



2020 Northern Illinois Hunter Jumper Association

Dear NIHJA Members,

We would like to welcome you back to the 2020 NIHJA Show Season, but it's important to remember that the return to competition is not risk free and we all need to be vigilant. Our objective moving forward is to not only to reopen competitions but keep them open. These unprecedented times have been difficult for all of us and it's going to take everyone doing their part to safely make it happen.

NIHJA has prepared the following list of Guidelines and Best Practices for the safe return to competition that until further notice will be put into place at all NIHJA Horse Shows for the remainder of the 2020 Show Season. All exhibitors, trainers and show managers will be expected to follow these Guidelines.

NIHJA Exhibitor's COVID19 Guidelines for Safe Return to Competition

These Guidelines are to be followed whenever possible and practicable at all NIHJA Competitions beginning June 25, 2020 and until further notice, however they are subject to modifications based on guidance from the government and public health officials.

General

- Social distancing of 6 feet between individuals will be followed, no congregating will be allowed.
- Horse Show staff, officials, volunteers will be wearing face masks and gloves whenever it is practicable.
- Signage will be posted throughout the show grounds regarding Social Distancing, hand washing, and good hygiene. Please practice this at all times.
- Show management will be providing staff to thoroughly clean/disinfect bathrooms, and common touch areas throughout each day.
- Food Service if provided will be "take away" with 6 ft. markers in customer lines to maintain Social Distance. Concessions are not mandatory at horse shows this season, prize lists will indicate whether there will be Concessions on the show grounds.
- Until further notice there will be no Exhibitor Parties are allowed.
- Public drinking fountains will be shut off, there will be no water coolers at the In-gates, show management should be providing individual water bottles for exhibitors at the In-gate.

Facility - Access & Sanitation

- All Horse Show staff including office staff, in gate, EMT, judges, ring crew, maintenance and any vendors on the show grounds will have had their temperature checked before

beginning work each day. Any staff with a temperature higher than 100.4 are to be sent home.

- Anyone who exhibits COVID 19 symptoms or has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID 19 within the last 2 weeks cannot enter the show grounds.
- No more than 10 people will be allowed in any single space; Show Office, Concession area, schooling rings, the In-Gates, and individual barn stabling areas.
- Until further notice, the public, spectators, and any non-essential persons (guests, friends, family members) will be prohibited from being on the show ground to minimize the number of people on the show grounds. Any junior rider competing will be allowed to have one parent or guardian with them on the show grounds.
- Participants will be required to wear a face mask or face covering on the show grounds when not mounted on a horse. **A participant may choose to wear a facemask or face covering when mounted on a horse and cannot be disqualified or penalized for doing so while competing.*
- Show management will be providing hand sanitizing stations throughout the facility and grounds.
- Show management will be instituting a plan to clean and disinfect the parts of the jumps most often touched, especially jump cups.

Stabling Areas – Access & Sanitation

- Access to Stabling Areas will be restricted to Essential Personnel; trainers, riders, grooms, barnhands, veterinarians.
- Non-essential individuals (friends, family members, others) will not be permitted in the Stabling Areas.
- Show Management will arrange stabling to accommodate adequate Social Distancing between trainer groups.
- Trainer groups will be required to access their stabling area via the closest entrance to their stabling area and refrain from entering other trainer's stabling areas.
- Trainers are required to be responsible for their staff and customers, monitor temperatures and provide masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and other cleaning/disinfecting products for their staff and customers to use while on the show grounds.
- Trainers will be responsible for cleaning/disinfecting their own stabling area; tools, hose ends, gate latches, crosstie snaps, wheelbarrows, and any other frequently handled surfaces.

Horse Show Office

- All entries, vaccination records and negative Coggins should be sent electronically to the Horse Show Management or Horse Show Secretary as listed in the prize list.
- Trainers will be responsible for checking in and checking out their customers at a prearranged time at the show office to minimize office traffic.
- Trainers and exhibitors will be expected to bring their own pens, glasses, face masks, hand sanitizer etc. when they need to do any paperwork in the office.
- Any adds and/or scratches will be done via text message or phone call to office/show secretary.

- Ribbons and prizes will not be handed out at the ring, trainers/exhibitors will need to prearrange a pick up time in the office.
- Any additional shavings, hay, or feed orders be done via text or phone call to the horse show office.
- Remember, only a restricted number of people will be allowed in the show office at any given time based on available space and provided 6 ft. Social Distancing can be maintained. Please refer to signage at each show.
- All exhibitors (and parent of minor child) will be required to sign a new NIHJA Entry Agreement, Release and Health Declaration Form and be given a wristband to be worn while on the show grounds.

These Guidelines and Best Practices will be in effect for these remaining 2020 NIHJA Horse Shows or until further notice.

Red Coat Farm NIHJA Show	June 26-28
Pingree Oaks NIHJA Show @ Fields & Fences	July 10-12
Birch Hill Farm NIHJA Show @ Crosswinds Farm	July 24-26
Silverwood Farm NIHJA Show	July 31-August 3
Market Hill Farm NIHJA Show @ Lamplight	August 14-16
Infinity Farm NIHJA Show @ Tower Hill	August 28-30
Crosswinds Farm NIHJA Show	September 11-13
5 Corner Farm NIHJA Finals @ Lamplight	September 24-27

Returning to Competition will not be without risk, so if;

- You are uncomfortable and feel the risk is too high – Don't show!
- You are a high risk individual – Don't show!
- You have any symptoms at all (fever, cough, allergies, flu, etc.) – Don't show!
- You become aware you have come in "unprotected" contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID19 – Don't show for 14 days!
- You have tested positive, do not return to showing until your symptoms are gone for 14 days and have been cleared by your health provider and you have notified anyone you have been in contact with so they don't show for 14 days!
- You are unwilling or unable to follow the Guidelines and Best Practices - Don't show!

If none of the above applies, go show! But always follow the Guidelines and Best Practices established by the NIHJA, federal, state and county law, and any other requirements Horse Show Management may have in place.

Happy Horse Showing!

Stay safe,
The 2020 NIHJA Executive Board

