

Dear Exhibitors:

We are now just one week away from the 97th Annual Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show. We are pleased to announce that we have completed the WHO risk assessment to measure the efforts of our COVID-19 planning efforts. With the use of this assessment, we have been able to determine that with our policies and practices applied, we will be operating at a low level of risk. With that being said, the number of COVID-19 cases is on the rise in the United States and the State of North Carolina. We are looking forward to welcoming you to Blowing Rock, but you must familiarize yourselves with and follow the Mandatory Requirements for Competition Participants as set forth below, in accordance with the USEF Covid-19 protocol, so that we can all stay safe and healthy showing in the beautiful North Carolina mountains.

Mandatory Requirements for Competition Participants

—Entries must be completed in advance and done online through Horseshowsonline. The new USEF Covid-19 waiver is mandatory so please complete before arrival. The waiver must be signed by trainers, owners, and riders and no agent signatures are permitted under USEF rules. No numbers will be issued without this completed waiver.

—All participants are required to provide contact information with name, address, phone number and email address.

—Participants are required to self monitor their temperature once daily before entering the show grounds. Anyone that has a temperature of 99.5 degrees or higher may not enter the facility.

—Anyone who exhibits symptoms of Covid-19, has tested positive for Covid-19 in the last two weeks, or has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 in the last two weeks may not enter the show grounds.

—Masks must be worn at all times while on the show grounds by anyone not mounted on a horse. Gloves are encouraged and will be required in wash areas and schooling rings for setting jumps.

—All Participants, whether mounted or on foot, are required to maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet, whenever possible. The only exception is for members of the same household. Even when social distancing, you must wear a mask on the grounds.

—All participants are requested to wash their hands as frequently as possible. Touchless hand sanitizer stations will be available at numerous locations, including outside of all rings, the information booth, the show office and all bathrooms.

—Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

—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 Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show must be notified immediately.

General Information

—Exercise areas and schooling rings will be restricted to limit the number of exhibitors/horses present at one time, and to limit the number of people on the ground. All people on the ground must practice social distancing. Schooling areas will be monitored to ensure these guidelines are being followed.

—Stabling areas are restricted to exhibitors, trainers, grooms and veterinarians. Social distancing must be practiced in the barns.

—No spectators are permitted in accordance with the USEF Covid-19 protocol.

—Staff, officials and service providers will have their temperatures taken daily upon entering the show grounds.

—In the event of rain, all participants must shelter in their cars, their barns, the hospitality pavilion, the covered grandstands or in your box seats, if available (we have reduced the number of boxes this year by 50%, and are only allowing 4 people per box, instead of the normal 6). Social distancing must be maintained when possible, and masks must be worn. The covered grandstands were built to hold 500 spectators, so even with social distancing, they will accommodate a large number of participants.

—When standing in line at the Cafe or food trucks, you must maintain social distancing.

—Please frequently clean and disinfect all tack, equipment and surfaces others may come in contact with. This includes golf carts, if applicable.

—Please use trash receptacles so that the staff does not have to come into contact with contaminated items that are not discarded properly. Please do not litter.

—Please use hand sanitizer before entering, and when leaving, any restroom facility. Touchless hand sanitizer will be available outside all restrooms.

—There will be room temperature bottled water available with no shared ice at the rings; bring your own coolers or ice packs if you prefer cold water.

—Due to gathering restrictions and social distancing requirements, we are unable to offer our traditional afternoon hospitality. However, we plan to make all of our exhibitors feel welcome and at home in other ways.

We understand that our venue is a challenging one for social distancing, but we are committed to our shows running as safely and smoothly as possible. We ask that everyone fully cooperate in following all of the outlined protocols and guidelines to ensure a safe and successful event for all. Participants that do not follow the protocols and guidelines may be removed from the Showgrounds.

As stated in our last correspondence, we also realize that some of you may not feel comfortable showing right now. That is understood, and will not jeopardize your ability to secure stalls at our shows in the future. If you currently have stalls and have changed your mind about showing, we are happy to refund your money and look forward to seeing you next year.

We reserve the right to modify, update or add to these guidelines at any time before and/or during the shows. Everyone please stay safe. We remain excited to see those of you joining us in beautiful Blowing Rock, and appreciate your support of our horse shows.

Sincerely,

The Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show Foundation Board of Directors

For more complete information, please refer to the following websites as they are updated accurately and frequently:

Center for Disease Control: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

United States Equestrian Federation: www.usef.org/media/Covid19-toolkit

Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show Foundation: brchs.org

Email: BRPoffice@yahoo.com