



FAIRFIELD COUNTY HUNT CLUB HORSE SHOWS COVID-19 PROTOCOL & GUIDELINES

We are excited to welcome exhibitors back to the Fairfield show ring. During this time of change we have worked tirelessly and have guidelines and protocol in place to ensure we host safe competitions for exhibitors to enjoy after the long and unprecedented break. Keeping exhibitors, trainers, staff and family attendants safe is our utmost priority.

The following guidelines and protocol are in accordance with CDC, State Department of Agriculture, State of Connecticut, local health district in addition to USEF and NEHC. Our guidelines and protocol are subject to change in keeping current with the above mentioned agencies recommendations and rulings. Please take time to carefully review this document. Exhibitors, Trainers, support staff and attendants must adhere to these. Anyone found in violation may be asked leave show grounds immediately.

With everyone's cooperation we look forward a safe, fun summer horse show season.

General

- All exhibitors and trainers must sign the ***Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement*** from USEF and NEHC, as well as the Fairfield County Hunt Club Covid-19 Waiver. All waivers must be submitted to the horse show secretary prior to the release of the exhibitor's back number.
 - Waivers of junior exhibitor **MUST** be signed by a parent and NOT the trainer.
 - All participants **MUST** provide an updated email address, cell phone number and emergency contact information to complete entry.
- Essential personnel only will be able to participate in the show. **NO SPECTATORS**
 - Essential personnel includes a trainer, exhibitor, groom and one family member if the exhibitor is a minor.
- Horse Show Stewards and Show Support Staff will be monitoring the grounds to ensure compliance of Horse Show guidelines and protocol.
 - Under USEF Rule GR 702.1 and GR914, Competition Organizer and/or a USEF Steward/Technical Delegate has the authority to remove from the facility any person who does not comply with the regulations and requirements in effect at the competition. Removal of a person from the competition grounds must be documented by the USEF Steward/Technical Delegate in their report to USEF.
- Trainers will be held responsible for conveying and enforcing the guidelines to their staff and riders and providing required PPE and sanitation supplies for participants from their barns.

- Those older than 65 years old and/or have an underlying medical condition that increases your COVID-19 risk, please consider consulting your physician prior to attending the horse show.

Facility Access and Biosecurity

- Horse show entrance and exit through the Main Entrance on Long Lots Rd.
- Ship-ins are not allowed to arrive on the property before 6:30 am
- Anyone traveling to our horse shows is required to check their own temperature and assess their own wellness.
 - If you have been exhibiting COVID-19 Symptoms (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat and/or new loss of taste or smell) or you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days, please stay home and get well.
- **Entrance Checkpoint**
 - All horse show participants and personnel will be checked-in and have temperatures taken prior to entering the horse show grounds.
 - Those with temperatures above 99.5°F (37.5°C) are NOT permitted to enter the show grounds.
- **Fever or Sickness Protocol**
 - On the day of the show if a participant exhibits a fever greater than 99.5°F.
 - That person and those in that vehicle, will be not be permitted to enter the show area.
 - They will be placed in isolation until a secondary temperature screening can be conducted by the horse show's EMT. After which it will be determined if outside EMT service is required.
 - If the Fever or Sickness Protocol is initiated, horse show management is required to inform USEF.
 - Within 14 days of the completion of the horse show if a participant exhibits COVID-19 symptoms (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat and/or new loss of taste or smell) or tests positive for Covid-19
 - The trainer should inform horse show management. Per USEF Competition Guidelines, Horse Show Management is required and obligated to notify USEF, participants and competition staff.
 - Please be assured that all personal information for the individual will be kept confidential.

Social Distancing & Respiratory Etiquette

- All must ALWAYS comply with **social distancing** protocols.
- All **MUST** wear masks or face coverings over their mouth and nose while on the show grounds at **ALL TIME**, even when with cohorts or family members.
 - When mounted, riders have the option to wear mask or face covering. The USEF has advised that during competition, a rider cannot be disqualified or penalized if they choose to have their face covered.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your inner arm.
- Hand washing or sanitizing stations will be located at the ingate areas of each ring.
- No congregating on the horse show property.
- In the event of a thunderstorm or rain, please seek shelter in your car. DO NOT shelter in common areas or the stabling area.

- After you are done competing, please minimize the time spent on the competition grounds.
- FCHC Stables will only be accessible to FCHC Club members.
 - Use of the bathroom facilities in the barns are not permitted.

Secretary's Office & Administration

- The Secretary's office will be located in the Indoor Ring View Room.
 - Please use entrance and exit labeled accordingly.
- We are accepting online entries through horseshowsonline.com
- Credit cards will be accepted for payment of entries.
- All required forms must be completed before back number are assigned.
- Entries close 72 hours before the start of the horse show.
- No same day adds or entries will be accepted.

Competition, Schooling and Exercise Areas

- Competition
 - Number of Class Entries, "Order of Go" schedule changes and updates can be found on both horseshowsonline.com and/or our Facebook page ("Fairfield County Hunt-Stables")
 - Estimated Start times and Class Splits will be posted the day before the class
 - At the ingate area, only the trainer, exhibitor and groom are allowed. Family members may watch from the side of the ring designated for watching the competition.
 - All show rings will have a separate In-gate and Out-gate.
 - Course will be posted via Facebook (@FCHCStables) the night before show day.
- Schooling Rings
 - Trainers check-in with the starter before schooling
 - All schooling rings will be considered "clean zones". To enter, all must sanitize their hands or gloves with the sanitizer provided
 - Not more than two people at a schooling jump at one time.
 - After the completion of the schooling session, sanitize contact areas (i.e. jump cups and ends of rails) with material provided.
 - Schooling monitors will be at the entrance to ensure compliance and control capacity.

Stabling Area

- The Stabling area will be restricted to Essential Personnel – Trainers, riders, grooms and veterinarians.
- To minimize traffic and cross-contamination between barns. Braiding will be suspended.
- Be mindful of social distancing between trainer's group and do not enter another trainer's stabling area or other tents.
- Only enter and exit through your stable's nearest access.
- Although, there will be hand sanitizer available in the stabling areas, we ask trainers to provide ample personal protective equipment (gloves, masks, hand sanitizer and cleaning & disinfecting products) for their staff and riders while on the premises.

Ribbons & Awards

- Ribbons and awards will not be handed out in or at the ring.
- There will not be any trophy presentations.
- Ribbons can be picked up at the Secretary's Office.

Food & Beverage ordering

- To order food & beverage at the horse show. There will be signs displayed in prominent places on property with a QR symbol that you simply scan for the menu and then call the number on the sign

to place your order. The staff member that you speak with will give you the time your order will be ready for curbside pickup.

- Cash or credit card is accepted.
- The Clubhouse and all indoor facilities are member only areas. Show attendants are not permitted inside of the clubhouse as it will be closed to non-members this year.