



IEA COVID-19

OVERVIEW GUIDELINES FOR SAFE PRACTICES AT IEA EVENTS

During these extraordinarily difficult times caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, our 2019-2020 season was ended, but not completed. The IEA Board and management made decisions based upon best information available and translated the data into keeping our riders, coaches, staff and supporters as healthy as possible.

We look forward to our 2020-2021 season beginning in August, and our primary goal is to keep everyone associated with our organization safe and healthy in the new season, while still providing an opportunity to ride and compete. To do so, the IEA COVID-19 Task Force has created a Good/Better/Best IEA Event Guideline and a COVID-19 Resource Guide. In addition, a few Rules have been amended/added so we can adjust to operating in this environment.

Effective July 1, 2020, and until further notice from the IEA, the following protocols are MANDATORY at all IEA events in the 20-21 Season:

- Verification of personal temperature of less than 100.4 degrees before arriving on Show grounds.
- Regardless of temperature, do not attend the Event if feeling ill, showing any signs that could potentially be related to COVID-19, or if you have been in contact with anyone diagnosed or showing symptoms of COVID-19 within 10 days* of the event.
 - * *While the ideal quarantine time is still considered to be 14 days, it is recognized that a shorter quarantine period may balance significant societal burdens against the progressively smaller possibility of spreading the virus over time after exposure. An individual may discontinue quarantine after Day 10 following close contact (exposure) without testing if no COVID-19 symptoms are present.*
- Face covering (Mask) **MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES** while attending an IEA show as a SPECTATOR, PARTICIPANT or OFFICIAL.
- Competitors must wear face coverings (masks) at all times except when mounted on a horse.
- If an individual needs a reasonable accommodation to the face covering (mask) requirement due to a verifiable disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act, a face shield should be worn. Any alternative accommodations to the face covering requirement must be confirmed by the membership office at least 48 hours before the event.
- Hands must be washed and/or sanitized upon arrival at Show grounds and frequently while in attendance. Attendees should bring a personal supply of hand sanitizer.
- Maintain Social-Distancing of at least 6 feet between non-family members.
- **Each rider is limited to bringing no more than one (1) attendant (guardian/spectator) per show.**
Sibling riders are limited to one (1) shared attendant (guardian/spectator) per show. Depending on spacing and each show facility's policy, the attendant may or may not be permitted ringside to watch the rider compete.
- Advise the IEA membership office if any person is diagnosed with COVID-19 within 14 days of attending an IEA Event.
- National/State/Local Government and/or Health Department rules may differ from these IEA Guidelines/Rules. In ALL cases, the more restrictive regulations, recommendations, guidelines and requirements will prevail.

Please note: **THE IEA WILL CONSISTENTLY MONITOR THE COVID-19 SITUATION AND ADAPT ACCORDINGLY. NATIONAL/STATE/LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND/OR HEALTH DEPARTMENT RULES MAY DIFFER FROM THESE IEA GUIDELINES/RULES. IN ALL CASES, THE MORE RESTRICTIVE REGULATIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS, GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS WILL PREVAIL. PLEASE REVIEW APPROPRIATE INFORMATION BEFORE HOLDING/ATTENDING AN IEA EVENT.**

Additional documents and resources available in the *IEA COVID-19 Resource Hub* include the following:

- Information Resource Links:
 - USEF/USHJA/NRHA/AAEP/AHC/EDCC
 - State-by-State Resource Guide Link
- Updated IEA Rules/Amendments for 20-21
- Best Practice Event Guidelines including:
 - Pre-Show Preparation, Scheduling and Communication
 - Cleaning/Disinfecting/Restrooms/Changing areas
 - Distribution of coach packets/draws/courses/etc.
 - Horse handling/mounting procedures
 - Award presentations
 - Vendors and Fundraising
- IEA Participant COVID-19 checklist (coming soon)

The Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) recognizes the health and safety of participants as a top priority, and will continue to define important safety measures in response to COVID-19. However, participants, attendees, vendors and all others who may be physically present at an IEA event must be aware and acknowledge that attendance at any group sporting event carries with it the risk of exposure to airborne viruses, including COVID-19. IEA members must acknowledge the inherent risks, including the public health risk presented by the Coronavirus, of participation/attendance in a group sporting event, and that IEA cannot guarantee personal physical safety and cannot be held liable for participants' or attendees' possible exposure to viral disease.

Programs may be modified or suspended immediately and without notice because of force majeure causes beyond the IEA's reasonable control and occurring without its fault or negligence including, but not limited to, acts of god, fire, wars, governmental action, terrorism, epidemic, pandemic, or any other event beyond the IEA's control.