SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR UPCOMING SHOWS

We are extremely grateful for the overwhelmingly positive response to the upcoming Arabian National Breeder Finals Arabian Horse Show, scheduled for September 16-19, 2020. Safety is our top priority and many of you have questions about new rules in place to ensure the health and well-being of everyone at the showgrounds. The Arabian Horse Association of Arizona has created a COVID-19 ACTION PLAN based on current federal, state, county, city and USEF guidelines. It is important to minimize the number of people on the showgrounds at any one time. Every effort has been made to make your time at the show as efficient as possible. Updates will be posted on the USEF.org website as well as the scottsdalearabianshow.com website and on our Social Media pages. Facebook: @scottsdalearabianshow, @scottsdalearabian Twitter: @ArabianHorsesAZ Instagram: scottsdale_arabian

COVID-19 Mitigation Plan and Protocols
The guidelines are focused on four factors recommended by the CDC and state and local health officials to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 virus. They include:

- Maintaining social/physical distancing
- Frequent and through hand washing/hygiene
- Wearing a facemask or face covering
- Staying home if you are sick

Exhibitors and essential personnel are responsible for bringing all your PPE supplies with you (gloves, masks, sanitizer, etc.).

Exhibitors are encouraged to complete all paperwork requested in the Acknowledgements at least 14 days prior to the show and be submitted to the show office via email to entries@scottsdalearabianshow.com This would include signatures on the waivers, AHA or USEF memberships, Safe Sport etc.

If you have a professional service provider (i.e. vets, farriers, braiders etc.) attending to your horses, ask them to review these protocols and sanitize between clients.

Please remember that this pandemic is fluid and that recommendations are constantly changing. For the latest updates please check out; https://www.usef.org/media/coronavirus-resources

Exhibitors are encouraged to bring only necessary personnel to minimize crowding and contact in barn areas, warm-up arenas, and surrounding the show ring.

Exhibitors and Show Arenas
- People shall not congregate in groups larger than 10 people and must follow social distancing guidelines. This includes in barn and seating areas.
- Riders and people on foot must keep at least 6 feet of space between each other at all times.
- Arena in-gates and out-gates will be arranged so that riders are not coming in close contact entering and exiting the arenas. Riders are to follow directions for entering and exiting. Congregation is not allowed around the gate areas.
- Attendees shall maintain social distancing guidelines at all times including, but not limited to, the warm-up and show arenas.
- There will be a limit of two people (in addition to the rider) per horse in all warm up arenas.
- Riders and trainers are asked to respect the paddock announcer’s personal space and maintain proper social distancing when interacting with him/her.
- No foot traffic (including trainers and essential personnel) are allowed at the in-gates. Foot traffic must watch from the stands.
- In Arenas where there is “moat-like rail”, the number of people on the rail will be limited to trainers and instructors only.
• Outside spectators will not be allowed. Exhibitors are encouraged to limit the number of people in their group (i.e. parents, spouse, a single family member, and coach).
• With regard to showing and non-showing rings, there is a limit two people/horses per 1000 sq ft. More information will be available on these guidelines as the show approaches.
• All individuals on the ground or assisting riders will be asked to maintain a six-foot social distancing standard at all times, including in the show arena.
• Those seated in the stands are asked to leave three (3) vacant seats between your group (of no more than 10 people) and the next.

Show Office
• Please keep at least six-foot distancing for check-in.
• Appointments are mandatory, as the waiting area will be limited. Masks will be required during check in.
• Show office capacity will be limited to one person per actively staffed front desk.
• The show office will have entrance/exit doors will be marked to minimize crossing of people.
• Show office personnel will have a protective barrier separating them from exhibitors.
• When possible, doors will be left open during check-in or periods of high traffic for airflow.
• Show office will provide sanitizing wipes and/or sanitize entry and exit points of office regularly.

No-Contact Options During the Show
With these no-contact options, you can limit your interaction with the show office by using email or texting. You will only need to come in to submit your open check and pick up back numbers.
• File your USEF Drug medication forms online at; https://competitions.usef.org/medicationreportform/usef
• Scratch, Rider Changes and Horse Equitation Change forms will all be available online and can be sent via email to; entries@scottsdalehorse.com
• Please make sure you include back number, rider & horse name, class number, section if applicable & class name.
• Class Sheets, Splits, Results and scoresheets will be posted online ONLY
• Go order and Draws will be online and at other appropriate locations (ingate). Exhibitors are encouraged to use the online to check the posted draws. Do not crowd the gate person.
• Check out will be done via email after the show – there will be no fine for not coming in to check out at the end of the show.

Here are the answers to some of your frequently asked questions:

Who will be permitted on the showgrounds?
USEF strongly discourages participants from bringing additional family members who are not essential to providing care to the participant or their horse. Each participant must acknowledge and exercise personal responsibility while attending a competition to minimize risk for themselves and those around them. USEF does prohibit the public, spectators, and non-essential personnel such as guests from being on the competition grounds until further notice.

How will access be monitored?
Every person accessing the showgrounds is required to submit a Waiver Of Liability. The Waiver will be available online, 48 hours prior to move-in day. The waiver covers the show and it is mandatory all people on the show grounds have one completed. Once submitted and approved, you will be eligible to pick up a wrist band in the show office. When you arrive at the showgrounds/show office your temperature will be taken. The wristband MUST be worn during the entire show.

Are tack room set-ups allowed?
Yes, as long as you maintain social distancing at all times.

To access additional information provided by the USEF regarding exhibitor expectations at show please go to this website: https://www.usef.org/media/coronavirus-resources
Mandatory Requirements for Participants at USEF Sanctioned Shows:

J. General
USEF-Licensed competitions must operate in accordance with the USEF COVID-19 Action Plan for USEF-Licensed Competitions (Plan). This plan is based on federal, state and local regulations, WHO recommendations, CDC guidelines and USEF requirements. There will be times when regulations, recommendations, guidelines and requirements may differ. In these instances, the more restrictive regulations, recommendations, guidelines and requirements will prevail and supersede all others, e.g. face masks/coverings may not be required by a state or local government but is required at a USEF licensed competition nonetheless due to CDC guidance.

Participants are required to comply with these and any additional Competition Organizer requirements at all times while present on competition grounds. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the grounds. These requirements are in effect immediately and until further notice, however, they are subject to revisions as the COVID-19 virus environment changes.

If participants have any questions, please contact Debbie Saliling by email at dsaliling@usef.org or by phone at (859) 225-6930.

K. Waiver/Release & Indemnity Agreement
Provide emergency contact information and execute an updated Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement required by USEF, as a condition of participation. Please ensure use of the updated form provided by competition organizer.

L. Access
Participants and Support Personnel are required to self-monitor their temperature once daily prior to entering the competition grounds. Anyone with a temperature of 99.5° F (37.5° C) or higher may not enter the facility.

The following individuals are not allowed to enter the competition grounds: Anyone who:

- Anyone who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms,
- Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within last two weeks 10 days,
- Anyone who has tested positive outside of the past 10 days, but is still symptomatic, or
- *Anyone who has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks 14 days cannot enter the competition grounds.

*Exception: Healthcare personnel who have treated patients using appropriate medical-grade PPE during the course of performing professional duties are exempted from this restriction.

- Refer to Appendix A for CDC guidelines for self-isolation/quarantine directives in the event a person has a fever or exhibits other symptoms of COVID-19.

Participants and Support Personnel are required to wear a facemask or face covering at all times while on competition grounds when not mounted on a horse, seated in a horse-drawn carriage or cart, or during in-hand classes as outlined by the procedures* below. You can find recommendations for proper use of face masks and face coverings via the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention website.

- To eat or drink, an individual must move far enough away from others to minimize the possibility of being within six feet of any other individual before the lowering the mask or face covering to eat or drink. The mask must be immediately replaced over the nose and mouth when finished.

- If an individual requires modification to this face mask/face covering requirement, please submit written request, accompanied by documentation substantiating the need for modification, to legalrequests@usef.org. It should be noted that we are experiencing a high volume of legal inquiries at this time, and we will respond as quickly as possible. Requests for modifications will be reviewed on a confidential basis with a medical consultant.

*In-Hand Class Procedures - face masks or face coverings that fully cover your nose and mouth are required at all times at USEF-licensed competitions, including while exhibiting horses and ponies in-hand. However, if absolutely necessary, you may lower your mask while jogging or running with a horse or pony in-hand, or while executing a pattern, but only if you are able to maintain social distancing of at least six feet while doing so. The mask must be replaced immediately once the jog, or run, or pattern, is completed.
**A participant may choose to wear a facemask or face covering when mounted on a horse and cannot be disqualified or penalized for doing so while competing.**

If any person who was present on the competition grounds tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the conclusion of competition, USEF and the Competition Organizer must be notified immediately. Direct USEF reports to ksacco@usef.org

***Questions regarding access to competition grounds and eligibility to participate in competition that may not be clearly identified under the points above or under Point F on page 9 must be directed to ksacco@usef.org or dsaliling@usef.org, who will consult with USEF medical experts and provide a written decision from the USEF with regard to the participant’s eligibility.

M. Social Distancing/Participation Protocols

All individuals must practice social distancing (or physical distancing) at all times while on the competition grounds by staying at least 6 feet (about 2 arms’ length) from any person who is not a member of their immediate household. Members of the same household are still required to wear masks or face coverings at all times while on competition grounds. *Exceptions:

o Social distancing is not required while competing (including warm-up) in driving classes where more than one participant is seated in the horse-drawn carriage or cart.

o Individuals are allowed to be seated together while being transported by golf cart (or similar four-wheeled transport vehicle), but capacity may not exceed the number of seats on the cart or vehicle and all individuals must wear face masks or face coverings.

o Congregating on or around a parked or stationary golf cart or vehicle is prohibited, unless the individuals are all visually identifiable (e.g. credentialed) as immediate household members, are all wearing face masks/face coverings, and do not exceed the seating capacity of the cart or vehicle.

Wash hands often and adhere to other sanitization practices throughout the day.