**Virginia Dressage Association -Central (VADA CC)**

VADA -CC Rules, Guidelines, and Best Practices for its competitions at The Meadow Event Park under current

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

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This is a working-document for VADA- CC 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.

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

VADA -CC has prepared the following list of Rules, Guidelines, and Best Practices in preparation for the VADA- CC hosted 2021 competition. The objective of this document is to familiarize competitors/staff of COVID-19 protocol that must be adhered to at all VADA -CC hosted competitions. Failure to follow the guidelines may result in expulsion from the show grounds.

The VADA CC competition management has taken into consideration the size of The Meadow Event 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 - CC website www.vada-cc.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>.

**The Meadow Event 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-CC competition staff, officials, and volunteers, **must** wear a mask or face covering while on the show grounds. The only exception is when mounted on a horse. If you have a medical/ADA issue, refer to the USEF Action Plan for the procedure to document your issue and receive USEF dispensation.
4. Upon entry into the horse park, the volunteer staff will request everyone to complete a health check questionnaire, sign a USEF wavier, have their temperature taken by a staff member. Please allow yourself ample time for this process. Arm bracelets will be given out and worn by all after this procedure.
5. All individuals should monitor their temperature daily, and should not enter the premises if presenting with a temperature of 100.4 or higher.
6. 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 CC Safety Coordinator (Nancy Lowey. 540 229 5422) immediately.
7. The competition is only open to competitors, essential support personnel (e.g., owner, trainer, coach, parent, one groom/assistant), competition staff, officials, service providers, and volunteers. All support personnel associated with a horse must be listed on the entry form and sign the USEF waiver. NO other family members, relatives, friends are allowed on the show grounds.
8. Barn access is restricted to essential personnel associated with a horse, vets, braiders, night watch, Show Staff/Officials.
9. **NO SPECTATORS** will be allowed on the show grounds.

**Arrival and Check-In**

1. Following your health assessment -including temperature, questionnaire, waiver and arm band bracelet- at the show entrance gate, proceed to the Packet pick up Tent for packet pick up. Stall assignment(s) will be listed on your packet and also on the Horse Show Office website. In the event an entry is not complete, contact Bettina Longaker (text/phone 540-222-5850) to set up an appointment to finalize entry after your health assessment.  Please note the show office will not be open to competitors. *Appointment only*.
2. Official ride times will be posted on the HorseShowOffice.com [horseshowoffice.com/](http://horseshowoffice.com/) up. 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. Practice social distancing (6’ feet between individuals) at all times. Do not congregate.
2. Immediate Household Groups must be identified by filling out the Immediate Household Identification Form and receiving an identifying wristband. This will permit those individuals to be closer than 6 feet.
3. All individuals should frequently wash hands or use hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol. Hand washing and disinfection stations are available throughout the show grounds.
4. Restrooms, touchpoints, and common areas will be cleaned by personnel and sanitized throughout each day of the competition.

**Stabling**

1. VADA CC will arrange stabling so there is the appropriate social distance between trainer groups. Use only your entrance to your aisle to access your stalls. Do not enter aisles/stabling areas of other trainer groups.
2. All individuals must wear mask or face covering, maintain social distancing, and limit group size to ten (10).
3. Encourage handwashing or hand sanitization before entering the stabling area. Sanitization stations will be located throughout each barn.
4. 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.
5. Trainers are responsible for the conduct and adherence to the protocols for their clients and staff.
6. 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 must wear a mask and/or face covering at all times on the show grounds unless mounted.

**Competition and Equipment Checks**

1. Show braiding is optional.
2. Readers must wear his/her mask to read the test to the competitor.
3. A Ring Steward will make a visual equipment check for a prescribed number of class competitors. There will be a designated whip measuring area located on the fence with tape defining the allowed whip length.  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. **All tests** will be scanned in the show office and emailed on show day to each competitor
2. Class ribbons/prizes will be picked up in the designated Awards area on the show grounds.
3. All individuals **MUST** have Class Number to pick-up prizes/ribbons to minimize competitor/volunteer
interaction and expedite the process.
4. Social distancing will be practiced with signs located at the entry to the awards area outlining social distancing requirements and test pick-up procedures.  There will be social distance floor decals/tape defining the 6’ separation.
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, and ribbon.
9. Gloves are available to wear for picking up ribbon/prizes.
10. Awards tables will be regularly sanitized throughout the show.