

COVID-19 Protocol & Guidelines for the PA Arabian Games

PAHA is dedicated to the welfare and safety of its horses and competitors. We are providing the following guidelines to participants in mitigating their exposure to COVID-19. These guidelines have been developed in compliance with Federal, State and Local authorities, public health officials and under the guidance laid out by the USEF. We continue to work with the county health department with updates on the rapidly evolving situation and guidelines and are following all recommended CDC guidelines.

These guidelines are effective immediately and will be revised and updated as additional information and requirements are communicated by State, Local & Federal Government and the USEF.

Anyone who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks, or has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks, WILL BE DENIED ACCESS TO THE GROUNDS.

General Facility Guidelines

- We will enforce Social Distancing throughout competition facilities. Social distancing currently defined as keeping a minimum of 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) space between yourself and other people outside of your immediate household, as well as avoiding congregate settings or a concentration of individuals in a single space.
- Masks or face coverings are to be worn on the showgrounds when in any setting where there is a possibility of being within six feet of other individuals, and when not mounted on a horse or seated in a horse-drawn carriage or cart.
- For those sitting in the stands or bleachers, social distancing must be maintained or risk removal from the grounds.
- No spectators or visitors permitted on facility grounds.
- All social gatherings are prohibited during the horse show.
- An "in" door and an "out" door entrance to the show office must be observed. No more than two (2) people in addition to the show secretary and the office assistants will be allowed at any time.
- Equine/human capacity for schooling & exercise areas clearly will be posted adjacent to each area. Holding areas and participant access will be limited to maintain social distancing.
- The stable office will be used to hold any symptomatic person at the venue while awaiting transportation to a medical facility.

Cleaning / Sanitizing

- Gates, announcer's booths, judge's areas will have sanitizing supplies for cleaning throughout the day.
- Sanitizer stations have been added throughout the facility.

Exhibitor and Show Arenas

- The number of people accompanying horses to the ring will be limited to the rider and trainer/ plus one additional person. Always comply with posted social distance requirements.
- The maximum number of horses permitted in each competition area at one time:
Indoor Arena – 137 people

Covered Arena – 112 people
Outdoor Rings A & B – 420 people
Outdoor Ring C – 125 people

- Awards will be picked up at designated areas after the completion of the class.
- Schooling equipment/jumps – anyone handling equipment is required to wear gloves. Sanitizing spray/wipes will be at each area.
- Access to stabling areas is restricted to grooms, trainers, and essential personnel.
- If an exhibitor, trainer, grooms or barn staff, or other guest on facility grounds becomes ill the EMT must be notified immediately and the appropriate measures taken.
- Loitering is not allowed around the gate areas. Respect the gate person's personal space and maintain proper social distancing.
- No foot traffic is allowed at the gates. Foot traffic must go to the stands to watch the class. For safety reasons the trainer or parent may stand by the rail in the gate area.
- Exhibitors are only allowed in the paddock area up to two classes prior to the one in the ring.
- Sport horse in hand exhibitors will sign up for in hand time slots at check in. No more than three horses in the paddock waiting at any given time.
- Masks or face coverings are optional while competing whether mounted or showing in hand. Exhibitors will not be penalized for wearing a mask or face covering.
- Waivers must be completed by all before entering the grounds. The COVID Compliance Officer will provide waivers and wristbands at the stable office.
- In the event a participant tests positive to COVID-19 within 14 days of the show, show management will contact local and state health officials and follow required protocols provided at that time.

Trainer/Exhibitor Responsibility

- Comply with facility and show management guidelines and protocols while on show grounds.
- You are required to self-monitor your temperature once daily prior to entering the grounds. Anyone with a temperature of 99.5F or higher cannot enter the facility.
- Regularly sanitize all equipment being handled including, but not limited to, stable doors, buckets, tack, grooming, feeding and stall cleaning materials after each use.
- Provide gloves and masks for the trainer's staff and other personnel.
- Access to stabling areas restricted to grooms, trainers and essential personnel.
- All stabling areas, tack rooms, and barn display/seating areas to comply with best practices and social distancing guidelines in effect at the competition.
- Provide enough PPE (masks, gloves, sanitizer) for your barn/group
- Should an individual test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of competing at the show, management must be notified so that all appropriate organizations and individuals can be notified.
- Exhibitors and trainers must assume responsibility for themselves and their staff while on the show grounds. If anyone violates these rules and guidelines they will be asked to leave the facility.