

THE ST LOUIS NATIONAL CHARITY HORSE SHOW COVID-19 ACTION PLAN

The St Louis National Charity Horse Show is committed to producing a safe and controlled show environment in accordance with the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) COVID-19 Action Plan for USEF-Licensed Competitions. These protocols will follow state, federal regulations as well as guidelines from the World Health Organization (WHO), the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the FEI Policy for Enhanced Competition Safety During the COVID-19 Pandemic. There will be times when these requirements may differ and in these instances the more restrictive will prevail.

- These precautionary measures are in place for the safety of every one, but they do not replace the *personal responsibility* each and every one of us has to exercise caution, be accountable, and use good judgment at all times while interacting with others at the horse show.
- We respectfully ask that everyone do their part in following the protocols and guidelines to ensure a safe environment for all and ask that attendees keep them in practice when visiting the surrounding community.
- These requirements are in effect immediately, and are subject to revision at any time as the Covid-19 virus environment changes.
- **No Public access or spectators**
- **Only participants* are allowed on show grounds**
- **Live streaming of events on horseandcountry.tv**
- **No ringside tables or hospitality parties onsite**
- **No Grand Prix tailgates available**
- **Braiding is optional**

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS HUNTER/JUMPER SHOW

***PARTICIPANTS** - Includes staff, officials, service providers, owners, lessees, riders, athletes, parents, drivers, trainers, coaches, grooms, longeurs, navigators, personal care assistants (PCAs), and any other required support personnel/staff that are *essential* for providing care to the horses and/or the athletes.

WAIVER - All **participants** must execute an updated Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement. Participants must assume responsibility for themselves and their staff. Violation of requirements may result in removal from the venue.

VENUE ACCESS - All participants, entering the venue will:

- Enter through the Orf Road gate on the north side
- execute a health form
- have their temperatures taken daily at the entrance and be provided with a daily wristband.
- Anyone with a temperature of 99.5 F (37.5 C) or lower may enter

It is strongly recommended that if people are going to travel together in the same vehicle to our show, they should take their temperature prior to getting into the vehicle to ensure no one travels to the competition with an elevated temperature.

ANYONE WHO -

- Exhibits a fever or a temperature over 99.5 F (37.5 C)
- exhibits COVID-19 symptoms,
- has tested positive for COVID-19 within last two weeks, or
- has been in close contact* with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks*, or
- has been tested for COVID-19 and has not yet received the results

CANNOT ENTER THE COMPETITION GROUNDS

***CLOSE CONTACT** - For purposes of this document, close contact as defined by the CDC is someone who was within six (6) feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from two (2) days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, two (2) days prior to specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated. It is important to note that close contact has occurred even if one, or both individuals is wearing a mask.

*Exception: Healthcare personnel who have treated patients using appropriate medical- grade PPE during the course of performing professional duties are exempted from this restriction.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) -

- **FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED** to be on at all times while on our competition grounds except when mounted on a horse. Face masks will be provided by management upon request in the office or from staff.
- If an individual requires modification to this face mask/face covering requirement, please submit written request, accompanied by documentation substantiating the need for modification, to legalrequests@usef.org. It should be noted that USEF is experiencing a high volume of legal inquiries at this time, and will respond as quickly as possible. Requests for modifications will be reviewed on a confidential basis with a medical consultant.
- Please avoid touching common surfaces and sharing equipment and supplies.
- Wash hands frequently in the permanent restrooms and temporary hand washing stations conveniently located throughout venue. If hand washing is not possible, please use the hand sanitizing stations.
- **GLOVES** are required to be used in the schooling/warm-up area while handling the jumps and will be provided by management.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASK ENFORCEMENT-

- All participants must practice social/physical distancing throughout the venue at all times by staying at least 6 feet (about two arms' length) from any person who is not a member of their ***immediate household***.
- Members of the same household are still required to wear masks or face coverings at all times while on the competition grounds.
- USEF stewards and technical delegates as well as show staff and volunteers will be monitoring the venue to enforce compliance and report non-compliance.
- We encourage self-policing, as it serves to protect the health of everyone and the vitality of our show.
- Anyone refusing to comply will be asked to leave the venue.

SLNCHS has the authority under USEF GR 702.1 and GR914 to remove from the venue any person who does not comply with these regulations and requirements.

- **All participants will adhere to, and all competition organizers will enforce, social distancing requirements at all times while on competition grounds.**
- **During a competition, Stewards and Technical Delegates will report non-compliance to competition management, and individuals who continue to demonstrate non-compliance with social distancing or mask/face covering requirements will be promptly removed from the competition grounds by competition management.**
- **Stewards and Technical Delegates will document and include in their report to the USEF all incidents of non-compliance, so that USEF can address any deficiencies.**

SIGNAGE - Posted signage throughout the facility displays applicable CDC, state, federal & local governmental advisories, as well as applicable USEF requirements.

- These will be posted in both English & Spanish.
- Periodic announcements will inform all participants of protocols and safeguards implemented for their protection.

GOLF CARTS - The NEC will be offering golf carts for rental. Individuals are allowed to be seated together while being transported by golf cart, but capacity may not exceed the number of seats on the cart and all individuals must wear a face mask or covering.

- Congregating on or around a parked or stationary golf cart is prohibited.
- They should be driven by the same individual at all times unless the cart has been disinfected.
- Golf cart parking in barns or competition areas will not be permitted.

SHOW OFFICE - All competitors are strongly encouraged to complete all waivers and entry forms, in their entirety, online at www.horseshowsonline.com OR email to Mickey Cannon at queenieshows@gmail.com including having all requisite memberships in place prior to entering the competition office.

- All entries, adds, scratches, feed & bedding orders, billing/ invoicing will be done electronically.
- In person service will be restricted and will be configured to allow for proper social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for customer use as well as disinfected pens.

VENDORS -

- Must comply with all SLNCHS Covid-19 Protocols
- Should monitor their staff's temperatures.
- Limit the number of customers allowed in the store at one time to comply with social distancing rules
- Install physical barriers at checkout or other service points
- Establish an enhanced cleaning schedule
- Notify SLNCHS of any employees or visitors who test positive for Covid-19 as soon as possible