



## **Equestrian Bahamas**

### **COVID-19 Pandemic Enhanced Competition Safety Policy**

#### **Objectives of Policy**

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- Ensure a standard approach across all Equestrian Bahamas Events to mitigate the risk of transmission and further spread of COVID-19 until an effective treatment and/or vaccine as determined by the World Health Organization are available.
- Provide Event Organizers with tools to assess risks potentially posed by Events and identify and implement relevant measures to mitigate such risks.
- Demonstrate to the relevant Authorities within the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the National Olympic Committee (Bahamas Olympic Committee) that Equestrian Event are prepared to resume, subject to approval.

#### **Persons Bound by this Policy**

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- As a condition of their presence on the Event venue, all persons attending an Equestrian Bahamas Event ("Event") are bound by the measures put into place by the Event Organizers under this Policy.
- This includes competitors, trainers, Event Organizing Committee members and their staff/volunteers, Equestrian Bahamas officials, service providers and the public/spectators.

#### **First Steps**

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For each Event the Organizing Committee must:

- Complete the WHO Sports Events Risk Assessment Tool and decide in consultation with Equestrian Bahamas whether to hold the Event.
- Receive confirmation from relevant domestic authorities that the Event may be held.
- Communicate to Equestrian Bahamas a) the outcome of the Risk Assessment; b) the mitigation measures plan; c) the name and contact details of the person in charge; d) confirmation of Event approval from the relevant authorities.

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## General Requirements

The following are general requirements for Equestrian Bahamas Event Organizers and all Attendees of Equestrian Bahamas Events:

- Compliance of all on-site COVID-19 screening protocols as per this Policy
- Face covering (masks) required for entry to venue.
- Face covering (masks) must be worn in any setting where there is a possibility of being six feet of other individuals not members of their immediate household, and when not mounted on a horse.
- Hands must be sanitized upon arrival at venue and frequently while in attendance.
- Social distancing of at least 6 feet between non-family members must be maintained at all times.
- Equestrian Bahamas must be notified if any person is diagnosed with COVID-19 within 14 days of attending an EB Event.

### Before Event

<i>Communication</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name and contact information for designated member of Organizing Committee with overall responsibility for conducting the elements of this Policy should be disseminated to applicable personnel.</li> <li>• Obtain name and contact information for referral of persons who fail COVID-19 screening.</li> </ul>
<i>Entries</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry forms and payments should be submitted online where possible. Where not possible, one person per member club should be designated to submit all entries.</li> </ul>
<i>Personnel</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assign and schedule adequate number of screeners at venue entry point. Obtain necessary equipment: non-contact thermometer; hand sanitizer; wristbands.</li> </ul>
<i>Equipment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stock necessary materials for sanitization throughout day.</li> <li>• Have adequate bins onsite for waste disposal.</li> </ul>

### COVID-19 Screening

<i>Entries</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry forms should include addendum with standard Covid-19 screening questions: Have you had.../Have you been exposed... Entries will not be accepted without this section completed.</li> </ul>
<i>At Venue</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature screening required for entry. If temperature is equal to or greater than 38 degrees Centigrade or equal to or greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit the person cannot enter the venue.</li> <li>• To avoid multiple screenings consider using wristbands for re-entry.</li> <li>• Anyone failing screening must seek medical attention. Any persons on competition grounds exhibiting symptoms of fever or chills should be asked to leave venue immediately and referred to designated COVID-19 referral resource.</li> </ul>

## During Event

<p><b>Communication</b></p> <p><i>Signage</i></p> <p><i>PA System</i></p> <p><i>Enhanced Virtual Communication</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post signage throughout venue (entrances, competition office/entry desk; ringside; tack room; barn shed rows; restroom(s) including recommendations about hygiene, COVID-19 symptoms, face mask and social distancing requirements, etc.</li> <li>• Regular announcements over PA system regarding COVID-19 safety protocols</li> <li>• Incorporate use of mass-texting apps for dissemination of class and scheduling information to coaches, stewards, announcers and even riders and parents if necessary.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Facility</b></p> <p><i>Competition and Public Areas</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have multiple sanitizing stations with access to soap and water or alcohol-based sanitizer throughout grounds, at ringside, entrance and exit points of barn aisles, tack rooms, bathrooms and spectator areas.</li> <li>• Frequently sanitize surfaces touched by multiple people: door handles, light switches, arena gates, entry table, etc.</li> <li>• Provide hand sanitizer to all officials, arena crew, office staff and maintenance staff.</li> <li>• General dressing areas WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.</li> <li>• Community water coolers WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. Only individual water bottles may be used and must be immediately disposed of.</li> <li>• Arrange judge's area to comply with social distancing requirements.</li> <li>• Limit and organize seating areas to comply with social distancing requirements.</li> <li>• Strictly enforce compliance with social distancing requirements in and around schooling and collecting ring areas.</li> <li>• Establish a method of prize-giving (rosettes and trophies) that eliminates or reduces hand-to-hand contact and maintains social distancing.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Stabling and Equipment</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visiting horses/riders must bring their own equipment. Communal sharing of equipment will not be permitted.</li> <li>• Stagger stabling if possible to comply with social distancing requirements.</li> <li>• Restrict access to stabling areas to athletes, veterinarians, officials, grooms, trainers and other essential personnel.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Service Providers and Trade Stands</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor access to washstands so that social distancing requirements are maintained.</li> <li>• Service Providers must adhere to any guidelines issued by the Government of The Bahamas.</li> <li>• Discourage on-site food service unless limited to pre-packaged food and non-mixed drinks. Enforce social distancing at any food distribution stations.</li> </ul>