



COVID-19 PROTOCOLS AND BEST PRACTICES

This is a working-draft of Protocols to ensure the safest environment possible for the Participants and Staff. We will continue to update this protocol as we receive updates and information from USEF, State and Local Authorities.

USEF's Action Plan for Return to Competition will be followed in addition to the Northern Winter Classics & the Murieta Autumn Classic Protocols. If any protocol is contradicted in either document, or in state/local protocols, the strictest protocol will be followed. All competition staff, will be checked upon entry to the Murieta Equestrian Center, anyone with a temperature of 100.4° F or higher may not enter the facility.

Trainers are responsible for ensuring that their clients and staff have read and fully understand the protocols.

General

- **Facility Access** – Upon arrival to the Murieta Equestrian Center (MEC) a wristband will be provided upon completion of the MEC Release, which must be worn for the duration of the show. Upon entry into MEC all individuals are required to self-monitor their temperature and anyone with a temperature of 100.4° F or higher must immediately leave the show. Anyone who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms or has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks, cannot enter MEC.
- **Social/Physical Distancing** – While at MEC, competition staff, participants, service providers, trainers and equine caretakers agree to follow the 6 foot (2 arm's length) social distancing guideline.
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** – A cloth facemask or face covering is required for all competition staff, trainers, service providers and participants when not mounted on a horse.
- **Spectators** - The public and spectators, **are prohibited** on the competition grounds.
- **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.

Daily Competition Procedures

- **Warm-up Rings** - Limited to two individuals per warm-up jump (not including the participant) and will be closely monitored by competition staff to avoid overcrowding. Individuals must wipe down jump equipment after use. Cleaning of jump cups will be done regularly by competition staff.
- **Course Walks** - Will be adjusted to maintain physical/social distancing.
- **Mounting Blocks** - Available to reduce person-to-person contact when mounting a horse.
- **Competition Ring** - One trainer and one groom may accompany the participant to the ring.
- **Order of Go** – Trainers will be allowed to sign up their participants at the in gate, please maintain physical/social distancing. Orders will be drawn for the Featured Classes.



Stabling Areas

- **Access** - Stabling area is restricted to essential personnel – veterinarians, equine caretakers, trainers and participants. Non-essential individuals should not enter the stabling area. Entering other barn aisles or stabling areas is strictly prohibited.
- **Personal Protection Equipment** -Trainers must ensure facemasks, hand sanitizer and other cleaning/disinfecting products are available to their staff/customers while on competition grounds. Handwashing or hand sanitization should be done upon entering and exiting the stabling area.
- **Hard Surface Areas** - Trainers are required to regularly sanitize bikes/motorbikes/golf carts/car & truck door handles, and other high touch places. Touch only the equipment and supplies necessary for completing tasks for caring and exercising the specific horse(s).
- **Feed/Bedding** - Delivery by MEC staff will be made with as little contact as possible.

Show Office

- **Access** - Show office will be using the walk up windows. Windows will be limited to one person per window and will be required to hand sanitize before and after visiting the office. When using the windows at the show office, social distancing and face coverings protocols must be followed.
- **Check In** – Tuesday 8:00am – 5:00pm
- **Online Options** - Available for bedding, feed, entries, add/scratching of classes.
- **Ribbons and Awards** - Hand sanitizing is required prior to show office entry and upon exiting. Ribbons and awards may be pick-up at the show office between 10am -2pm Wednesday and Thursday and 9am – 3pm Friday - Sunday, maximum of two people (same barn) at a time.
- **Check Out** – Please make arrangements to close out early or instruct the show office to close out the account with the form of payment on file, a copy of the receipt will be sent via e-mail.

Food and Hospitality

- **Murieta Café** - On-site food provider will have a limited grab and go menu and will be open every day during the show.
- **Limited seating** - Available outside while keeping with social distancing guidelines.

Thank you for your Cooperation!