

Eventing in Covid-19 Environment

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KEY MESSAGE No 1

- If you are unwell with any symptoms (fever, dry cough, unexplained tiredness , aches and pains, diarrhoea, sore throat, conjunctivitis, gut symptoms, a loss of taste or smell) – OR you have been in close contact (eg living in the same household or spending more than 15 minutes in the same room) with someone who has been or is unwell **AND** has not tested negative for COVID-19 or other respiratory viruses – **PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE EVENT**. Please get tested at an official testing centre close to your home.



KEY MESSAGE No 2

- If you **BECOME** unwell with any symptoms (fever, dry cough, unexplained tiredness , aches and pains, diarrhoea, sore throat, conjunctivitis, gut symptoms, a loss of taste or smell) during attendance at the event, please **INFORM THE EVENT SECRETARY BY PHONE** and then go home and call the Covid-19 hotline for further advice. Please inform the Event Secretary by phone of the results of your COVID-19 test as soon as you know.



KEY MESSAGE No 3

- Physical Distancing remains crucial – especially as many people have started to ignore these principals as the COVID-19 lockdown is relaxing. Please stay at least 1.5 metres or one horse distance apart– preferably more – from all other attendees throughout the event. While this is not strictly necessary for family/household groups, it is better that ALL people at an event follow this principle as we do not know who family/household groups are.



Why?

- If we do not comply, we run the risk of closing down our sport for many months as well as risking an outbreak.

So

DO NOT COME IF YOU ARE SICK!



**ALL RIDERS AND
ATTENDEES ARE
REQUESTED TO DOWNLOAD
THE COVID SAFE APP**



SPECTATORS

- Spectators are limited, to a parent, carer or participant support personnel (eg driver, groom, trainer)



SECRETARY'S OFFICE

- Physical distancing
- Minimal handling / transfer of paperwork and money
- Use EFT / Nominate when possible
- Availability of hand sanitiser
- Riders will be emailed the formatted back number and informed of the need to print for themselves.
- No physical program. All information to be emailed to riders.
- XC Maps to be available on XC App AND emailed to riders
- Queries / objections / protests to be addressed to the office preferably by Mobile phone

HELMET AND BACK PROTECTOR TAGGING AND COMPLIANCE

- Riders to certify their own compliance online on Nominate at time of entry
- Tagging may be available. Please see riders notes for booking arrangements.




REFUNDS

- Entries will be subject to the existing National refund policy.
- It is difficult to predict government restrictions. If competitions start again but further cancelations are needed, refunds will be less Nominate fees and administration fees if necessary.



CANTEEN

- Physical distancing
 - Physical distancing compliance rests with vendor
 - Availability of hand sanitiser
 - Athletes encouraged to bring own food and drinks
 - Food packs (morning tea, lunch) to be prepared for all volunteers (committee, officials, judges).
 - No buffet style lunch for dressage judges and officials.
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COFFEE CART

- Physical distancing
- Physical distancing compliance rests with vendor
- Allow sufficient space for customers to physically distance after ordering and while awaiting coffees
- ~~Consider not having coffee cart~~



TOILETS

- Physical distancing
- Use of automated dryers or paper towels for hand drying
- Availability of hand sanitiser
- Surfaces to be regularly cleaned



WASHDOWN AREA

- must be compliant with physical distancing



ARRIVAL options

- 1. Occupants of all vehicles entering venue will be required to use the NSW Service QR code.
- Each venue will have their own Service NSW QR code.
- 2. Please download before arrival and add your additional attendees BEFORE arrival to save time.



ARRIVAL...How to

- How to get the Service QR code:

- Download for Android:



- Download for for IOS:



- Please add others in your vehicle before arrival
- Each Venue will have a QR code and will be emailed to participants and will also be displayed at the entrance gate.
- “Holding area” at front gate to allow parking by competitors who have not yet completed QR check-in.

PARKING AREAS

- must be compliant with physical distancing
- 5 metres between trucks, 5 metres between each truck & float, 3.5 metres between floats.
- People to stay out of other people's cars/floats/trucks



ICE SUPPLY

- OCs should develop an ice supply policy that ensures that orders are taken at the time of entry and payment is by Nominate rather than cash

WATER SUPPLY

- Athletes may bring own water for horses to events.
- Washdown must comply with physical distancing



YARDS

- Riders and grooms should be compliant with physical distancing while in yards and stables.
- Please do not hang around other people's yards / stable / floats / trucks.



CAMPING

- Camping must be compliant with physical distancing
- Please be careful with ensuring physical distancing at night when socialising.
- Please do not hang around other people's yards / stable / floats / trucks.



OVERNIGHT RADIO CHARGING AND FOLDER DISINFECTION

- All folders and radios used on the first day of competition need to be wiped with disinfectant before radios are put on charge
- Radios are single use (no sharing of radios)



MEDICAL RESPONSE

- must be compliant with physical distancing
- exception: Paramedic or Doctor or medical emergency (eg unconscious rider)
- doctor and paramedic to wear gloves – change after each human contact.



VETERINARY RESPONSE

- must be compliant with physical distancing
- exception: vet



DRESSAGE FOLDER PREPARATION

- OC person to use hand sanitiser before and during folder preparation
- Folders to be wiped with disinfectant before sheets inserted
- Ideally should be done days before the event
- Fresh pens / pencils for each use



DRESSAGE WARMUP

- must be compliant with physical distancing

DRESSAGE COMPETITION

- no specific precautions
- riders to stick to advertised times

DRESSAGE GROOMS AND SPECTATORS

- must be compliant with physical distancing
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DRESSAGE JUDGES AND PENCILLERS

- organising committees to ensure contingency plans if pencillers or judges call in sick
- car windows to remain open if weather conditions allow.
- iPad scoring systems ideal – note that internet access and power issues need to be considered OR
- Pencillers encouraged to come from Judge's family OR
- Pencillers in a second car adjacent to Judge's car with window open OR
- Pencillers/writers not compulsory.
- Judges to email their expense forms to the secretary for payment after the event.

CROSS COUNTRY MAPS

- to be emailed to riders at least 24 hours before commencement on event. Any changes will be advised by group text message.
- Use of XC App Maps encouraged

CROSS COUNTRY INSPECTION

- must be compliant with physical distancing

CROSS COUNTRY GUIDED COURSE WALKS

- must be compliant with physical distancing



CROSS COUNTRY FENCE JUDGES BRIEFING 1

- must be compliant with physical distancing
- as much briefing as possible to be done in weeks prior to event by internet / email / use of YouTube videos etc

<https://useventing.com/events-competitions/volunteers/jump-judge-instructional-videos>

<https://www.nominate.com.au/equest/nsw/results/JJInfo.htm>

- consideration of asking fence judges to bring own lunch and refreshments OR
- fence judges food and refreshments pre-packaged by OC using hand sanitiser
- hand sanitiser and disinfectant spray / paper towels to be available in mobile port-a-loo



CROSS COUNTRY FENCE JUDGES BRIEFING 2

- folders and radios wiped with disinfectant in advance
- OC person to use hand sanitiser before and during folder preparation
- Ideally should be done days before the event
- Fresh pens / pencils for each use
- preparation and handling of radios and folders – use hand sanitiser frequently
- folders and radios to handed out by OC after using hand sanitiser



CROSS COUNTRY WARM UP

- must be compliant with physical distancing

CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

- no specific precautions
- riders to stick to advertised times
- fence judges use paper score sheets and fall sheets as well as radio for scoring



CROSS COUNTRY FENCE JUDGES RETURN

- Radios and folders to be gathered by Organising Personnel with gloves and later cleaned with disinfectant spray.
- Waiting area for Fence Judge release must be compliant with physical distancing

CROSS COUNTRY PACK UP (INCLUDING FLAGS AND NUMBERS)

- must be compliant with physical distancing



SHOW JUMPING COURSE WALKS

- must be compliant with physical distancing

SHOW JUMPING WARM UP

- must be compliant with physical distancing
- max five in warmup at one time

AWAITING SHOWJUMPING – STANDING AT ARENA GATE

- must be compliant with physical distancing



SHOW JUMPING COMPETITION

- no specific precautions
- riders to stick to advertised times

SHOW JUMPING JUDGING

- must be compliant with physical distancing as much as facilities allow
- use hand sanitiser regularly and wipe surfaces with disinfectant at regular intervals

SHOW JUMPING PACK UP

- must be compliant with physical distancing



RESULTS

- Available online.
- Avoid crowded score board.
- Mark by mark Dressage results to be published
- Dressage test sheets may not be available for collection due to socially distancing requirements

PRESENTATION

- No physical group presentations will be held.
- 30 minutes after final results are posted for a class or level, competitors may pick up rugs, ribbons.
- Prizemoney will be paid after the event by direct deposit.
- Competitors, who are due prizemoney, are to send BSB and Account details within 7 days of the competition to the club secretary.
- Competitors who receive rugs or sponsors prizes are asked to take a photo with their horse, rug and sponsors prize and use social media to promote the sponsor positively and send photos to the club secretary.



Compliance 1

- State Eventing Committee/Organisation or EA State Branch will be asked to source a number of volunteers to ensure compliance of these regulations.
- Suggested staffing levels: one compliance officer per 75 entries
- Compliance volunteers will wear 'Safety Officer' hats provided by ENSW
- A compliance officer may be needed into the evening if there is camping.



Compliance 2

- All reasonable requests of compliance officers must be obeyed.
- Anyone who does not comply with a reasonable request will be instructed to leave the venue immediately.
- Anyone who fails to leave a venue immediately when instructed for reasons of non-compliance will be reported to the Police.
- Anyone who does not comply with a reasonable request will be reported to Equestrian NSW for further disciplinary procedures.
- Athletes will be held responsible for any failure by parent, carer or participant support personnel (eg driver, groom, trainer) to comply with a reasonable request.




Compliance 3

- All attendees are asked to be pleasant to volunteer compliance officers – this will be a thankless job, but a critical role in getting our sport running again – and keeping it running!



Flexibility

- These operation procedures will need to vary from state to state according to each state's current health regulations
 - They will vary from club to club, event to event or venue to venue
 - They will inevitably need to change as the course of Covid-19 changes in Australia – and from state to state and even region to region.
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Biggest Challenges

1. Contact Tracing
2. Safe Dressage Judging
3. Compliance
4. Extra costs and workforce



Good Luck!

- See FEI documents on returning to sport.
[Return To Play | FEI](#)
- [Risk Assessment Tool FAQs | FEI](#)

