

# MID-AMERICA HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION COVID-19 PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES

## GENERAL

- All participants, including licensed officials and volunteers will provide emergency contact information and will execute a **Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement** required by the USEF as a condition of participation.
- This event will be **“spectator-free”**. The competition is **open only to Trainers, Riders, Grooms, Owners, Competition Staff, Parents attending as a minor’s guardian**. It will be closed to the general public and spectators.
- Any person with known or suspected symptoms of COVID-19 or who has been exposed to a person with symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, shortness of breath or fever) should follow self-quarantine protocol or be barred or removed from the grounds.
- Participants are required to self-monitor their temperature once daily prior to entering the competition grounds. Anyone with a temperature of 99.5 or higher may not enter the facility.
- Social Distancing (6 feet between individuals) will be followed. Over the 4-day period of the event, we estimate approximately 150 participants will attend at staggered times throughout. Participants will be instructed not to gather in groups of larger than 10.
- All staff, including officials and volunteers, will have their temperature checked at the beginning of each day and any staff member with temperature of 99.5 or higher will be sent home.
- The show event will use the facility’s indoor show arena and warm-up ring (150 x 100 & 50 x 100). The arena and warm-up rings are designed with separate In-Gates and Out-Gates that will facilitate social distancing between participants.
- The event schedule will be adjusted as needed throughout the 4 day period so that no more than 25-30 participants, including riders and essential personnel will be in the exhibition area at one time.
  - \* Example: Each rider is usually accompanied by 2-3 essential personnel. The riders perform within the arena and the essential personnel, wearing masks, would be standing along the rail around the circumference of the arena (approximately 125’ x 250’), following social distance guidelines. Only essential personnel are allowed at the rail. Masks will be worn, except for riders while they are showing.
- Other show personnel such as the announcer, organist, EMT are located outside the exhibition area and are separate from each other by approximately 30’ respectively.
- Any other participants, such as a parent/guardian for a junior exhibitor, will be allowed to stand behind the rail, maintaining social distance from essential personnel and from other participants (parent/guardian). Masks will be worn.
- The event schedule will be established so that participants can leave the venue when their class is complete and thus prevent any non-essential gatherings.
- The judge, officials and show secretary will comply with social distancing requirements and will wear face masks.

- **MAHSA will require all participants to wear a face mask at all times except when on horseback.** Participants will be directed to provide their own face masks, gloves and any other PPE.
- MAHSA will provide face masks, gloves and PPE to show staff, officials and volunteers. Additional supplies will be on hand if needed.
- Competition office will be restricted to essential personnel only, with space configurations and time limits. Only one representative from a barn will be able to communicate with the show secretary. Masks must be worn in the show office.
- All individuals entering the Competition Office will have their temperatures taken by a show staff member. Anyone with a temperature of 99.5 or higher will be asked to leave the show grounds.
- Any individual who reports signs/symptoms of COVID-19 will be instructed to contact the Winnebago County Health Department at 815.720.4050 immediately.
- Full-color signage will be posted throughout the show grounds regarding Social Distancing, hand washing and other protocols. Signs will be posted at each entry point to the venue as well as entry points to the barn, competition office, bathrooms and throughout the show ring, warm-up ring and terrace areas.
- Signage will state that attendees should not enter with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19. Most common signs of illness are fever over 99.5, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, body aches, sore throat, recent loss of taste or smell.
- Ledges facility has a property-wide PA system and announcements will be made regarding these guidelines several times a day.

#### **DAILY ACTIVITIES:**

- Provide hand sanitizer to all officials, ring crew, office staff and maintenance staff.
- Provide gloves and masks to barn staff and other official personnel.
- Bathrooms will be cleaned frequently throughout the day. A cleaning log will be posted in each bathroom. Additional sanitizer wipes will be provided in each bathroom for attendees use. Masks must be worn when using bathroom facilities.
- All wash racks and common touch points will be thoroughly cleaned throughout the day.
- Food Service will be individually wrapped and prepared for Take Away dining by a catering service. It will be available for pick-up by attendees in a designated location. Hand sanitizer will be available and this location will be visually marked on the ground to allow for Social Distancing (6 feet). There will be no tables or dining in this area.
- This event is not open to the General Public. There are no ticket sales. Only registered participants, essential personnel and show officials will be permitted on the show grounds. All attendees must have completed and provided a **Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement prior to the start of the event.**
- Hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the show grounds.
- Arena will be closed between sessions to properly sanitize and/or clean show arena.

### **STABLING AREAS: BIOSECURITY/SANITATION**

- Hand washing or hand sanitization will be encouraged before entering the Stabling area. Individuals should only touch the equipment and supplies necessary for completing tasks of caring for and exercising the specific horse.
- We recommend not sharing equipment between individuals – helmets, grooming supplies, tack, etc. **If necessary, these items must be cleaned and sanitized in between use.**
- Clean communal leather tack frequently with tack cleaner.
- Keep water buckets and feed buckets/tubs in a fixed position within the stall to ensure feed or water can be provided without touching or removing these items.
- Feed and bedding will be delivered by grounds employee and will be made with as little contact as possible.
- Disinfecting of stall doors, gate latches, cross-tie snaps, light switches, feed scoops, hose ends, spray nozzles, pitchforks, wheelbarrows, and other frequently handled surfaces regularly or after contact with personnel.

### **STABLE AREAS: ACCESS**

- Access to the stabling area will be restricted to essential personnel, equine caretakers (grooms), trainers, and veterinarians.
- MAHSA will arrange stabling so there is appropriate social distance between trainer groups. Use the closest entrance to your area and refrain from entering other trainers stabling areas.
- Trainers should provide an ample quantity of gloves, masks, and hand sanitizer and other cleaning/disinfecting products for use while on premises.
- Trainers should monitor temperatures of all staff and customers.

### **OFFICE TASKS:**

- **Masks must be worn in the competition office.**
- All trainers will be responsible to check in and out their customers. Check in and check out times will be set by the show office. Invoices can be e-mailed and horses checked out by request.
- All entries including a credit card number, memberships and **Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement** are required to be completed and sent in before arrival to the show grounds.
- Trainer/Exhibitors are encouraged to bring their own pens, glasses, face masks, hand sanitizer, etc. to do any necessary paperwork.
- Add/scratches will be accepted via email.