

ATTENTION COMPETITORS!!!!
Welcome to Elk Creek CT & CDE 2021

PLEASE, PLEASE READ THIS!! IT IS YOUR MAIN BRIEFING!!!!!!!!!! If you ask us a question that is answered in this briefing, we will know you did not read this!!! ☺

Upon entering the Stabling Area, you MUST stop and check in with the Stable Manager before proceeding to stalls. There may be more paperwork before unloading, thanks to Covid and the State of Maryland.

Maryland is not requiring masks outside if you are fully vaccinated.

As a condition of entry on the grounds each person is agreeing to the following:

- I am not experiencing any possible COVID-19 symptoms
- I have not tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days
- I have not been in close proximity to anyone who has tested positive within the last 14 days
- I agree to comply with all organizer requirements for attendance
- I understand I can be removed from competition grounds for non-compliance of protocols
- I will comply with requests to wear a face mask when dealing with Elk Creek Staff, Volunteers, Officials and anyone else so requesting
- I voluntarily assume all risks relating to COVID-19 exposure and agree not to hold the competition, its organizers, or any of its directors, officers, staff agents, contractors, or volunteers liable for any illness or injury.

1. All competitors have received and should have returned a signed A.D.S. Waiver & a signed F.H.I. Waiver **for EVERY member of your team**. If you have not, please visit the Elk Creek CDE website immediately. Download the forms, scan & return to Cheryl/Secretary. We hate paperwork more than you do! Please work with us. Having all paperwork completed prior to arrival will speed up your check-in & get your horse off the trailer asap. Due to Covid there is no onsite Secretary Office. If your paperwork is not in order you will not be permitted to take your horse off the trailer unless you have made special arrangements with the secretary. Get a confirmation from Cheryl that you are good BEFORE you leave home! There will be no entry refund for being refused admittance to the stables.
NO ONE will be admitted to the stables without proper paperwork. This is to protect you & our volunteers in case anyone has been unknowingly exposed to Covid-19.
Maryland is lowering Covid-19 restrictions. You WILL NOT be required to wear a mask if you are fully vaccinated EXCEPT when in direct contact with our staff & volunteers. Please be extra considerate & courteous to all of the people making this weekend possible for you.
2. All Schedules & Maps are TENTATIVE! Check the bulletin board regularly for changes & updates.
3. Please keep dogs on leash
4. Observe parking signs around the stables.
5. You must wear helmets on ATV & E-Bikes at all times. The DNR does not allow ATVs and gives Elk Creek special permission to use them provided we wear helmets and * ONLY to inspect hazard/obstacles. Please respect this rule or you can walk. You do not have to wear helmets on golf carts or gator type machines.
6. All ATV/Golf carts must display a special permit card. If you have returned your signed ATV Form to Cheryl, your permit card will be on your stall door. If not, be really nice to the Stable Manager. ATV Permits go into effect on Thursday. Until then ATV & Golf Cart use is restricted. If an ATV /gator/golf cart is seen flying fast across the Saw Mill jump field – your privilege of its use will be

taken away!! And no ATV /gators /golf carts on course once marathon starts, PLEASE!! It is a RULE!!

7. Please do not park anything along the fence between the stables and the open field towards Route 273. It is the path of Section A.
8. On the Gallaher Road Showgrounds: Cars can park just inside Red gates near the cones course Thursday thru Saturday only up to the point of the roped off area. No cars in this gate on Sunday. Sunday you can enter main gate below tunnel road and down near RED Shed Obstacle and park to the left upon entering. Do not go beyond the sign - Caution Horses On Course. If you come in the main gate below the Tunnel Road you may not come beyond the sign!!! Please be careful of cars—they always end up where we do not want them for safety!!
9. Please! No shavings!!! **THIS IS A DNR RULE!** If for a medical reason your horse must use shavings you **MUST** take them home with you. Do not scrape shavings from your horse trailer into the straw pile!
10. Straw that has been pre-purchased will be locked in the assigned stall.
11. Route to Showgrounds is down the Sawmill Road following the red arrows. This is for ATV/Golf Carts/Carriages. Cars, please go by the road. – Route 273/Gallaher Rd.
12. Thursday, Friday and Saturday take someone with you on your carriage following the Sawmill Road with RED arrows to the gate near the cones ring. There will be cones on the road to slow cars down but no crossing guard. Sunday for Marathon there will be a crossing guard.
13. **ALL Trailer-in Competitors:** You must check in at stabling to get your number and make sure all paperwork is up to date. You can do this the day before. Then if you are not stabling you may park in field across Gallaher Rd entering thru the gate of Big Elk Chapel Rd ONLY. DO NOT enter the gate across from the cones course area. You may also park at the stables.
14. DRESSAGE: Everyone –please check in with Dressage Warm-up which is in the big arena. All Dressage will be in the big stone dust arena. There is still room there for warm up and also you can use the little stone dust ring across the road near the tunnel Wheel measuring will be near the cones course as you arrive to Gallaher show grounds. Please have wheels measured before Dressage.
15. CONES: will be in the grass Dressage ring above the Big Arena. There will be warm up cones near the cones ring. Check in with the Cones Steward when you are done with your dressage. There will be 2 cones courses : one for CT then Friday night it will be changed over to Cones course for CDE. CT ribbons will be at stabling once the scores arrive and approved by judge.
16. Return to the stabling by the gravel road with red arrows backwards.
17. MARATHON: Please stay on paths that are mowed WITH YOUR HORSES AND ATV/GOLF CARTS. — if you go off into the high grass you never know what you might fall into. Also they are hay fields so stay out of tall grass!! Elk Creek has to pay for what they use and/or destroy.

Directions for Grooms to VET BOX after Section A: Grooms enter in the main entrance to show grounds down near the RED SHED hazard. You must park in the parking lot on the left as soon as you enter. DO NOT DRIVE UP THE ROAD TOWARDS THE BIG STONE DUST ARENA!!! No cars beyond this point. You will be on course.

Section A starts (NEW START AREA) across from the stabling entrance, and you go down the smaller gravel road towards the Saw Mill field. You may drive this in your ATV/Golf Carts. There is a water crossing and if you are unsure about your horse crossing the stream, you *may WALK your horses out of harness* to visit the stream before Sunday to make sure the horse will cross it. It is very inviting.

VET BOX End A – Follow white arrows after you cross the road to vet box.

Section B: You will be returning thru a tunnel at the end of the marathon. Any day before the marathon you may drive your horse thru the tunnel from the show grounds towards stabling only in this direction. There will be signs!!

VET BOX End B will be at the stabling—to the right of the main entrance gate.

18. **RESULTS AND AWARDS:** Results will be at stabling. You may pick up ribbons and awards at tent near Stable Manager. You can also pick up your Dressage tests if ready. Results will also be posted on www.carriagedrivingtoday.com.

***** Have Fun and Drive Safe!!

DNR Rules:

- The consumption or possession of an open container of alcohol is prohibited in all Maryland State Park Campgrounds, including Fair Hill NRMA's Equestrian Camping Facilities.
- No vehicles or trailers are to be parked on roadways OR between the Race Barns, as they also serve as FIRE LANES and avenues for emergency vehicles. Parking and camping on the natural surface areas between the Race Barns and inside the access road loop is prohibited as it creates ruts and inhibits grass growth.
- Plugging camping units or other electrical devices into buildings at Race Barns is not permitted. No electric golf cart charging! Electrical outlets at the barns are for fans & clippers ONLY!

** A full list of DNR Rules is included in your arrival packet.