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CAUTIONS FOR COLD WEATHER RACING

Warm horses up adequately. Cold muscles in cold temperatures are more susceptible to injury.

Do not tie tongues in such a manner that they protrude from the mouth. They are very susceptible to freezing

Clip horses so that they do not remain wet for long periods after sweating and/or bathing. Being wet and then chilled can lead to tying-up and respiratory problems.

Use less water when bathing to facilitate quicker drying. Adding a little rubbing alcohol to the bath water will speed evaporation.

A heavily blanketed horse in a tightly closed trailer can overheat and then become chilled. Avoid direct drafts, but make sure your trailer vents are open so fresh air can circulate.