

COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS & BEST PRACTICES GUIDELINES

2020 Region 9 AHA Sport Horse & Championship Show

Below are the 'Best Practices, Requirements and Recommendations' for this show. We encourage everyone to follow these in order for all to have a safe and healthy environment to show our horses in. This show is following the guidelines of the various entities listed under the USEF Mandatory requirements for participants. The City of Fort Worth and the Will Rogers Memorial Center are doing all requirements necessary to provide a safe and healthy environment for us to be in while at the show.

USEF MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

USEF Licensed Competitions must operate in accordance with the USEF COVID-19 Action Plan for USEF Licensed Competitions. This plan is based on federal, state and local regulations, WHO recommendations, CDC guidelines and USEF requirements. When these regulations, recommendations, guidelines and requirements differ, the more restrictive regulations, recommendations, guidelines and requirements will prevail and supersede all others. Participants are required to comply with these and any additional Show and Facility requirements at all times while present on the show grounds. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the grounds.

- All participants will need to provide emergency contact information and execute an updated *USEF Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement* as required by USEF, as a condition of participation. Updated USEF waivers will be provided outside the show office.
- Participants are required to self-monitor their temperatures daily prior to entering the show grounds. Anyone with a temperature of 99.5° F or higher may not enter the facility.
- Anyone who:
 - exhibits COVID-19 Symptoms (see below)
 - has tested positive for COVID-19 within last two weeks, or
 - has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks* cannot enter the show grounds.

*Exception: Healthcare personnel who have treated patients using appropriate medical-grade PPE during the course of performing professional duties are exempted from this restriction.
- Participants are required to wear a face mask or face covering when in any setting where there is a possibility of being within six feet of other individuals, and not mounted on a horse.**
***A participant may choose to wear a face mask or face covering when mounted on a horse and cannot be disqualified or penalized for doing so while competing.*
- Comply with social distancing requirements at all times while on the show grounds.
- Wash hands often and adhere to other sanitization practices throughout the day.

COVID-19 Symptoms (from CDC)

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

Fever or chills – Cough -Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing – Fatigue –
Headache - Muscle or body aches – New loss of taste or smell – Sore throat –
Congestion or runny nose – Nausea or vomiting – Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms.

When to Seek Emergency Medical Attention

Look for **emergency warning signs*** for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, **seek emergency medical care immediately:**

Trouble breathing – Persistent pain or pressure in the chest – New confusion –
Inability to wake or stay awake – Bluish lips or face

*This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

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ARRIVAL AT WRMC GROUNDS

When you arrive at the entry gate you may be temperature checked at that time. If not, you will need to be temperature checked at a station set up outside the show office within 30 minutes of coming on the grounds. Anyone with a temperature of 99.5° or higher may not enter the grounds/facilities. The show may have a station set up for checking Coggins and health papers in a lot just outside the entrance gate, please have these available for checking.

CHECK-IN AT SHOW, BARN, AND SHAVINGS OFFICES

- When you come to show office, shavings office or barn manager's office please wear your face mask, if you do not have a face mask, we can provide one to you. Practice social distancing while in line – 6' spacing will be marked on the floor.
- Show office staff will be using masks or face coverings and gloves if exchanging paperwork with exhibitors and social distancing as much as possible.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the facility, please make use of them. There will be USEF and Region 9 AHA waivers that will have to be signed by participants, staff, officials, volunteers, owner, vendors and spectators that have not already signed prior to the show with their entries. All exhibitors, trainers, owners, lessees, officials, staff, volunteers and vendors will need to fill out a COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire. (Please note, show staff, volunteers, judges, vendors and officials may have temperature checked upon arrival each day. Exhibitors, trainers, barn staff and spectators may have temperatures checked at paddock or arena entrances, or entrances into the arena seating areas.)

BARNS/STALLING

- Stalls will be assigned to allow for physical distancing between farms, trainers or owners. Multiple assignments on the same aisle will have alternate access points to eliminate the need for cross traffic.
- You must limit seating areas at the stalls/barns to limit congregating. Please no "lounge" areas and elaborate build-outs. Please limit the number of people in your stall area and practice social distancing of 6' if you are not wearing masks. If possible, please have multiple family members not come to the stalls.
- Provide hand sanitizer, gloves, masks, and other PPE deemed necessary to your barn staff and other personnel and encourage them to use items on a regular basis.
- Grooms and barn staff are prohibited from sleeping in horse stalls/barns. (Recommend the use of cameras in your stall area.)
- No cooking in the stall/barn areas.
- Stalls will be cleaned and sanitized prior to your arrival. Participants are asked to sanitize own stall doors and their equipment regularly during the event.
- Wash stalls are sanitized hourly during the show
- Main barn aisles are swept and sanitized hourly during usage

SHOW, WARM-UP AND PRACTICE ARENAS

These arenas will all be monitored to limit number of horses, riders and attendants in each arena – signs will be posted stating the number of individuals/horses allowed. *You will be limited to just two people with the horse and rider when in any of the arenas.* The warm-up arenas used before classes will be reserved for the next class going into the show arena. There may be a 2-minute gate hold after each Main Ring class to allow for horses in the arena to exit and leave the area before the next class enters the arena. Family, friends, spectators are asked to go directly to the arena to watch classes, please do not congregate in the warm-up and in gate areas of any show arenas – you will need to wear a mask or face covering if you cannot social distance properly.

CLASSES, TROPHIES

In classes that compete collectively – if we have to limit the number of horses in the ring, classes may need to be split. If this happens the class will be split into sections with the final section being comprised of the best entrants from each of the previous split sections with one set of awards given in the final section.

Ribbons and trophies will not be handed out at the arena, they will be picked up at a place to be determined and announced at the show. If an attendant is needed for the Champion presentation, only one person will be allowed.

ARENA SEATING, CAFES, CONCESSIONS, PATRONS

-Arenas and Auditoriums with fixed seating will be operated to maintain proper distancing and attendance limits based on CDC and state recommendations and restrictions at the time of the show.

-Cafes will have reduced seating by 50% to allow for a minimum of 6' between tables.

-Patrons Lounge will be held in the Stockman's Café and will be following the above rule. They will also be serving the meals to those who want to come inside and sit, or you will be able to call ahead to order your meals boxed for pick up. Information will be in your Patrons Packets.

-Concession stand will be open with physical distancing and touchless card terminals for payment; where not available, contact should be minimized. There will be no self-serve condiments and utensils, these will be available from cashiers.

-There will be no exhibitor party this year as no buffet/self-serve events can be held.

These are the current guidelines, but they could change in the time leading up to the show. We will have a copy of any changed or new guidelines at the show if anything does change. Show Management asks that you practice common sense when at the show and on the grounds and abide by the guidelines that have been put in place. We want to give you an enjoyable, but safely run show, and we need your full cooperation in following the restrictions and recommendations found in these "Best Practices".

Thank you for attending and supporting the Region 9 AHA Sport Horse and Championship Show!

The Region 9 AHA Show Committee