

# **Old Salem Farm**

## **2020 COVID-19**

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

Old Salem Farm is dedicated to ensuring the safety of all individuals moving forward into our indoor events. In order to properly mitigate risks associated with COVID-19 we have added these additional guidelines so 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 indoor 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**

- There will be a Screener as you enter the property. Temperatures will be checked each time you enter the property. All necessary waivers and statements of health must be signed at entrance or brought with you to hand in to the screener.
- 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.
- We still maintain that NO spectators should be on property. We realize that children will be accompanied by an adult and therefore can use the viewing area. They should not be down by the in-gate.
- The main barn viewing room will be open at 50% capacity. The time spent in this area should be short and limited. Please view and then leave to allow others to view and or get warm. This area will be monitored by OSF staff, so we ask for your cooperation.
- The viewing area will have a cleaning person working non-stop to disinfect all areas including restrooms. Please be cooperative and help keep all the areas clean.
- Portable bathrooms will continue 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.**

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## **Show Office / Agreements**

- There will be limited admittance to the horse show office.
- Entries are due prior to show.
- We would prefer 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.

## **Signage**

- 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**

- Temperatures will be checked each time you enter the property. All necessary waivers and statements of health must be signed at entrance.
- 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.
- Please do not crown the in-gate.
- Announcements will be made throughout the day regarding social distancing and wearing of masks.

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## **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**

There will be announcements (verbal and online) when to come to the ring. 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.

- Only 10 horses will be permitted in the schooling ring at one time.
- 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 be in a designated area.

## **Food Concession**

- OSF will have a food vendor on site outdoors located by the Horse Show Office. Proper protocol will always be followed regarding social distancing and disinfecting of common areas.

## **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 1 EMT's on staff at all winter 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.

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