

Dear Finals Competitor,

Prior to coming to the Kentucky Horse Park to participate in the National Horse Show Equitation Finals this fall we felt it was important to share with you a few things that will be different this year, and what you can expect to find while you are here.

- In General:
  - Strict COVID Protocols will be in place. These protocols are attached for you to read and understand prior to your arrival.
  - Access to the Kentucky Horse Park, as well as the Alltech Arena is going to be monitored closely for your safety and the safety of those around you. This could very well mean some delays getting into the park or the Arena, so please plan accordingly. Extra time and patience are both going to be necessary for a pleasant showing experience.
  - Every person entering the Kentucky Horse Park will be required to hand a completed waiver to the security staff at the time of their initial temperature check. A wristband will be affixed to the wrist once the waiver is received and must not be removed until you are finished showing and exiting the Horse Park for the final time. This specific wristband will need to be shown on the wrist each day to enter the Horse Park at the temperature check point. The waiver is available under the EXHIBITOR tab at [nhs.org](https://www.nhs.org). Please be prepared and arrive with the completed waiver for every individual in your automobile or access to the Horse Park will be denied. This will expedite the arrival process for everyone.
  - Due to COVID there will be no VIP or Rider's Lounges this year. There will be limited food options on the concourse as well as the coffee stand outside the ingate area. The food stand by the Stonelea Ring will also be open with additional food options.
  - There will be limited and controlled access to the Horse Show Office. Most of what needs to be done can be done early or online. Please avail yourselves of these options and plan less time in the Horse Show Office itself.
  - Only one representative of any entry will be allowed in the office at a time. This will mean no groups of people, so again please plan accordingly and be organized.
- For all Equitation Finals:
  - Arena access is going to be limited and closely monitored. Please read and understand our COVID Protocols prior to your arrival so there are no surprises. There will be limits on the number of people allowed in the

Arena, as well as specific rules as to seating arrangements. These protocols are in place for your safety and for those around you.

- Access to schooling areas will also be very tightly monitored. The number of trainers and attendants with any one horse is going to be limited. Please plan on having the least amount of people necessary in any of the schooling areas at any time, with particular attention to be paid to the small indoor schooling area adjacent to the show arena. We will provide as much room as possible for riding, training and preparing, but we will need your full cooperation in allowing us to maintain safe social distancing.
- All course walks will be limited to a certain number of riders, **and only one trainer for any one rider or group of riders**. We plan on spreading these course walks out throughout the day, or throughout the classes themselves if necessary, to make things as efficient and fair as possible for everyone involved.
- Face Masks will be required at all times for everyone when not mounted on a horse.
- For the ASPCA Maclay Finals specifically:
  - With the number of entries in this year's ASPCA Maclay class we will be using a Preliminary Round on Saturday morning as outlined in the Prize List. Please read and understand this prior to your arrival.
  - **The number of riders participating in this Preliminary Round will require a very early start time on Saturday morning.**
  - The Preliminary Round on Saturday will take the place of the ASPCA Training Class held in the past. This means there will be no schooling over show jumps in the Alltech Arena.
  - We are planning on running the Maclay Training Class using the same format as in the past over show jumps in the covered arena on Friday.
- For the Hamel Foundation NHS 3'3" Finals specifically:
  - There is still the possibility we may have to use the Open Equitation classes held on Saturday as a Preliminary Round for the Hamel Foundation Finals as outlined in the Prize List. Please read and understand this prior to your arrival.
  - The number of entries intending to show in the Finals as of Wed evening will determine whether or not this Preliminary Round procedure will be necessary.

If we all work together through these necessary changes caused by the COVID Pandemic we will all be able to have a safe, successful and enjoyable National Horse Show Experience. We look forward to your patience and cooperation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Geoff Teall, Chairman NHS Equitation Committee