

# Dressage Ireland: Covid-19 Guidelines

## Guidelines:

- At the time prior to your entry being made any person displaying symptoms associated with Covid- 19 (Fever, Cough, Shortness of Breath or Breathing Difficulties), people who have been in close contact of a confirmed case, people who are considered in a high-risk group, or those caring for somebody in a vulnerable category should not attend the show
- There will be **no tolerance of non-compliance** and any individual found in breach of the guidelines will be asked to leave and if further breaches occur they may be barred from participation at future events.
- There is to be no sharing of equipment at the show.
- Horse Sport Ireland are concerned that due to the cancellation and cessation of activity sport horse producers and athletes have horses in light work or turned away which in most circumstances have significantly disrupted the training cycle for 2020 and ultimately impacts upon equine welfare. As such, it is imperative that when competition is resumed to ensure that any welfare concerns of horses not in full training are mitigated by the owners & riders.
- Dressage Ireland Clg recommend that each Competitor, Volunteer, Judge and any person authorised to attend the show download and use the Contact Tracing App. Furthermore, if the Government enforce the use of a Contact Tracing App, as a condition of entry and participation at an event or activity, the participant will be required to download and install the APP to anonymously log interactions between participants. If somebody tests positive for Covid-19, the app alerts those who've been in close contact with that person.
- An isolation room/space identified to hold any symptomatic person found at the venue while awaiting transport to a medical facility.
- A Covid-19 Compliance Officer will be appointed to attend all shows, they will have the responsibilities of policing social distancing and will act with the full authority of the venue owner & Dressage Ireland to report any areas of non-compliance of these C-19 protocols.

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## Show Procedure:

- All entries and payments will be pre entry through our website only;
- Each competitor will be able to access their competition number through our website, which ensures they do not have to attend the show office;
- Each competitor will have a Dressage Test start time which will have been posted on the website;
- Competitors need to be aware that in a situation where contact tracing is required that they must provide the details of those persons who accompanied them to the show when requested, this will be at the discretion of each individual region;
- Government and Department of Health guidelines in relation to COVID-19 will be displayed at the event;
- A detailed layout of the show, arenas and warm up areas will be posted on social media. Competitions for each arena and warm up will be clearly mapped on the social media post / website. Toilets signs clearly visible on the map;
- On arrival at the venue, a parking attendant may be in place to guide you to a parking place;
- Competitors **may not enter the showground** before 1hr 20 mins prior to their allotted test time;
- Dressage Ireland show organisers or volunteers will be enforcing social distancing / Parking distances in line with all government and department of health guidelines;
- All competitors will be advised to leave the venue as soon as possible after their competition;
- Any Dressage Ireland members, grooms or volunteers will face sanction if they flaunt the restrictions or guidelines;
- Covid-19 Compliance Officer will be appointed and in attendance at the show;
- Each Region will stipulate the number of tests ridden per rider/horse combination based on logistics of the show facilities and number of entries;
- Currently we can only allow registered members to compete, this will change as restrictions alter;
- Warm up arenas will be supervised by a call up steward, who will again enforce social distancing, and ensure all normal safety standards are maintained and they will call competitors for their tests;
- The class results will be posted on the website / social media. **No results or test sheets will be available on the day;**
- Each competitor will provide a stamped self-addressed envelope. This will be put onto a box and is for the test sheet to be posted back to the competitor. **If no envelope is provided, then no test will be posted;**
- There will be no show office, but a show organisers phone number will be posted on the website/ social media with the schedule in case competitors need to contact a show organiser during the event;
- Outdoor Catering may be provided, however strict social distancing and hygiene practices must adhered to;
- All judges will have been notified prior to the show of the start times and arena locations by the show organiser. Judges may bring a family member or person from the same household as a scribe. Alternatively the show organiser will arrange for a scribe to be located in a separate vehicle and/or a communication device may be provided;
- The show will be contactless with all receipts of entries via PayPal and expenses paid via Bank Transfer.