

TUCSON DRESSAGE CLUB MARCH MADNESS 2021 SHOW

COVID-19 PROCEDURES HANDBOOK WHAT TO KNOW & WHAT TO BRING!

The Tucson Dressage Club “TDC” considers the safety, health and wellness of Horses, Exhibitors, Spectators, Staff, and Community our Number One Priority in the face of this unprecedented crisis.

Physical Social Distancing is possible at Horse Shows if we all work together. The TDC Show has put together a list of actions we will be putting into practice at our horse shows for the foreseeable future per United States Equestrian Federation “U.S.E.F.” requirements. **We are all required to follow this protocol in order to have the show sanctioned by U.S.E.F.**

As the knowledge and information about how best to prevent the spread of COVID 19 pandemic evolves, we anticipate that some of these practices will also evolve, and this may not be an all-inclusive list. Please remember that everything we are requiring is in the interest of the safety of all, so please come prepared! What YOU need to bring for COVID Protocols:

1. A MASK OR FACE COVERING.

U.S.E.F. requires a facemask or face covering for all staff, officials, volunteers, service providers and participants when not mounted on a horse. This requirement will be followed and enforced by all Tucson Dressage Club personnel along with social distancing requirements. While on the Pima County Fairground’s property, we respectfully ask you to follow Social Distancing protocols. You will be required to wear a mask at all times in show areas and in pathways to and from show areas if you may be closer than 6 feet to other persons, unless you are on a horse. **You will need to provide your own masks/face coverings.** Please be sure to have a mask with you at all times in case you encounter a situation where you are less than 6 feet from other, even if they are friends or family. The mask must be worn so that it covers your nose and mouth.

If an individual needs an accommodation under the American Disabilities Act, please submit the request before the competition, along with documentation of the disability and need for accommodation, to <https://www.usef/legalrequest.@usef.org>. It should be noted that they are experiencing a high volume of legal inquiries at this time, and they will respond as soon as possible. Requests for accommodations will be reviewed on a confidential basis with a medical consultant.

2. TEMPERATURES.

U.S.E.F. requires all participants to monitor their temperature once a day. This includes riders, trainers, owners, and any staff helping at the show each day. Wipe the thermometer head with isopropyl alcohol (70%) after each thermometer check. Per the United States of America's Center for Disease Control, any temperature 99.5° F (37.5° C) or greater is a considered a fever. **This will be your responsibility to monitor temperatures.**

Competition Staff, Service Providers & Show Officials will have their temperature monitored by the Safety & Compliance Director.

3. HAND SANITIZER.

You will need to provide your own hand sanitizer for your barn area, in your grooming kit, or with you. You should bring materials to regularly sanitize your barn area, i.e. chairs, tables, tack trunks, etc. And bring your own buckets, hoses, fans, extension cords, etc. Do not leave it in your car as it might cause a fire.

4. WHO CAN COME.

U.S.E.F. is restricting competitions to Service Providers, Support Personnel, Competition Staff, and Participants. All Support Personnel and Participants entering the facility are required to self-monitor their temperature once daily prior to entering the competition grounds. Their temperatures must be less than 99.5° F (37.5° C).

Definitions:

Public/Spectators – Spectators refers to the general public, fans, or any individuals who are not directly involved in the competition by way of being a participant, a member

of competition staff, a service provider (e.g. media or photographer), volunteer, or other support personnel (farrier, veterinarian, etc.).

Service Providers – Service providers are those individuals or entities who provide direct services contracted by competition management. Service providers include but are not limited to vendors, caterers, feed suppliers, photographers, videographers, media, cleaning service providers (including portable restroom service), and waste disposal personnel.

Support Personnel - Support personnel are those individuals employed or contracted by participants who are essential for providing care to horses and/or participants. Support personnel include, but are not limited to, veterinarians, veterinarian technicians, farriers, equine therapists, and braiders, etc.

Competition Staff - Competition staff includes any individual who is employed or contracted by competition management. Competition staff includes, but is not limited to, competition office staff, volunteers, medical personnel, awards crew, warm up stewards, ring steward, test runners, announcers, licensed officials, scribes, etc.

Participants – Any reference to Participants includes owners, lessees, riders, athletes, parents, drivers, trainers, coaches, grooms, personal care assistants (PCAs), and any other required support personnel/staff that are essential for providing care to the horses and/or the athletes.

5. WHO CAN'T COME.

Anyone with a temperature of 99.5° F (37.5° C) or higher may not enter the Pima County Fairgrounds. Anyone who: 1) exhibits COVID-19 symptoms; 2) has tested positive for COVID-19 within last two weeks; or 3) has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks cannot enter the competition grounds. Exception: Healthcare personnel who have treated patients using appropriate medical-grade PPE during the course of performing professional duties are exempted from this restriction. And members of the general public are not able to attend U.S.E.F. shows at this time.

6. SOCIAL DISTANCING.

Social distancing of 6 feet is required in all show areas even around family and fellow barn members per U.S.E.F. action plan. Think of the 6 feet distance as the length of a small pony from nose to tail

IMPORTANT: SOCIAL MEDIA POSTING! Please be aware that when posting **anything on social media, it can be a reflection on our entire sport.** The T.D.C. Show staff has done our best to address every area of our sport to make it as safe as possible to begin showing again during this worldwide pandemic. Although the phrase “We are in this together” has become overused, we must depend on everyone in our sport to come together to do our individual part; otherwise we won’t be able to conduct sanctioned U.S.E.F. shows. The T.D.C. Show is committed to enforcing all restrictions to the best of our ability, but we cannot be everywhere at all times. Negative social media or social media that shows what could be perceived as ignoring Social Distancing could potentially cause unnecessary hardship to our entire industry, which has already suffered severe economic effects. Please take an extra look at your photo or post to examine if something looks out of context. Please consider posting a date when posting a photo at a horse show prior to COVID-19 protocols that may be considered a violation of social distancing by today’s standards.

*******More importantly, if you witness anything that you feel is unsafe in this current environment, PLEASE BRING IT TO MANAGEMENT’S ATTENTION.** We are all learning how to make things safer and it is Tucson Dressage Club’s continued pledge to make whatever changes we can to ensure everyone’s safety and wellbeing.

SHOW REMINDERS

Entries. Please make complete entries. In other words, make sure all information is correct, all signatures are provided, a check if not using equestrian entries, and stabling

information. Also remember to provide emergency contact information and to sign the new separate Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement as well as the updated Federation Entry Agreement. Both of these are absolutely required by the U.S.E.F., as a condition of participation. Both these waivers are connected to your entries on Equestrian Entries <https://www.eqentries.com/> and in the prizelist that was mailed out. The number packets will not be handed out until all of the paperwork is completed. **Be sure all U.S.E.F. and United States Dressage Federation “U.S.D.F” memberships are current. Make sure you have completed and passed the Safe Sport Training by U.S.E.F. well before the show. This is required for trainers, riders and owners that are 18 and over.**

Stalls. Prior to arrival at the Pima County Fairgrounds, you will have received your stall assignment. Stall locations will be assigned to meet the social distancing guidelines. Stall charts will be posted in several locations through out the barns.

Please email your approximate arrival time to the Pima County Fairgrounds to TDC Show management. This will help us manage the social distancing so we don't have too many people unloading in the same area at the same time.

Ribbons & Tests. These will be available for pick up at a designated area.

Responsibilities of Participants. Trainers, Owner, Riders, Support Personnel, and Participants are required to wear a facemask or face covering when not mounted on a horse. Everyone is required to comply with social distancing requirements and all best practices and guidelines in effect at the facility.

We ask trainers to remember that you are responsible for your staff. You are required under the U.S.E.F. action plan to provide no contact thermometers to your staff and require temperature monitoring. And to regularly sanitize golf carts, your bikes, cars/trucks, stable doors, buckets, light switches and equipment in your barn area including tack, grooming, feeding, stall cleaning materials, etc. Please bring all the same

materials and operating protocols that you have implemented in your private barn operation since the Covid-19 pandemic started. **Tucson Dressage Club will not provide hand sanitizer, gloves, masks, or other personal protective equipment to your barn staff.**

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE THIS
A FUN AND SUCCESSFUL TUCSON DRESSAGE CLUB SHOW!
SADDLE UP AND RIDE!**