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Majestic Farm Guidelines and Actions for its Competitions and Facilities to reopen under current Social Distancing and other Federal, State and Local Requirements.

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This is a working-draft for Majestic Farm specific guidelines to ensure the safest environment possible for our shows when shows are able to run. We will continue to update this protocol as we receive updates and information from USEF, local authorities, and informed exhibitors. USEF is also drafting a protocol that we will add to ours when it is finalized.

Majestic Farm has prepared the following list of guidelines and best practices in preparation for equestrian events to reopen in the Spring of 2020, once coronavirus restrictions have been lifted and state and local governments, as well as the United States Equestrian Federation deem it safe to do so.

We have taken into consideration the size of our properties, and the number of attendees, but have concentrated our efforts and protocol requirements in the areas that will cause the greatest challenges for social distancing – food truck, show office, stabling area and warm up areas.

We believe these guidelines are well within our scope to institute and enforce in these areas during our competitions. We will update the guidelines as needed based on state and local government requirements and/or recommendations from other local environmental health and public health agencies. Update will be posted at www.majesticfarm.net and Majestic Farm Social Media.

The below guidelines will be in place whenever possible and practicable at all Majestic Farm competitions beginning June 1, 2020

General

- Social Distancing (six feet between individuals) will be followed.
- Masks - they must be worn at all times by everyone on the grounds. If you are alone, and nobody is around, then you can remove your mask.
- Majestic Farm staff and officials will wear masks and gloves at all times when practicable.
- Full-color signage will be posted throughout the grounds regarding social distancing, hand washing, and other safety guidelines.
- Majestic Farm has a property-wide PA System, and announcements regarding these guidelines will be made throughout the event.

Facility 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 protocol or be barred from or removed from the grounds.
- All Majestic Farm staff (show office, barn staff, vendors and maintenance) will have their temperature checked before beginning work each day. Any staff member with a temperature of 99.5 or higher will be sent home to self-quarantine.

Awards- Back of Show Office

- Ribbons will be handed out in the back of the show office.

Stabling Areas-Access

- Access to the stabling area will be restricted to essential personnel- veterinarians, equine care takers (grooms, trainer and riders).
- Trainer should provide an ample quantity of gloves, masks, hand sanitizer and other cleaning/disinfecting products for their staff/customers for use while on premises.

Stabling Areas- Sanitation/Biosecurity

- Bedding delivery by Majestic Farm staff will be made with as little contact as possible.
- Bedding will only be delivered once per day.

Veterinary Care

- Majestic Farm's official veterinarian on grounds will be available for any questions. Phone number will be posted in a visible location at the show office. It is also available on in the prize list.

Facility- Sanitation and Biosecurity

- Individuals must stay six feet apart (social distancing) and must not congregate. We will have someone on the grounds making sure that individuals will be self-distancing.
- No more than 10 people will be allowed in any single area, such as show office, food truck, in-gate, or within each assigned stabling section. Some areas may be further restricted, but no group of more than 10 will be allowed.
- Individuals should wear a mask or other cloth face covering while on the premises. Majestic Farm will provide face coverings for the staff.
- Majestic Farm will provide hand sanitizing stations throughout the premises.
- It is the responsibility of the competitor to self-monitor.
- We are limiting the number of people to the grounds -- no spectators -- leave grandma and grandpa at home.

Food Service- Dakota's Topsy Horse

- Markers indicating six feet will be identifiable to all customers in line, and to employees who will maintain such distance when ever practicable.
- Seating is in an outdoor area. Social distancing is required in this area.

Daily Competition Schedule- Will be on Competitor Notes

- Organizing competition/classes for "show and go" by condensing as many classes of a division (or similar divisions) into as short a time frame as possible. This will allow people to arrive, show and go home within a shorter timeframe.
- Utilize additional competition arenas to shorten days and relieve density. This will mean fewer people on the grounds, and for a shorter period of time.
- Increase frequency of our online schedule and time updates throughout the day, via website and social media. Visit our website or social media for the most up to date information during the shows.

US Equestrian Approves Additional COVID-19 Related Rule Modifications for 2020

The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) has approved additional modifications to USEF rules in accordance with a resolution approved by the Board of Directors to address issues related to the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic. A summary of the most recent modifications is listed below, and the full content of each modification has been added to the comprehensive listing of modifications and appear in blue font. The full listing of rule modifications related to COVID-19 impacts can be viewed by visiting the USEF website. Additional rule modifications continue to be reviewed and will be published when approved.

Latest Modifications to USEF Rules

The modifications listed below are effective immediately and remain in effect for the remainder of the 2020 competition year.

Equipment Inspections – AR246.20.c, DR121.7, DR121.10, DR126.4, DR206.8, RN103.3 and RN103.17

- Dressage– All saddlery and equipment checks will be performed visually and at random. The Technical Delegate may follow the competitor to a designated area for inspection, if necessary. (See below for more detail)

Food and Beverage – GR1216, DR126.3, HJ105.1 and HJ107

All Breeds/Disciplines; additional specifics for Dressage, Hunter, Jumper & H/J Licensed Competitions

- Waives the requirement to make food available and changes it to an option. Details the minimum requirements for providing water for participants.

Judges' Use of Cell Phones – GR1033.3

All breeds/disciplines

- Issues a clarification to the existing rule to better accommodate the use of cell phone or other electronic device technology to relay scores and other information in an effort to minimize the physical exchange of paper.

Modifications Specific to Dressage

Equipment Inspections - DR121.7, DR121.10, DR126.4, DR206.8

All equipment inspections conducted after rides will be visual and completed at random (removed requirement for 1/3 of horses in a class). Additionally, TDs may follow the horse to a designated area for the inspection in order to provide for a safe and socially-distanced inspection. Gloves are not required as the inspections will be visual. The above applies to Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Classes as well.

Judge Placement - DR122.13 & DR126.1g

Judges will not be required to sit together for classes which previously required this (e.g., Young Horse classes) and placement must allow for social distancing.

Scores & Scoresheets – DR123.2, .3, .10, .11 and .12

- Rules have been modified so that scores may be sent electronically (e.g. via email or text) to competitors and/or posted via the internet. Scoresheets must still be provided to the competitor or his representative but these may be provided electronically after the class is concluded. Privacy must still be maintained.
- Additionally, if a scoresheet is only made available after the competition day by electronic methods, competition management must allow for mathematical errors to be reported for 24 hours from the time of distribution. Scores will be corrected but class placements will not change.

Time Schedule & Ride Times – DR126.1b.3 and DR126.1b.4

- The time schedule must be posted in electronic format and/or in an area where social distancing can be adhered to by noon the day before the competition (the posting/distribution method must be included in the prize list). Ride times may not be changed after noon the day before the start of the entire competition, except in compliance with GR830.5.
- Flexibility with ride schedules must be allowed. Classes will not be required to run in their entirety and rides may be scheduled out of sequence. Consideration must still be given to riders entered in more than one class or riding more than one horse. Additionally, at least 50 minutes must still be scheduled between start times for a rider's tests on different horses unless he/she has agreed, in writing, to a shorter interval between tests. Time intervals should be allowed between rides for judge's breaks and awards presentations.

Musical Freestyles – DR129.6a and 6b

The competitor must provide the music in formats/methods specified within the prize list to the announcer at least two (2) hours prior to the start of the class. Please note that CDs are no longer required if the competition management wishes to use a different format. Riders are not permitted to have a representative in the sound system booth.

Awards Ceremonies – DR123.12

Placed horse and rider combinations cannot be required to participate in awards ceremonies. Awards ceremonies should be conducted to allow for social distancing. Rosettes will not be required to be placed on bridles.

DR 126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management and Levels Chart:

Food & Beverages Spectator Services

Food/beverages services are optional for Level 1-3 competitions with the exception that bottled water must be available for Level 2 & 3 competitions (see Levels Chart) and recommended for Level 1 competitions. Additionally, spectator services are not required (per USEF Action Plan). [Click here to see modifications made to the chart \(found on pages 22 to 23\).](#)

Designated Judge/Rider Forms – DR125.8

The Designated Judge/Rider Evaluation forms will be suspended. USEF will contact competitors at random directly following a competition and request that the competitor complete the USEF Evaluation form via their My USEF Account.

Eligibility and Verification of Entries – DR127.2 & GR1035.2c

Technical Delegates are not required to check entries to verify competitor eligibility. Competitors are still required to be eligible and follow all rules for their Championship and/or Championship qualifying purposes. Per DR127.2, Competition secretaries of Federation Dressage Competitions are responsible to the Federation to ensure that horses in qualifying and championship classes are recorded in compliance with GR1102 and riders and owners are current members of the Federation and meet other requirements as set forth in the description of the Championship Classes, including that USDF membership and horse registration requirements are current.

Additional Information

For USEF guidance on conducting pony measurements, reference question number 8 in the Licensed Officials FAQ - COVID-19 Action Plan.

Competitors need to sign two different waivers and the 2nd one is state specific. These can be accessed on the front page of the Majestic Farm Website.