



COVID-19 Guidelines and Rules for the Virginia Horse Center- 2021

COVID-19 Guidelines

The following COVID-19 Guidelines must be adhered to when competing and/or attending our competitions. In addition, all Federal, State, and local laws that may be applicable must be followed. Management reserves the right to change the guidelines when/if it becomes necessary. Failure to follow guidelines may result in expulsion from the show grounds. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. (Visit www.cdc.gov or www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/ for more details.)

If you plan to come to the competition grounds, you must be able to assure management that neither you nor anyone in your household:

1. Has tested positive or has been presumed positive for COVID-19 at any time during the past 14 days
 2. Has been advised by a healthcare professional to self-quarantine at any time during the past 14 days
 3. Has been in close physical contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who has been presumed positive for COVID-19, during the past 14 days
 4. Is subject to a quarantine order or a recommendation of a healthcare professional that, in either case, would make it inadvisable to attend a public event or competition
 5. Has, within the past 24 hours, exhibited any of the following symptoms attributed to COVID-19, including but not limited to, a fever of 100.4° or greater, cough and/or shortness of breath.
- Social distancing guidelines must be followed at all times. Current guidelines call for a 6' minimum spacing between individuals. **Do NOT gather in groups.**
 - **Wash your hands often** with soap and water for at least 30 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. The use of gloves is encouraged, but not required.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



- A facemask or face covering is required for all people on the competition grounds unless mounted on a horse.
- VHCF will require temperature monitoring and health questionnaire for anyone who enters the competition grounds. Anyone whose temperature is 100.4° or greater will be refused admittance to VHC.
- Please **frequently clean and disinfect** all tack, equipment, and surfaces that others may come in contact with. This includes golf carts, tack trunks, reins, halters, lead ropes, and other common items that others may come in contact with during event attendance.
- Please use trash receptacles, so that staff does not have to come in contact with contaminated items that are not discarded properly. **DO NOT LITTER!**
- All competitors and attendees are responsible for monitoring their own personal and family health prior too, during, and after attending a competition. If anyone who was present on the competition grounds test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the conclusion of the competition, they must notify VHCF immediately.
- **Trainers will be held responsible** for the conduct and adherence to the rules and guidelines set forth during the competition and notification thereafter. Trainers and/or barns are subject to expulsion from the grounds if guidelines are not followed. Please discuss with each individual in your group the importance of following rules and the direction of horse show staff and security personnel.
- Competitors will be allowed to enter the show grounds the day prior to competing. The competitor may be on the grounds on the days on which they compete and must leave as expeditiously as possible following the completion of their last class.
- Until further notice the competition is open only to Trainers, Riders, Grooms, Owners, Competition Staff, and parents attending as a minor's guardian.



- Until Further notice NO Spectators, NO extended family, or Friends. If you are NOT directly involved with a horse or pony competing, you are NOT allowed on competition grounds.
- Any barn or trainer found in violation of current non-essential personnel guidelines may be expelled from the grounds.
- All vehicles and trailers entering the competition grounds will be subject to being stopped at the front entrance for inspection and proof of admittance.
- All vehicle occupants will be presented with a copy of current COVID-19 competition guidelines and an COVID-19 release form that must be signed and acknowledged prior to entering the competition grounds.
- All vehicles on competition grounds must display a parking pass in the window with a contact cell phone number displayed on the parking pass.
- Dogs must be kept under control and confined or leashed at all times. Dogs can potentially come in contact with multiple people if loose on competition grounds. They must be confined and/or leashed away from the general public. If a dog is found loose on competition grounds, the owner and dog will be expelled from the grounds immediately.
- Please keep time spent on the competition grounds to a minimum, in order to limit contact and exposure to yourself and other attendees.
- Online entries and payment by credit card is strongly recommended.
- The horse show and stable offices will have specific procedures that will be posted and announced during the event. Barns should designate one person to handle the entire barns' interface with the show and stable offices. No more than one person will be allowed in the show office at a time. Social distancing guidelines must be adhered to at the stable office. Masks must be worn at all times when in the show office.
- Please do not crowd the ingate area. Specific jog and presentation procedures for collection of awards and ribbons will be announced prior to and during the show.



- All current USEF entry blanks or applicable association entry agreements and addendums that covers COVID-19, must be signed, and returned to the show office prior to competing. For non-USEF shows VHCF will require similar agreements.

Thank you in advanced for your compliance and assistance in keeping our competition grounds and our family and staff as safe as possible. We welcome the opportunity to return to competition and need everyone's cooperation and understanding to make this event work. We consider you our horse show family, and management and staff will do everything we can to ensure a safe and enjoyable opportunity to reenter and train & educate our horses and athletes. Stay safe and don't hesitate to contact management or staff with any questions during this difficult time in our lives and sport.

John Nicholson, CEO