



**2020 American Eventing Championships**  
**COVID-19 Preparedness Plan**  
*As of July 29, 2020*

*Guidelines*

The following COVID-19 guidelines must be adhered to while competing or attending the American Eventing Championships (AEC). Additionally, all Federal, State, and local laws that may be applicable must be followed. These laws are subject to change and are out of the control of the Organizing Committee (OC). The OC reserves the right to change the guidelines below as needed, when/if it becomes necessary. Failure to follow guidelines by anyone in attendance may result in their immediate disqualification and elimination from the AEC, as well as sanctions from the governing bodies of our sport. No refunds will be provided to anyone disqualified for failure to follow these guidelines.

If you are competing at the AEC or one of their essential support staff, an official, volunteer, or staff member, you must be able to assure the OC that neither you nor anyone in your household:

- Has tested positive or has been presumed positive for COVID-19 at any time during the past 14 days.
- Has been advised by a healthcare professional to self-quarantine at any time during the past 14 days.
- Has been in close physical contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who has been presumed positive for COVID-19, during the past 14 days.
- Is subject to a quarantine order or a recommendation of a healthcare professional that, in either case, would make it inadvisable to attend a public event or competition.
- Has, within the past 24 hours, exhibited any of the following symptoms attributed to COVID-19, including but not limited to, a fever of 99.5° or greater, cough and/or shortness of breath.

Anyone answering YES to ANY of the above questions is NOT permitted to compete or attend the AEC. Additionally, anyone answering YES should contact the appropriate member of the OC to notify them of their condition.

### *Attendance*

- The OC is encouraging competitors to only bring essential staff to reduce the number of individuals on property.
- No spectators are allowed.

### *Temperature Checks*

- All staff, volunteers, and officials will have their temperature checked upon arrival to show grounds each day. Any person who has a temperature of 99.5° F (37.5° C) will need to leave the grounds.
- Competitors will be expected to monitor their temperature for 24 hours prior to the competition. Anyone with an elevated temperature should contact the OC immediately.

### *Safety Protocols*

- All staff, volunteers, participants, and officials **must wear masks** when on grounds at the Kentucky Horse Park except when mounted. This includes while on foot, in golf carts, in stabling areas, etc. **Masks are still required** when you are with family members or familiar groups.
- Juniors/minors should be accompanied by an adult or family member.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available in various locations on the venue. We recommend you bring a personal size bottle of hand sanitizer for your convenience and safety. Competitors, volunteers, and officials will be given a small bottle of hand sanitizer, *sponsored by Santa Cruz Animal Health*.
- Officials and volunteers will receive a complimentary mask. Competitors and staff should plan to bring their own.
- Gloves are encouraged especially when touching shared community items or surfaces.
- The frequent washing of hands or use of hand sanitizer is strongly encouraged.
- In case of inclement weather, your safety is paramount. We encourage you to seek shelter in your vehicle if at all possible and avoid gathering in the stabling area.

### *Kentucky Horse Park (KHP)*

- Access to the KHP shall only be permitted via the main entrance off of Iron Works Pike.
- The KHP will ensure that all permanent restroom facilities are cleaned and sanitized multiple times per day.
- Follow all posted rules as indicated throughout the KHP.
- Golf carts/small motorbikes/bicycles are permitted. Unless they have been disinfected, it is recommended that one (1) individual serve as the designated driver.
- Foodservice will follow government guidelines for restaurants, which limits contact.

### *Show Office*

- All interaction with the Show Office should take place via the walk-up windows. Line queues will be designated outside the office. Social distancing should be maintained at all times.
- Entries will be completed before start of show day to reduce person-to-person contact.
- Entrance inside the Show Office is strictly prohibited unless directed by the Show Secretary.
- Competition packets, including Dressage Tests, will be organized and distributed in such a fashion as to minimize contact.
- Cross-country maps may be accessed online at [www.mycoursewalk.com](http://www.mycoursewalk.com). Printed copies will not be available. The maps will also be posted outside the Show Office and you may take pictures.

### *Competition*

- Access to stabling should be limited to essential support personnel only.
- The entered competitor will be responsible for the actions of individuals within their group, including any misconduct regarding these guidelines.
- While in the stabling area:
  - **Masks are required at all times.**
  - Maintain social distancing.
  - No congregating at any time.
  - It is recommended that only one person be in any stall at a time. Exceptions would be in the case of an emergency or treatment(s) to the horse.
  - The frequent washing of hands or use of hand sanitizer is encouraged.
  - Use mounting blocks when available. It is recommended to avoid giving a leg up as much as possible.
  - Equipment should not be shared. If this occurs, individual pieces of equipment should be sanitized after use.
  - Spray sanitizer will be available at schooling jumps and should be used following each rider.
  - The number of horses in schooling areas will be limited to allow appropriate social distancing. No more than one (1) person per horse is allowed inside the schooling area.
- Bit check volunteers will do a visual check of bit. The rider or trainer must remove bridle for inspection (this may be done after the ride). The rider or trainer will measure the whip themselves, with the bit check volunteer watching. Riders are encouraged to bring a halter in case they need to remove the bridle after they ride dressage.
- Competitors may be asked to remove ear bonnets.

### *Ribbons, Gifts, and Prizes*

- Distribution of ribbons will be done in such a way as to reduce person-to-person contact.
- The majority of gifts and prizes will be redeemed by the competitors either at onsite vendor booths or upon their return home.

### *Enforcement*

- The OC has assigned a COVID Compliance Officer and Compliance Team. These individuals will be responsible for ensuring all supplies are available and stocked.
- The Compliance Officer, Compliance Team, USEA Staff, EEI Staff, EEI Board of Directors, KY Classique Staff and KHP Staff will be available on the grounds as needed to assist, and to offer reminders of the importance of following these guidelines.
- Failure to follow these guidelines by any attendee or competitor may result in the issuance of a Yellow Card, immediate disqualification, and/or removal from the KHP. The sole authority in any such matter is the OC or any of their designees.

### *Medical Services*

- An EMT will be available on site during the event. However, anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 should leave the KHP and contact a licensed medical facility for further assistance.

### *Waiver of Liability*

- All competitors, essential staff, volunteers, and officials must provide emergency contact information and complete an updated *Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement* required by USEF.
- Failure to do so by competitors will be an automatic disqualification from the AEC. For any volunteers or officials who fail to complete this waiver, you may be relieved of your responsibilities at the AEC.

### *Vendor Tents*

- **Masks are required.**
- Social distancing must be maintained.
- The OC will provide each vendor with a capacity sign. The vendor must have this displayed.
- The following customer capacity for vendor tents should be followed:

Vendor Type	Capacity
10 x 10	2
10 x 20	3
10 x 30	4
20 x 20	5
Trailer	3

- Vendors should make available to all customers hand sanitizer and/or gloves.
- Vendors should limit personal contact as much as possible and disinfect the shopping area daily.
- Checkout counters should be wiped down after each customer/transaction.