



Mandatory Requirements for Competition Organizers – continued

**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 cannot be disqualified or penalized for wearing a facemask or face covering while competing.*

F.1. Spectator Protocols

Spectators can be permitted on USEF-Licensed competition grounds beginning May 3, 2021, subject to the requirements listed below.

******Please note, competition organizers may choose to impose more stringent restrictions than those listed below, including prohibiting spectators. In those instances, the competition organizer's protocols take precedence over those listed below.***

The USEF COVID-19 Action Plan remains in effect for all persons on competition grounds with the following amendments regarding additional protocols for spectators, if allowed.

Effective May 3, 2021, if a competition chooses to allow spectators, the following protocols must be implemented:

- ***All USEF Spectator Protocols must be posted on the competition website and conspicuously placed at the spectator entrance(s) to the competition in a location that can be read by spectators prior to entry to the competition grounds.***
- ***Each spectator (including a member of an immediate household) is required to comply with the Action Plan requirements. This includes, but is not limited to:***
 - ***Wearing a *face mask/face covering at all times while on competition grounds (except when eating or drinking in designated areas, or for children under 2 years of age)***
 - ***Socially distancing a minimum of six feet from any other person not in their immediate household while on competition grounds.***

****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 sgilbert@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.***



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- **Spectator capacity**

Spectator capacity on the competition grounds is restricted as follows:

- ***Outdoor Venues*** - A maximum of 40% of the ticketed spectator capacity for competitions that operate with a ticketed gate, **OR** a maximum of *400 spectators for competitions that do not ticket spectators, whichever is greater.
- ***Indoor Venues*** – A maximum of 30% of the ticketed spectator capacity for competitions that operate with a ticketed gate, **OR** a maximum of *300 spectators for venues that do not ticket spectators, whichever is greater.
- For venues that consist of both outdoor and indoor components, the above capacity restrictions apply accordingly, however the total number of spectators at the competition cannot exceed the outdoor capacity each day.
***Competition organizers must take into account the relative size of their venues. In some instances, the capacity numbers may be far below the maximums listed here.**

- **Spectator Access**

Spectators must enter competition grounds through a controlled and monitored access point(s).

- *Signage must be placed at the spectator access point(s) that states the following:*
 - ***STOP! - If you proceed past this entry point you attest to the following:***
 - ✓ ***I am NOT experiencing any possible COVID-19 symptoms (e.g., Fever or chills, Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Headache, New loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, Nausea or vomiting, Diarrhea);***
 - ✓ ***I have NOT tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days***
 - ✓ ****I have NOT been in close proximity to anyone who has tested positive within the last 14 days****
 - *Exception: Healthcare personnel who have treated patients using appropriate medical-grade PPE during the course of performing professional duties and those individuals who are [fully vaccinated](#) (at least 14 days after their final COVID vaccination) are able to be in close proximity of COVID-19 infectious people.*
 - ✓ ***I agree to comply with all organizer requirements for attendance, including but not limited to wearing a face mask/face covering, social distancing and frequent hand-washing***
 - ✓ ***I understand I can be removed from competition grounds for non-compliance of spectator protocols***
 - ✓ ***I acknowledge that the inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By attending this equestrian competition, I voluntarily assume all risks related to COVID-19 exposure and agree not to hold the competition, its organizers, or any of its directors, officers, staff, agents, contractors, or volunteers liable for any illness or injury.***



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- *The temperature of each spectator must be taken each day prior to their entering the competition grounds. **Prior to having their temperature taken, each spectator must review the posted sign (see bullet point above) and attest to the temperature taker they are compliant with all statements.** Anyone with a temperature of 100.4° F (38° C) or higher may not enter the facility.*
- *Each day, each spectator must be provided with and wear a visible armband or other identifier signifying the person is permitted to be on the competition grounds.*
 - *It is recommended that spectators who are members of an [immediate household](#) be credentialed in a manner that visually identifies them as such (e.g., special color and/or unique number per household)*
- *Competition Organizers must provide multiple sanitization stations throughout the spectator seating/viewing areas if spectators are present.*
- *Compliance personnel, secured by competition management in addition to the USEF Stewards/Technical Delegates, must patrol the grounds to ensure compliance with these spectator protocols and all other USEF Action Plan requirements.*
- *Competition Organizers must make multiple PA announcements throughout each competition day to remind spectators of the requirements to wear masks, socially distance and frequently wash hands in order to mitigate the risk of virus transmission.*
- ***Additional Protocols for VIP/Hospitality Areas, If Offered***
 - *All tables or groups of seating must be placed a minimum of 6 feet apart from other tables or groups of seating.*
 - *Tables or groups of seating are limited to members of [immediate households](#) per the USEF definition, unless social distancing of a minimum of 6 feet between persons can be maintained.*
 - *Individual seating must have a minimum distance of 6 feet between seats. This includes bleacher and stadium seating.*
- ***Additional Resources Related to Spectators***

Click on the links below to access:

 - *Spectator Statement/Symptom Checker & Acknowledgement (coming soon)*
 - [USEF Printable Poster: Face Masks and Social Distancing Required](#)
 - [USEF Graphic for Digital Use: Face Masks and Social Distancing Required](#)