



MANDATORY COVID-19 PROTOCOLS AND REQUIREMENTS

As an affiliate of the USEF/USHJA, the South Carolina Hunter Jumper Association (SCHJA) is dedicated to promoting the safety and welfare of horses and participants. USEF/USHJA has published requirements and recommendations for that will be in effect at USEF/USHJA competitions, and SCHJA has adapted them herein to apply to “C” shows.

These COVID-19 Protocols and Requirements (referred to herein as “COVID-19 Requirements”) must be adhered to when competing and/or attending competitions of any event sanctioned by SCHJA (“SCHJA Event”). Failure of horse show managers, trainers, and competitors to adhere to the COVID-19 Requirements will result in the SCHJA’s removal of its sanctioning.

All SCHJA-sanctioned competitions must also comply with all applicable federal, state and local regulations, requirements, and orders as well as WHO recommendations and CDC guidelines as they relate to mass gatherings and sporting events. 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. For example, NC Executive Order No. 147 requiring the use of a face covering in public at all times (subject to some exceptions) supersedes these COVID-19 Requirements.

A: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Any person who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, has tested positive for COVID-19 within last two weeks, or has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks prior to the first date of competition of an SCHJA Event is prohibited from entering the event grounds.

Any person attending an SCHJA Event, in any capacity whatsoever, must execute the SCHJA Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement.

B: INFORMATION ON ATTENDEES TO BE MAINTAINED:

Horse show management must maintain a list of all employees, trainers, exhibitors, and guests (two permitted per exhibitor) present at each SCHJA Event, including the date, name, address, and phone contact of each individual, to be made available upon request from the local health department.

C: VISUAL COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Posters, signs, or other visual communication tools that remind attendees of social distancing requirements and other steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 must be displayed throughout the horse show grounds.

D: REQUIREMENT TO WEAR FACE MASK OR COVERING:

All persons on horse show grounds are required to wear a face mask or covering in the following scenarios:

- Inside any enclosed space, such as the horse show office or restrooms
- Standing ringside at show rings or schooling rings
- At all ingate areas (including where course diagrams are posted)

- Anywhere on showgrounds where social distancing cannot be managed or larger groups of people are gathering, *i.e.* concession stand, wash racks

All employees or contractors of the horse show management company must wear a face mask or covering at all times, with the following exceptions:

- Judges when sitting in judges' box/booth alone
- Farrier/medic when not interacting with another person

E: DISINFECTING OF COMMONLY USED SURFACES

Horse show management must ensure that commonly used surfaces, such as doors, handrails, ingates, are cleaned and disinfected every two hours during SCHJA Event hours. Restrooms must be cleaned and disinfected every two hours during SCHJA Event hours. Horse show management must provide documentation to establish compliance with this requirement, such as a log of dates, timing of cleanings, and initials of person responsible.

F: SOCIAL DISTANCING

All horse show attendees must comply with social distancing requirements.

- Trainers will be responsible for the conduct and adherence to these rules and guidelines during the competition. Trainers and/or barns are subject to expulsion from the grounds if guidelines are not followed. Please discuss with your group the importance of following the guidelines for all barn clients and support staff.

Horse show management must ensure six-foot spacing markers are used for all queuing areas or waiting lines in common areas (*i.e.*, bathrooms, concessions, ingate).

Bleachers and seating areas must be conspicuously marked to designate proper social distancing. Alternatively, bleachers and seating areas must be closed to the public.

No person shall sponsor or host any public gathering, such as an exhibitor party, to be associated with any SCHJA Event.

G: MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE

Alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol must be provided at all "high touch surfaces," including but not limited to: every ingate, restroom, port-a-jon, horse show office, stabling area, and schooling areas.

Horse Show Managers must provide facemasks or face coverings and hand sanitizer to competition staff, volunteers, and officials.

H: FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICES:

No communal water jugs or coolers may be provided at the in-gate; water may only be provided through individual water bottles.

Food may only be served to by the designated food vendor where individuals may place orders and take them to-go or in a "grab and go" fashion with pre-packaged meals and beverages. Open buffets or "family style" meals are prohibited, regardless of by whom they are provided.

I: STABLING OF HORSES

Horse show management must configure stabling to comply with social distancing requirements in order to manage concentration of horses and people.