



Mandatory Requirements for Participants

J. General

USEF-Licensed competitions must operate in accordance with the USEF COVID-19 Action Plan for USEF-Licensed Competitions (Plan). This plan is based on federal, state and local regulations, [WHO recommendations](#), [CDC guidelines](#) and USEF requirements. There will be times when regulations, recommendations, guidelines and requirements may differ. In these instances, the more restrictive regulations, recommendations, guidelines and requirements will prevail and supersede all others, e.g. face masks/coverings may not be required by a state or local government but is required at a USEF licensed competition nonetheless due to CDC guidance.

[Participants](#) are required to comply with these and any additional Competition Organizer requirements at all times while present on competition grounds. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the grounds.

These requirements are in effect immediately and until further notice, however, they are subject to revisions as the COVID-19 virus environment changes.

If participants have any questions, please contact Debbie Saliling by email at dsaliling@usef.org or by phone at (859) 225-6930.

K. Waiver/Release & Indemnity Agreement

Provide emergency contact information and execute an updated *Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement* required by USEF, as a condition of participation. Please ensure use of the updated form provided by competition organizer.



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L. Access

- [Participants](#) and [Support Personnel](#) are required to self-monitor their temperature once daily prior to entering the competition grounds. Anyone with a temperature of 99.5° F (37.5° C) or higher may not enter the facility.
- Anyone who:
 - exhibits [COVID-19 symptoms](#),
 - has tested positive for COVID-19 within last two weeks, or
 - 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.*

- Refer to Appendix A for CDC guidelines for self-isolation/quarantine directives in the event a person has a fever or exhibits other symptoms of COVID-19.
- Participants and Support Personnel are required to wear a facemask or face covering **at all times while on competition grounds** ~~when in any setting where there is a possibility of being within six feet of other individuals, and~~ when not mounted on a horse or seated in a horse-drawn carriage or cart. You can find recommendations for proper use of face masks and face coverings via the [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention website](#).
 - *If an individual requires modification to this face mask/face covering requirement, please submit written request, accompanied by documentation substantiating the need for modification, to legalrequests@usef.org. It should be noted that we are experiencing a high volume of legal inquiries at this time, and we will respond as quickly as possible. Requests for modifications will be reviewed on a confidential basis with a medical consultant.*

***A participant may choose to wear a facemask or face covering when mounted on a horse and cannot be disqualified or penalized for doing so while competing.*

- 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 Competition Organizer must be notified immediately. Direct USEF reports to ksacco@usef.org

****Questions regarding access to competition grounds and eligibility to participate in competition that may not be clearly identified under the points above or under [Point F on page 8](#) must be directed to ksacco@usef.org or dsaliling@usef.org, who will consult with USEF medical experts and provide a written decision from the USEF with regard to the participant's eligibility.*



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M. Social Distancing/Participation Protocols

- All individuals must practice social distancing (or physical distancing) at all times while on the competition grounds by staying at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from any person who is not a member of their ***immediate household***. Members of the same household are still required to wear masks or face coverings ***at all times while on competition grounds***. ~~when there is a possibility of being within six feet of any other individuals, including members of their own household.~~

* Exceptions

- *Social distancing is not required while competing (including warm-up) in driving classes where more than one participant is seated in the horse-drawn carriage or cart.*
 - *Individuals are allowed to be seated together while being transported by golf cart (or similar four-wheeled transport vehicle), but capacity may not exceed the number of seats on the cart or vehicle and all individuals must wear face masks or face coverings. Congregating on or around a parked or stationary golf cart or vehicle is prohibited.*
- Wash hands often and adhere to other sanitization practices throughout the day.