



**2020 National Horse Show
COVID-19 Preparedness Plan**
As of September 12, 2020

Guidelines

The following COVID-19 guidelines must be adhered to while competing or attending the National Horse Show Competition. 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 National Horse Show Association of America, Ltd (“NHS”). The NHS 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 NHS Competition, as well as be subject to 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 NHS Competition, one of their essential support staff, an official, volunteer, staff member, or on the premises for any reason whatsoever, you must be able to assure the NHS 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 NHS Competition. Additionally, anyone answering YES should contact the appropriate member of the NHS Executive Committee to notify them of their condition.

Attendance

- The NHS will be collecting competitor specific data prior to the competition to assist in our management of the Show Grounds. Competitors must complete this information prior to arrival.
- Competitors should only bring essential staff to reduce the number of individuals on property. Essential staff includes owners, lessees, riders, athletes, parents, trainers, coaches, grooms, veterinarians, farriers. Although no spectators are permitted in the Alltech, such as friends, extended family, etc., each competitor may be accompanied by a maximum of 2 individuals from their immediate households.
- No spectators are allowed.
- While not required, it is strongly encouraged that all attendees receive a COVID-19 test prior to the NHS. Anyone receiving a positive test is not permitted on the KHP grounds.
- The NHS requires all competition staff, officials, service providers and vendors are required to maintain social distancing (6' minimum distance between individuals) whenever possible.

Temperature Checks

- All attendees, including but not limited to staff, competitors, grooms, trainers, farriers, vets, other health care providers, officials, and all other persons entering the premises **shall have their temperature checked upon arrival to show grounds each time they enter the park.** Any person who has a temperature in excess of 99.5° F (37.5° C) will need to leave the grounds.
- Anyone with a temperature between 99.5° and 100° may be placed in a waiting area for 5-10 minutes to be rescanned. Upon rescan, a temperature in excess of 99.5° will require the individual to depart the facility for 24 hours.
- Once a daily approved temperature check is completed, a wristband will be provided as **must be worn while on the show grounds.** A new wristband will be issued each day.

Safety Protocols

- All staff, volunteers, participants, officials, competitors, grooms, trainers, farriers, vets, other health care providers entering the premises **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.
- Junior/minor competitors shall be accompanied by at least one adult or family member. Minors are permitted to have a maximum of two adults with them at one time.
- 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.
- 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.
- If individuals test positive for COVID-19 during the event, they will not be permitted to return to the KHP. The NHS will interview the individual to determine the extent of their interactions with other competitors, staff, and volunteers. If it is determined that other

individuals have been significantly exposed, creating further risk to NHS participants, they too will be required to leave the event immediately.

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

- The show office will be configured to allow proper social distancing and will be restricted to essential personnel only. Clear plexiglass protective shields have been installed in front of office staff.
- Entries will have been processed ahead of time through www.showmanagementsystem.com and the qualifying process. All necessary paperwork will have been done ahead of time online including entering and billing and invoicing. For additional assistance prior to the competition start date of October 23, please email Cindy Bozan at cindy@nhs.org.
- No more than 4 customers will be allowed in the show office at one time by **appointment only**. To make an appointment email entries@nhs.org. You will receive a reply to confirm the appointment. If necessary, lines will form outside the office and will follow social distancing guidelines with markers delineating 6' spacing.
- Only one representative per barn may come to the show office at a time.
- Hand sanitizer will be available upon entering and leaving the show office.
- Disinfected pens will be available at all times for customer use.

Competition

- Access to stabling should be limited to essential support personnel only and those individuals shall be subject to all Safety Protocols set forth above.
- The trainer of record and/or competitor will be responsible for the actions of individuals within their group, including any misconduct regarding these guidelines. Violations will not be tolerated and offending participants shall be subject to sanctions included but not limited to suspension or expulsion, as determined by the National Horse Show. (Executive Committee). Repeated violations will not be tolerated and offending participants shall be subject to suspension and expulsion from the NHS.
- 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 and disposable gloves will be available at schooling jumps and should be used following each rider.
- The Ingate/On Deck area will be limited to the trainer, one attendant, and one parent if the competitor is a minor. At the conclusion of the round, individuals should depart the area immediately.
- Schooling areas will be open subject to a posted schedule and pursuant to the COVID regulations, including the attached Alltech Arena schooling area. The number of horses in schooling areas will be limited to allow appropriate social distancing. No more than two (2) people per horse is allowed inside the schooling area (one person on each side of the jump).

Ribbons, Gifts, and Prizes

- Distribution of ribbons will be done in such a way as to reduce person-to-person contact.

Enforcement

- The NHS 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, NHS Staff, NHS Board of Directors 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 NHS or any of its 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 NHS. For any volunteers or officials who fail to complete this waiver, you may be relieved of your responsibilities at the NHS.