

Welcome back to the to the Rancho Mission Viejo Riding Park in San Juan Capistrano!

Safety is a top priority and below is a summary of the plan in place for a strong opening of the 2020 horse show season.

The following list of Guidelines and Best Practices is currently in place at Rancho Mission Viejo Riding Park in San Juan Capistrano, California in preparation for Equestrian events to re-open in the Summer of 2020. These guidelines have been developed based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, World Health Organization (WHO), State and Local Government mandates, and the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Covid-19 mitigation recommendations. Updates to the guidelines will be based on State and Local Government requirements and/or recommendations from the USEF and/or other local environmental health and public health agencies. Updates will be posted at Showpark.com and on Blenheim EquiSports Social Media.

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COVID-19 Mitigation Plan and Protocols

The guidelines are focused on four factors recommended by the CDC and state and local health officials to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 virus. They include:

- Maintaining social/physical distancing
- Good hand hygiene
- Wearing a cloth facemask or face covering
- Staying home if you are sick

General

- Screening and monitoring – All Blenheim EquiSports, LLC (BES) competition staff received training on staying healthy in the COVID-19 environment. All staff temperatures and symptoms are monitored daily. Competition staff with a temperature greater or equal to 99.5 degrees F. are **not** allowed to work.
- Sanitation – BES has contracted with a sanitation company to provide re-stocking, and frequent daily cleaning and disinfection of temporary toilet facilities, handwashing/sanitizing stations, the show office, high touch surfaces and to provide a nightly deep-cleaning of the competition grounds.
- Social/Physical Distancing Contract – while on the competition grounds, participants, officials, service providers, trainers and grooms agree to follow the 6 foot (2 arm's length) social distancing guideline. Social or physical distancing means keeping a 6-foot distance between you and other individuals who are not consistently living the same household.

- Avoid congregating
 - Spectators are prohibited
- Social Distancing Enforcement – Social distancing requirements will be enforced throughout the competition grounds. All BES competition staff have the authority to warn and remind anyone on the competition grounds of the necessity of social distancing.
- Golf Cart Use - 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 cloth face mask or face covering. Congregating on or around a parked or stationary golf cart or vehicle is prohibited.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – A cloth facemask or face covering is required at all times for all competition staff, officials, trainers, service providers and participants when not mounted on a horse. This requirement includes members of the same household.
- Signage – Signs are posted throughout the competition grounds and with recommendations about good hand hygiene along with information about ways to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission and how to recognize symptoms.
- Communication Plan - BES will notify all participants and competition staff if a person who was present on the competition grounds tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the conclusion of competition.
- Emergency Response Plan – An Emergency Response Plan specific to a COVID-19 incident or outbreak is available at Showpark.com.
- Occupancy - Daily competition occupancy and stabling are based on maintaining social/physical distancing. Waitlist policy is unchanged and available in the Prize List.

Venue Access

- All staff, officials, service providers and participants with a temperature **below** or equal to 99.5° F (37.5° C) may enter the competition grounds.
 - All staff, officials, service providers and participants are screened using a no touch thermometer prior to venue entrance.
 - Random temperature testing may be conducted daily on the competition grounds.
- The public, spectators, and non-essential personnel such as guests are prohibited on the competition grounds.
- Anyone who exhibits [COVID-19 symptoms](#) , has tested positive for COVID-19 or has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks, cannot enter the competition grounds.
 - Absence of COVID-19 symptoms or exposure is attested by participant signature on the BES waiver.
 - Absence of COVID-19 symptoms or exposure is attested by the service provider on the BES Vendor Agreement.

Show Office – Checking in and Out

- Competition office access is restricted to essential personnel and/or actions only.
 - Online options are available for bedding, feed, entries, add/drop changes
 - When entering the competition office adherence to social distancing and face coverings are required.
 - Hand sanitizing is required prior to show office entry and upon exiting.

Stabling

- Access to the stabling area is restricted to essential personnel - veterinarians, equine caretakers (grooms), trainers and participants.
- Horse arrivals and departures will be coordinated to limit contact between people.
- Non-essential individuals should not enter the stabling area.
- Stabling areas are spread out on the competition grounds to comply with social/physical distancing requirements to manage concentration of horses and people.
 - Use only your entrance
 - Do not enter other barn aisles or stabling areas
 - Stabling area should be kept clean
 - Do not use stabling area as a waiting area
- Handwashing stations will be provided.
- Trainers should provide cloth or disposable facemasks, hand sanitizer and other cleaning/disinfecting products for their staff/customers/barn for use while on competition grounds.

Stabling Areas – Sanitation / Biosecurity

- Handwashing or hand sanitization should be done upon entering and exiting the stabling area.
 - “Gel in Gel out”
- Handwashing or hand sanitizing should be done regularly
- Touch only the equipment and supplies necessary for completing tasks of caring for and exercising the specific horse(s).
 - Limit horse to horse contact
 - Limit the number of individuals handling each individual horse
- Do not share equipment or tack
 - Disinfect after each use
- Feed/Bedding delivery by competition staff will be made with as little contact as possible.
- Trainers are required to regularly sanitize bikes/motorbikes/golf carts/car & truck door handles and other high touch place.
- Avoid the use of communal water and water hoses

Daily Competition Procedures

- Competition/Classes are organized for “Show and Go” by condensing as many classes of a division (or similar divisions) into as short a time frame as possible. This will allow people to arrive, show and go home within a shorter timeframe.
- Additional competition arenas are available for use to shorten days and relieve density.
- Course walks will be adjusted to maintain physical/social distancing
 - Time will be adjusted to allow access
 - Cloth facemask or face covering is required at all times while on the competition grounds
 - “Gel in Gel Out” required
- Mounting blocks are available to reduce person-to-person contact when mounting a horse.
- Judging results will be submitted electronically when possible to minimize person-to-person contact.

Competition Rings/Schooling / Warm-up Areas

- Each competition ring will have a dedicated schooling area with 3-4 practice jumps.
 - Cloth facemasks or face covering is required when not mounted on a horse
 - Hand sanitizing is required upon entry and exit – “Gel in Gel out”
- The Ring Check-in/Order-of-Go system will encourage trainers to prepare all horses for a class at once, so only one jump in the schooling area is used for each trainer group.
- Warm-up rings will be closely monitored to avoid crowding.
- Cleaning of jump cups will be done regularly.

Food and Hospitality

- There is no VIP Hospitality.
- County licensed food truck(s) will be available for the duration of the show day
 - Social/physical distancing of 6 feet must be maintained while waiting or picking up food.
 - Limited seating is available while keeping with social distancing guidelines.
- Trainers should ensure adequate food and beverage supplies for their barn and support staff for the duration of the competition to avoid unnecessary community exposure.
 - Food and water may be brought to the competition grounds.
 - Limited seating is available while keeping with social distancing guidelines.

Awards

- Ribbons will not be provided to reduce the amount of person-to-person contact.
- Other awards may be picked-up at the Ring In gate.