AIKEN HORSE PARK FOUNDATION COVID 19 PROTOCOLS

PROCEDURES FOR COMPETITION STAFF

- The only access to the venue will be through the main entrance on Powderhouse Road
- All competition staff must provide emergency contact information and execute an updated *Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement* required by USEF, as a condition of participation.
- All competition staff, officials, and volunteers will have their temperature checked once daily prior to entering the competition grounds. Anyone with a temperature at or above 99.5° F (37.5° C) may not enter the facility.
- Anyone who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, has tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 14 days or has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days, cannot enter the competition grounds.

MOVEMENT ON VENUE

• After passing the temperature check competition staff, officials, and volunteers should proceed to their designated work area.

PROTECTIVE MEASURES

- All competition staff, officials, and volunteers will be provided with face coverings and disposable gloves. Officials will be provided with personal hand sanitizer. Face coverings are required to be worn in any setting where there is the possibility of being within six feet of any other individual.
- All competition staff, officials, and volunteers are required to maintain social distancing (6' minimum distance between individuals) whenever possible.
- It is recommended to avoid touching common surfaces and sharing equipment and supplies.
- All competition staff, officials, and volunteers are requested to wash their hands as frequently as possible in the permanent restrooms and temporary hand washing stations. If hand washing is not possible, hand sanitizing stations will be available at numerous convenient locations in every area of the competition grounds.

PROCEDURES FOR PARTICIPANTS

For purposes of this document, any reference to Participants includes owners, lessees, riders, athletes, trainers, coaches, grooms, and any other required support personnel/staff that are essential for providing care to the horses and/or the athletes. Parents of minor children who are competing are also allowed limited access. These individuals and competition staff are the only individuals who will be allowed access to the competition facility. **No general public spectators are allowed.**

PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

- Complete entry forms in their entirety online (all information is correct, signatures, proof of flu/rhino and current coggins, and payment information).
- Ensure that all participants have provided emergency contact information and have executed the updated Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement and the Federation Entry Agreement required by the USEF, as a condition of participation.
- All USEF and USDF memberships are current.
- Ensure Safe Sport is completed for trainers, riders and owners that are 18 and over.

ACCESS TO VENUE

- The only access to the venue will be through the main entrance on Powderhouse Road.
- Upon entering the facility everyone will need to stop at the front gate, verify that waivers have been signed and have temperatures checked in order to enter the show.
- Anyone with a temperature at or above 99.5° F (37.5° C) may not enter the facility.
- Anyone who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, has tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 14 days or has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days, cannot enter the competition grounds and must notify competition management immediately.
- All Participants must provide emergency contact information and execute an updated *Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement* required by USEF, as a condition of participation.
- You are not able to enter the facility before the morning of Tuesday, July 21 to set up or bring horses. Please contact us if you need early arrival.
- Hours to enter the facility*: Tuesday from noon-6pm, Wednesday and Thursday from 6am-7pm.
- Anyone that needs to enter after the posted hours will need to contact Teresa at (352) 636-2669
- Upon entering the facility everyone will need to stop at the front gate, verify that waivers have been signed and have temperatures checked in order to enter the show.

PROTECTIVE MEASURES

• Face coverings are required to be worn by participants in any setting where there is the possibility of being within six feet of any other individual and when not mounted on a horse.

- All Participants, whether mounted or on foot, are required to maintain social distancing (6' minimum distance between individuals) whenever possible. When not possible and when on foot face coverings are required.
- Wearing of gloves, whether work or disposable, is strongly recommended when handling or touching any equipment or surfaces which may have been handled or touched by others.
- All Participants are requested to wash their hands as frequently as possible in the permanent restrooms and temporary hand washing stations. If hand washing is not possible, hand sanitizing stations will be available at numerous convenient locations in every area of the competition grounds.

MOVEMENT ON VENUE

- Access to stable area will be restricted to trainers, grooms, competition officials and essential support personnel such as veterinarians, farriers, therapists and braiders.
- The trainer of record will be held responsible for the actions of all participants within their group. Any willful or repeated violations of the protocols in place to prevent the spread of Covid-19 will result in expulsion of the trainer and Participants involved.
- Required actions to maintain social distancing in stable area:
 No gatherings of any kind, in any place, at any time are permitted on the competition grounds. Only one person in a stall at any time unless necessary for treatment or emergency.

Only one person in tack room, grooming stalls or feed rooms at any time. Wear face covering and gloves at all times. Wash hands thoroughly or use hand sanitizer before putting on or after removing gloves.

No sharing of any equipment. Any surfaces touched by more than one person should be sanitized with FDA approved disinfecting sprays or wipes after each use.

Bring horses to rider outside barn area to mount. Use mounting block -- no leg up.

Riders must wear face mask when not mounted unless they are in the immediate act of changing horses.

Access to Competition Areas will be limited as follows:

- Masks must be worn at all times while in the designated competition areas
- All riders must have a number when mounted.
- Bottled water will be provided at the rings.
- Only the trainer and one attendant and one parent of a minor child, if applicable, may accompany each horse to the competition area. The parent will be required to observe from a designated area away from the schooling ring and the ingate.
- In schooling areas, the number of horses will be limited to ensure social distancing for riders and support staff on foot.

- Only the trainer and one attendant may accompany a horse to the Ingate/On Deck area and at the conclusion of each horses' round they should move away from the Ingate/On Deck area.
- Social distancing should be practiced at all times.
 Owners, parents and any other nonessential participants may only watch from designated viewing areas at each competition area. Social distancing (6' minimum) and wearing of masks are required.
 It is strongly recommended that all participants limit time spent on the grounds to actual competition and training time.

• There will be no congregating anywhere on the competition grounds. In the event of a storm please shelter in your car and do not gather in any tent or barn.

SHOW OFFICE

- The show office will be configured to allow proper social distancing and will be restricted to essential personnel only. Clear plexiglass protective shields have been installed in front of office staff.
- Please send only one representative per rider to do all of the necessary paperwork to the office. No more than 2 people will be allowed in the office at one time and masks must be warn at all times while in the office. No children or dogs will be permitted in the office. Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance of the show office.
- Entries that are missing credentials will not be issued numbers.

AWARDS

• Awards will be distributed so as to reduce or eliminate hand-to-hand contact.

