

BEST Horse Shows COVID Protocols for March 20-21, 2021

Management at the Prince George's Equestrian Center have been working hard to negotiate their reopening. The following restrictions will be in place but are subject to change as the show season progresses.

1) 250 horses maximum on the property at one time.

What this means for BEST clients: We will not be able to offer temporary stalls at this time. We will also need to monitor the number of horses at the facility and strongly encourage exhibitors to exit with their horses once they are done showing.

2) 500 people maximum on the property at one time.

What this means for BEST clients: Only exhibitors, trainers, parents of children who are showing, and essential barn help can attend at this time. No spectators will be allowed. Once again, we strongly encourage people to leave the show grounds once they are done showing.

3) Face Masks covering the mouth and nose must be worn at all times, even while riding.

What this means for BEST clients: We have requested to have this rule changed to allow for riders to remove their facemasks, as is stipulated in USEF and MHSA COVID rules. We will need to adhere to the face mask policy until we hear otherwise.

4) Only two vendors will be permitted.

What this means for BEST clients: We will not be able to have as many vendors as usual. It is our intention to have a tack vendor plus one additional vendor. We will add more vendors as COVID restrictions relax.

Other rules / steps BEST Horse Shows is implementing / taking:

- All exhibitors must be pre-entered. We strongly encourage entries to be made online via www.horseshowing.com or scanned and emailed to besthorseshow@gmail.com.
- There will only be one entrance / exit used to the right of Show Place Arena where we will be screening temperatures as people arrive. Please allow yourself plenty of time to arrive before you are scheduled to show since there may be a line to enter the facility.
- All people attending must complete a COVID Screening Questionnaire and sign a participant release.
- Wristbands will be issued indicating that you have passed your health screening and signed your release. Wristbands must be worn at all times while on the show grounds.
- Social distancing will be strictly enforced everywhere on the show grounds, even around the barns and camping areas.
- The Ring 2 gate will be moved to the far corner of the ring so that the area between Rings 1 and 2 will allow us to increase social distancing.
- There will only be two secretaries in the show office, with safety barriers between them and clients. Only one person per secretary will be permitted to enter the office at a time. A cue line will be formed outside of the office. Please try to have one person from your barn pick up numbers for the entire barn.
- We will also have an exhibitor's terminal available for self-checkout.
- We will be accepting credit/debit cards for payment with a 3% convenience fee added to the bill. Checks and cash will still be accepted to cover show bills.
- Show bills can be emailed/texted to exhibitors so that you do not need to enter the office to close out.
- Hand sanitizer and / or hand wash stations will be provided at each show ring and at the office.
- Nobody will be permitted to sit at or around the designated starter's areas.
- Nobody will be permitted to enter the announcer's booth (upstairs above the office). Champion and Reserve ribbons will be handed out at the gate.