**Virginia Dressage Association -Charlottesville (VADA CH)**

VADA -CH Rules, Guidelines, and Best Practices for its competitions at Commonwealth Park under current

social distancing and other Federal, State, and Local Requirements.

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This is a working-document for VADA- CH Specific protocol to ensure the safest environment possible for our competitions. We will continue to update this protocol as we receive updates and information from USEF, USDF,

 and local authorities.

• Provide the USEF Waiver for all competitors, grooms and volunteers.

• USEF requires anyone arriving on the grounds to self-monitor their temperature once daily prior to entering the competition grounds. Anyone with a temperature below 100.4°F (38°C) may enter the grounds. Please act responsibly and comply. This applies to EVERYONE.

• Face Coverings are REQUIRED for everyone entering the show office. If you are not wearing a face covering outside, social distancing should be maintained unless individuals are members of the same immediate household.

**VADA CH 2021 COVID-19 Rules, Guidelines, and Best Practices**

VADA -CH has prepared the following list of Rules, Guidelines, and Best Practices in preparation for the VADA- CH hosted 2022 competition. The objective of this document is to familiarize competitors/staff of COVID-19 protocol that must be adhered to at all VADA -CH hosted competitions. Failure to follow the guidelines may result in expulsion from the show grounds.

The VADA CH competition management has taken into consideration the size of Commonwealth Park 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 - Show Office, Stabling Area, and Warm-up areas.

We believe these guidelines are well within our scope to institute and enforce during our competitions. We will update these guidelines as needed based on State and Local Government requirements and/or recommendations from other local environmental health and public health agencies. Updates will be posted at VADA - CH website www.vada-ch.org.

**Resources:**

Visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) or [www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/%20) to learn ways to prevent and avoid exposure to COVID-19.

The USEF has provided extensive guidelines for competitions.  These resources are located at <https://www.usef.org/media/covid19-toolkit>.

**Commonwealth Park- – COVID-19 Wellness**

1. 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 will be barred from or removed from the grounds.
2. All Individuals should monitor their temperature daily, and should not enter the premises if presenting with a temperature of 100.4 or higher.
3. All individuals, including participants, VADA-CH competition staff, officials, and volunteers, **must** wear a mask or face covering while entering the show office for any reason. If you have a medical/ADA issue, refer to the USEF Action Plan for the procedure to document your issue.
4. Upon entry into the venue -competitors, if not done online and volunteers, at the volunteer station, must sign the USEF waiver.
5. All competitors and support personnel are responsible for monitoring their own personal and family health prior too, during, and after attending a competition. If anyone who was present on the competition grounds test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the conclusion of the competition must notify VADA CH Safety Coordinator (Nancy Lowey. 540 229 5422) immediately.
6. The competition is open to all-competitors, essential support personnel (e.g., owner, trainer, coach, parent, groom/assistant), competition staff, officials, service providers, volunteers and spectators.
7. Barn access is not restricted to essential personnel associated with a horse, vets, braiders, night watch, Show Staff/Officials.

**Arrival and Check-In**

1. If your entry is complete the packet pick up will be in the secretary’s office, Stall assignment(s) will be listed on your packet and also on the Horse Show Office website. There will be physical signage with stall assignments near the stabling area.
2. Official ride times will be posted on the HorseShowOffice.com [horseshowoffice.com/](http://horseshowoffice.com/) . Stall assignments will be posted there also.
3. Class results are available on HorseShowOffice.com  [horseshowoffice.com/](http://horseshowoffice.com/) and via text messaging. Note: To receive text messaging feature contact Bettina Longaker (text/phone 540-222-5850) for set-up assistance.

**Show Grounds Facility**

1. People on the show grounds do not have to wear a mask outside. Practice social distancing (6’ feet between individuals) at all times. Do not congregate.
2. All individuals should frequently wash hands or use hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol.
3. Restrooms, touchpoints, and common areas will be cleaned by personnel and sanitized throughout each day of the competition.

**Stabling**

1. All individuals may wear a mask or face covering in the stabling area and do your best to maintain social distancing,
2. Encourage handwashing or hand sanitization before entering the stabling area.
3. Personnel will regularly clean and disinfect high contact areas in each barn throughout the day.  Do your part to keep the barns clean and dispose of trash in receptacles.
4. Trainers are responsible for the conduct and adherence to the protocols for their clients and staff.
5. Groom and tack your horse in the stall.  Not in the barn aisle. Mount and dismount outside the barn.

**Schooling and Warm-Up Rings**

1. Competitors must check in with the ring steward and adhere to show protocols.
2. Schooling and warm-up rings will be monitored by a ring steward to ensure rings do not become overcrowded and social distancing practiced.
3. During competition hours, rings will be limited only to riders warming up for the upcoming class.
4. Trainer and/or support personnel coaching a rider in the competition area must be mindful of practicing social distancing and other groups.
5. All individuals may wear a mask and/or face covering at all times on the show grounds.

**Competition and Equipment Checks**

1. Show braiding is optional.
2. A Ring Steward will make a visual equipment check for a prescribed number of class competitors.   If any questions arise regarding equipment checks, a TD will accompany the competitor back to the barn and/or a selected area to discuss the issue.

**Class Awards/ribbons and TESTs**

1. Tests will be available at the Awards area.
2. Class ribbons/prizes will be picked up in the Awards area in the Secretary’s office.
3. All individuals shouldhave a Class Number to pick-up prizes/ribbons to minimize competitor/volunteer
interaction and expedite the process.
4. Social distancing should be practiced at the entry to the awards area with social distancing requirements kept in mind.
5. A maximum of 10 individuals in line at one time practicing social distancing. If the number exceeds,
individuals will be kindly asked to return at a later time.
6. Designated Awards area hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1 hour after the last class for the day.
7. Ribbons /prizes will not be mailed.
8. All individuals must wear a mask and/or face covering to pick up prizes, in the Secretary’s office.
9. Awards area will be periodically sanitized throughout then show.