

Dear Trainers and Exhibitors,

We are excited to welcome everyone back to our NHHJA horse shows! That said, in order to be able to safely do so, we will need everyone's help and cooperation. We are confident that we can all work together to adhere to these guidelines, so that our season will be safe and enjoyable for everyone. We have established the following protocols with consideration to state, federal and WHO guidelines and recommendations, as well as the Three County Fairgrounds and town of Northampton requirements. Please look these over carefully, and share them with anyone who might be attending.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we do our best to run a seamless horse show for our competitors, officials and staff! If you have any questions regarding these protocols, please let us know.

Spring Show COVID-19 Horse Show Protocols - *Subject to Updates*

• Show Office Protocols

- **Mandatory NEHC Waiver must be signed and received before admission into show grounds. Per NEHC, there will be staff at the entrance to the show grounds to check in exhibitors, trainers, grooms, and parents/guardians.** NEHC Waiver can be found on both NHHJA and NEHC websites.
- **Pre entries only, please.**
- **Only email entries will be accepted. Entry form must be sent in PDF format with all appropriate signatures required, per NEHC. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- **Office fee is non-refundable** under any circumstances, but there will not be an additional charge for classes added or scratched during the show. **Adds/Scratches must be done electronically via text to Kara at 603-831-2759.**
- Only staff is permitted inside show office, unless checking out. One exhibitor/trainer at a time will be permitted in office to close out show bill.
- Trainer Packets with all necessary forms, numbers, strings, trainer report, etc... will be available in the morning for pick up outside of the office. **Packets will not be given out until payment is received.**
- All class count sheets will be electronic. We will post updates to Facebook periodically throughout the day.

• Best Practices

- **Everyone on show grounds must pay adhere to all safety measures in place, including additional signage, distance markers and announcements.**
- Hand washing stations and hand sanitizer will be available on show grounds.
- Only exhibitors and necessary support people/family members will be allowed on show grounds. No general public spectators will be permitted on the grounds.
- Please practice social distancing throughout the show grounds.
 - Admittance to indoor arena will only be permitted for viewing of individual rounds/flat classes. Congregating in the arena is not permitted.
 - A maximum of 25 people will be allowed in any given horse barn at a time. Congregating in the barns is not permitted.
- Facial coverings are to be worn by all participants, spectators, chaperones, coaches, staff, and other officials, at all times except when mounted.
- Permanent bathroom facilities will be open with a limit it of no more than 4 people at a time.

- **Show Rings**

- Separate in-gates and out-gates may be used, or traffic in and out of rings will be managed so as to prevent congestion.
- One horse/rider and trainer at the in-gate at a time. No additional helpers or spectators.
- Additional holding areas are in place to avoid crowding near in-gates. Horses/riders are to remain in holding area until called up to in-gate.
- Back to back jumping rounds are encouraged.

- **Ribbons/Awards**

- Ribbons will not be presented in the rings. All ribbons and awards will be available upon completion of each division, and will be distributed at designated awards table(s).

- **Campers**

- Overnight camping must adhere to Massachusetts Order No. 37 for campgrounds, including that trailers/campers must be spaced no less than 20 feet apart and not allow visitors.
- On-site shower facilities will NOT be available.

- **Travel Restrictions/Health Requirements**

- All participants, staff, spectators and other officials must comply with current applicable travel requirements of their home state and Massachusetts Travel Order.
- Daily health screenings of all participants, staff, spectators, and other officials will be conducted as directed by the Northampton Board of Health.
- If any individual (participant, staff member, spectator or official) develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should promptly inform organizers and must be removed from the activity and follow all Northampton/Massachusetts/destination State reporting (if applicable), quarantine, and isolation requirements.
- If any individual (participant, staff member, spectator or official) tests positive for COVID-19 they are required to disclose to the Facility (Three County Fairgrounds) and Organizer (NHHJA) for purposes of cleaning, disinfecting, and contact tracing. If a positive COVID-19 case is identified, it will be reported to the Northampton Board of Health as soon as possible and within 12 hours of a positive test notification.