

GVH HORSE TRIALS 2020

Protocols and safeguards to be implemented
for the protection against spreading COVID-19

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PRE-SHOW PREPARATION:

- Only essential participants will be allowed on the show grounds, ie rider, groom and trainer. No spectators. We love you owners but unless you are competing please stay home and have groom or trainer video the ride.
- Require competitors to bring their own sanitizing materials for their own use. This includes but not limited to hand sanitizers, gloves, disinfecting wipes, etc.
- All paperwork and complete entries must be received prior to the start of the show.
- Pre-show check-in only to try to eliminate the need for entering the show office upon arrival. Communication with the secretary will be through email or text message during the competition
- All Competitors will be given the option to use their own bridle numbers using the number assigned to them for the show.
- All participants who include competitors, grooms, trainers, volunteers, staff, officials, vendors and support staff will sign USEF waiver prior to arrival.
- Scheduling may be out of sequence for some phases/divisions if this facilitates less time on grounds for individuals and groups helping to minimize social contact.
- No Exhibitor Parties or social gatherings are allowed in barns. Food will be available at meeting the state of New York safety requirements.
- Vendor area will be limited and only with approval of the vendor setup meeting the COVID-19 requirements.

AT THE SHOW OFFICE

- Management requires a facemask or face covering for all staff, officials, volunteers, service providers and participants in any setting where there is a possibility of being within six feet of any another individual, and when not mounted on a horse. Facemasks while mounted is optional.
- All volunteers, staff, officials, vendors and support staff will need to sign USEF waiver.
- All volunteers, staff, officials, and support staff will have their temperature taken upon arrival to the show grounds each day.

IN THE SHOW OFFICE

- Establish online, e-mail, and text procedures for normal office transactions such as shavings order, scratching a horse or withdrawing from competition.
- All competitors will be given the option to have their own numbers using the number assigned to them. If they choose not to have their own number Competitor Packets and distribution will be available for pick up outside the show office, in an area which allows for social distancing.
- Touch points will be constantly cleaned: clipboards, pens, writing surfaces, etc.
- We will provide ready access to disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, and gloves for persons in the show office.

IN STABLING, WARMUP, AND SHOW GROUNDS

- Hand sanitizers in all stables, and at warmup(s).

- All required USEF posters and/or signage about maintaining social distancing, facial coverings etc., especially around the warmup and stables will be posted.
- Stabling layout will be done with consideration for social distancing between animals and/or competitor groups.
- Traffic flow from the warmup arena, to on deck and to competition arena will be limited to rider/horse and trainer or groom.
- Competitors to limit your support personnel in the warmup areas to groom and trainer to avoid congestion.
- We encourage competitors and their people to not remain on the grounds outside of what is necessary to complete their competition.
- There will be portable toilets with hand sanitizers. Please do not remove the hand sanitizer.

COMPETITION ARENAS – JUDGES AND SCRIBES

- Dressage* Judge's booths are large and wide. The one edge will have the judge and scribe at the other end. Both will wear face masks and a plastic divider will be installed.
- Show Jumping* Judge and scribe will be in separate side by side trucks with masks on.

HOW WILL TESTS BE HANDLED

- Dressage tests will be run into the office. Once the test is scored, it will be held. Competitors may leave a self addressed stamped envelope for the secretary to mail the test. Envelopes will be left where packets are picked up.

SCORES AND SCOREBOARDS

- There will be no scoreboards on the show grounds. All scores will be posted online at startboxscoring.com.

RIBBONS AND AWARDS

- Ribbons will be made available at the show office by request (text or email) when the division is finalized.
- Team and TIP awards will be available also, outside secretary tent. These will only be available when the teams and TIP divisions are complete.

EQUIPMENT CHECK PROCEDURE– this is the established procedure to be followed at this time for licensed competitions

- Equipment checking will be done on a random basis (not a third of the class at this time).
- The number of competitors who are checked will be up to the equipment checker in consultation with the TD.
- The equipment checker should maintain a 6-foot distance, walking around but not touching the horse.
- If any issue is apparent, blood on the horse or illegal equipment, the TD will be called and document the issue by taking pictures for your Federation report.
- If blood is suspected and closer inspection is required, the rider should dismount and move into a socially distant enough position during the check.
- Have a whip length measurement marked location. Rider or groom will check the whip while being observed by the equipment checker.

- The fly hood will be removed and shown to the equipment checker. Ears will not be physically checked.
- In order to inspect any questionable bit(s) or equipment, the TD will follow the competitor to a designated area.
- The TD will check the removed equipment while maintaining social distancing.

PROCEDURE FOR INSPECTING HORSES CLOSELY IN THE ARENA:

- If the judge discovers something of concern during a ride, they may, while maintaining social distance, inspect the horse/rider visually. They should take a photograph and call the TD or show management for closer inspection outside of the arena

JUDGES AND TDS

- Familiarize yourself with the USEF Presidential Modifications (Pres Mods) that have been put in place at this time to General Rules and Dressage Rules. Note what each of these rules cover and the 'new normal' conditions that they create. Please be aware that these are very fluid and some components may be changed at any time. It is a Best Practice to review these before every competition.
- Competition management has secured hotel rooms for competition officials.