Old Salem Farm

## 2020 COVID-19

## **Protocols and Action Plan for Competitions**

Old Salem Farm's 120-acre equestrian facility provides adequate space to properly mitigate risks associated with COVID-19. With 4 outdoor competition arenas and 4 outdoor dedicated schooling areas Old Salem Farm (OSF) can comply with all applicable federal, state, local and USEF regulations as well as WHO recommendations and CDC guidelines.

The following protocols and actions will apply to all upcoming events until further notice. OSF will update these procedures as necessary to observe all Recommended Best Practices by USEF for mitigating risks related to the COVID-19 virus.

#### Access

- Any person with known or suspected symptoms of COVID-19 or who has been exposed to a person with symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, shortness of breath, or fever) should follow self- quarantine protocols and not come to any events.
- All competition staff, officials and service providers will be required to monitor their temperature daily before entering the competition grounds. Anyone with a temperature above 99.5 F (37.5 C) will be asked to quarantine and report findings to Management immediately to avoid an incident of possible exposure to others.
- Until further notice the shows should only be attended by Trainers, Riders, Grooms, Owners, Competition Staff, and parents attending as a minor's guardian. Spectators and extended family or friends will NOT be allowed access.
- Everyone entering the show grounds will be required to wear a face mask when not mounted on a horse as well as stay 6 feet apart from each other.
- The main barn will be closed to all exhibitors and horse show staff. Portable bathrooms will be on site for your convenience and sanitized frequently.
- Please do not gather in large groups. The grounds will be monitored and if necessary, you will be asked to leave if not following proper social distancing protocols.

# **Show Office / Agreements**

- There will be no admittance to the horse show office.
- Entries are due 3 days prior to show.
- All entries, adds, scratches, feed & bedding orders and invoicing must be done online. Entries must be accompanied by a credit card number.
- All participants, including licensed officials and volunteers, need to provide emergency contact information and execute an updated Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption and Risk of Indemnity Agreement required by USEF, as a condition of participation. No entries will be accepted or processed without an entry blank and a signed form.

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## <u>Signage</u>

• Signs will be posted at the entrance and throughout the grounds that will display all applicable federal, state, and local regulation, including WHO and CDC guidelines as they relate to COVID-19.

## **Social Distancing/Participation Protocols**

- Participants must comply with all social distancing requirements including frequent handwashing throughout the day as well as using hand sanitizer when handwashing is not available. Hand Sanitizer will be available around the property for everyone's convenience.
- Gloves and masks should be worn by grooms, trainers and riders when handing off horses to each other.
- Masks MUST be worn when not mounted on a horse. Everyone on the show grounds must always keep a distance of at least 6 feet apart.
- There will be no VIP or social gatherings on the show grounds. Gatherings of any size will be not be permitted. Please do not crowd the ingates.
- Announcements will be made throughout the day regarding social distancing and wearing of masks.

#### **Stabling**

• Stabling will be available. We ask that you frequently sanitize the area and leave enough space to properly social distance from others.

# Competition / Schooling Rings

No horses will be allowed in the ring until it is time for their division. There will be announcements (verbal and online) when to come to the ring. Approximate times for schooling breaks will be published online and announced.

- Our show schedule will be condensed into as short a time frame as possible to
  minimize time spent on the competition grounds. Division times will be available
  on our website with "blocked times". This will allow people to arrive, show and go
  home within a shorter timeframe.
- Each show ring will have a dedicated schooling area. We ask that people be considerate to others that when setting jumps you wear gloves and to wipe or spray down (spray will be provided by OSF) schooling jumps after use.
- We will be frequently updating information online regarding schedules and time updates throughout the day. Check our website and social media.
- Ribbons/Awards will not be handed out at the ring. There will be a designated area where you may pick up your ribbons and awards. Please do not crowd the area

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#### Food Concession

- OSF will have a food vendor on site for outdoor order and pick up only. Please go
  online to see menu choices. Proper protocol will be followed at all times regarding
  social distancing and disinfecting of common areas.
- Water will be provided at the ingates.

#### **Parking**

• There will be a parking attendant to assist with parking trailers and to monitor attendees to insure proper social distance protocols are being followed. We ask that when you have completed showing that you leave in a timely fashion.

## **Emergency Response Plan**

- There will be an EMT on staff at all shows.
- Should an occurrence related to a COVID-19 incident or outbreak we will immediately call local medical resources and isolate any individuals with symptoms until local 911 authorities evaluate and act on the situation.
- All staff and participants as well as service providers and vendors will be notified immediately via email, text and announcements.
- All protocols will be available on our website as well as distributed to all personnel.