

# HORSE SPORT IRELAND COVID 19 Protocols for Breeding Events

# **Behind closed doors – No Spectators until further notice**

## **ENTRY TO VENUES**

Any person displaying any of the symptoms associated with Covid-19, or any person who has been in contact with a person displaying symptoms or a confirmed case should not attend the venue

Social distancing – minimum 2M, must be adhered to all times until such changes by the Government take place. There will be no tolerance of non-compliance and we expect each person in attendance will always be expected to take responsibility for their own actions.

The following protocols have been developed in order to safeguard attendees and staff in accordance with government guidelines at all times during the affiliated show.

#### **Venue Preparation**

The venue is responsible for the Covid-19 compliance and adherence to all government guidelines at the event, including track and trace and provision of a covid-19 compliance officer and report. The venue will provide Covid-19 Compliance Officer who will attend the venue at all times during the event and will complete a report as required. The venue will receive guidelines from Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) as the sponsor of the event to ensure the all Covid-19 measures are in place.

The following must be in place prior to the arrival of the attendees, officials and staff: -

- Person responsible to sign in of all attendees at the event.
- Signage for Health & Safety will be updated to include Covid 19 Protocols and social distancing measures.
- Appropriate number of sanitizing stations throughout the venue in all public areas and all critical control points.
- Enhanced cleaning schedules for all High-Risk areas of venues.
- Catering facilities will be offered in line with Government guidelines e.g. Takeout only until restaurants are permitted to open.

#### **ENTRY SYSTEM**

- All competitors must complete an entry to allow for traceability of all attendees as per government guidelines.
- ALL entries will be completed paper/online prior to the competition day.
- A start list will be emailed to all entries with time slots which should be



adhered to, we cannot accept entries that do not arrive on time on the day.

# JUDGES/INSPECTORS

- Social distancing to be practiced at all times.
- Judges/inspectors will bring their own PPE, however venues may need to offer PPE products.
- Judges/inspectors to mark sheets independently at events for the period of COVID-19. For some events, a scribe will transfer the data from the independent sheets on to the final marking sheet.
- Consideration should be given to the provision of sneeze screens, face visors/masks, and PPE to ensure that the risk to any Officials is negated.
- Approved hand sanitizer gel should be available by the judges/inspector table.
- Consult with judges/inspectors to ensure they are comfortable with the arrangements provided.

It is essential that these Covid protocols which have been produced in line with the government guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic around social distancing are strictly adhered to.

## AT THE EVENT

- On arrival at the venue, all entries will be confirmed at the entrance, along with the attendees listed to accompany them as included on the entry.
- All competitors must wear face masks at all times during the event.
- On entrance to the venue you will be asked to confirm attendees and complete a Covid-19 contact tracing form. There will be an allowance of two people per entry.

## PARKING

• A parking attendant will be in place when required to direct attendees to their parking areas. However, it is advised that all competitors attending events are responsible to park 3m/5m from the next person until restrictions are lifted.

## ENTRANCE AND EXIT TO THE ARENA

- One Groom/assistant per applicant. All applicants please take responsibility for health & safety regulations.
- At most 2 applicants to be in the arena at any one time. If possible, utilize separate entrance and exit gates.
  If this is not possible, ensure the waiting area is kept clear to minimize contact between applicants.

## FINISHED COMPETING/INSPECTION AT THE EVENT

Return to your designated parking area to load up prior to leaving the event. Any applicant who has finished competing/inspection is requested to leave the venue as soon as



possible to adhere to the government regulations with regards to the number of attendees allowed at the venue.

NO results or prize-giving will take place on the day.

Results will be provided as soon as possible directly to the applicant following the competition. Prize money will be transferred via electronic banking. All applicants will be emailed to submit details for payment of the prize money where applicable.

All information in this document is continually being updated in line with government Covid-19 guidelines. Please ensure that all applicants are familiar with the procedures before attending the events. Further updates will be issued in line with changes in government guidelines.

#### THESE PROTOCOLS ARE FOR HORSE SPORT IRELAND BREEDING EVENTS including Foal Championship, 3-Year-Old Filly Loose Jumping and HSI Mare inspections