
2. Have the USDA-certified veterinarian perform an International Health Inspection and Coggins Test. Double-check that the paperwork is signed by the veterinarian and endorsed by the USDA. The International Health Inspection is valid for 30 days, the Coggins Test for six months. Make sure the certificates will not expire before the return trip to the United States. (See Reference 2)
3. Locate your proof of ownership papers. The papers must include the horse's name, gender and breed. If the ownership papers have incorrect information, make sure the breed registry corrects these errors before the travel date. For example, if the horse breed states Morgan and the horse is really a quarter horse, the border agent may question the validity of the paperwork. (See Reference 2)
4. On the day of travel, place all required paperwork in an accessible area. To prove the horse is staying a short time, bring a copy of the competition information, breeding contract, hotel reservations and stable arrangements showing dates and times for your departure. (See Reference 2)
5. At the border crossing, provide the agent with all paperwork. The agent will ask for additional information if necessary.
6. If you cannot prove the horse will be in Canada for less than 30 days, be prepared to pay a security deposit. (See Reference 2)

## Horses Entering Canada for Longer Than 30 Days

1. All horses entering Canada must have International Health Certificates and Coggins Tests. Refer to steps one through three in the above section.
2. All horses entering Canada on a permanent basis must be listed on a VS 17 145 form. Ask your veterinarian to fill out this form and have a USDA veterinarian endorse it. Keep this form handy to present at the border crossing. (See Reference 3)
3. Call the port of entry a week before you travel. Ask when a Canadian veterinarian is on duty. If a veterinarian must make a special trip to the border crossing, you will pay the hourly fee. (See Reference 1) Give an approximate time for your arrival.
4. Upon your arrival at the border crossing, present the customs agent with the medical tests and VS 17 145 form. You'll be asked to pull up to the customs office to fill out paperwork while the veterinarian performs an inspection of your horse. (See Reference 2)
5. The customs official will come up with an estimated value for your horse. This value is used to calculate the duty and taxes you must pay on your horse. Pay this amount in full. Make sure you keep the receipt. If you sell your horse, the new owner needs proof that taxes and duty were paid. (See Reference 2).