



VADA/Nova COVID-19 Rules, Guidelines and Best Practices for 2020 Competitions

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This is a working document for VADA/Nova-specific protocol to ensure the safest environment possible for our competitions. We will continue to update this protocol as we receive updates and information from USEF, USDF and local authorities.

VADA/Nova 2020 COVID-19 Rules, Guidelines, and Best Practices

The following COVID-19 Rules, Guidelines and Best Practices must be adhered to when competing and/or attending our competitions. In addition, all Federal, State, and local laws that may be applicable must be followed. VADA/Nova will be following the Morven Park International Equestrian Center COVID-19 Guidelines and Rules.

This document will highlight key points as well as provide VADA/Nova specific guidelines. Management reserves the right to change the guidelines when/if it becomes necessary. Failure to follow guidelines may result in expulsion from the show grounds.

Resources

Visit www.cdc.gov or www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/ to learn ways to prevent and avoid exposure to COVID-19.

The USEF has provided extensive guidelines for competitions. These resources are located at <https://www.usef.org/media/covid19-toolkit>.

The Morven Park International Equestrian Center Guidelines can be found at <https://www.morvenpark.org/equestrian-center/>.

Morven Park International Equestrian Center Access:

1. Don't come to the show if you or anyone in your household has tested positive for COVID-19, been exposed to COVID-19 or come in contact with anyone who has been tested positive or exposed within the past 14 days.
2. Don't come to the show if you have any known symptoms including fever of 99.5° or higher, cough, shortness of breath within the last 72 hours.
3. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use a hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol. Hand washing and disinfection stations are provided throughout the show grounds.
4. You must always wear a face mask/covering except when mounted on a horse. If you have a medical/ADA issue, please refer to the USEF Action Plan for the procedure to document your issue and receive USEF dispensation.

5. Practice social distancing of at least 6 feet. Do not gather in groups.
6. All competitors and their support personnel are responsible for monitoring their own personal and family health prior too, during, and after attending a competition. If anyone who was present on the competition grounds tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the conclusion of the competition they must notify VADA/Nova Safety Coordinator (Michelle Lachner, 703.851.2799) immediately.
7. The competition is only open to competitors, their essential support personnel (coach, groom, owner, and/or parents for riders under 18), Competition staff, officials, service providers, and volunteers.
8. **NO SPECTATORS** will be allowed on the show grounds.

VADA/Nova Specific Protocols and Best Practices

Arrival and Check-In

1. You will be able to pick up your packet at the shedrow stall marked for entry pick-up. If there are changes to your entry on the day, you need to contact Sheli King (text/phone 703.868.9062) to set up an appointment to change your entry.
2. Paper or online entries will be accepted with payment by check/credit card. A signed VADA/Nova waiver with emergency contact numbers is required for all attendees. Incomplete entries may be subject to being put on a wait list.
3. Ride Times will be posted on the VADA/Nova website by Wednesday, October 28 as well as near the Entry Table.
4. Once the competition is underway, results will be posted on the scoreboard. Please respect social distancing when viewing the scoreboard.

Stabling. There is no stabling for this show.

Schooling/Warm-up Rings

1. All Schooling/Warm-up Rings will be monitored by a Steward who will ensure that the rings do not get crowded and that social distancing is practiced.
2. During competition hours, rings may be limited to riders warming up for their classes.
3. If you are Trainer or support personnel with a rider in the ring, please socially distance and be mindful of other groups around you.
4. **Masks/Face coverings are required unless mounted on a horse.**
5. Be sure to check in with the Steward and follow all normal show protocols.

Competition Rings/Equipment Checks

1. A Steward will be monitoring the Competition Ring and providing normal show support.
2. If you are Trainer or support personnel with a rider in the ring, please socially distance and be mindful of other groups around you.
3. **Masks/Face coverings are required unless mounted on a horse.**
4. Readers are allowed FOR OPEN CLASSES ONLY but may NOT take off their masks to read the test. (USEF HAS ADVISED THAT THERE IS NOT AN EXCEPTION FOR THIS.)

Awards and Test Pick-Up

1. Each barn/group is encouraged to designate one representative to pick up tests and awards for everyone in the group.
2. Please follow the posted test-pick up procedures for traffic flow and social distancing.
3. Prizes and ribbon tables will be spaced out to ensure social distancing.

4. Tests not picked up during the day by competitors will be scanned/mailed or mailed to competitor. Prizes will **not** be mailed.
5. The Awards Coordinator will solicit permission from the competitor/representative to sign for test pick-up to reduce hand-to-hand contact; only one (1) competitor will be allowed to pick up test at a time with no more than three (3) competitors present around the awards location (i.e., pick up test, prize and ribbon).
6. Competitors must wear mask to pick up test, prize and ribbon.
7. Hand sanitizer and masks available at the Awards Table for competitors.
8. Gloves are available for competitors to wear for picking up test, award, and ribbon. A trash basket available for glove disposal.
9. A maximum of ten competitors in line at one time with social distancing. If the number exceeds ten, competitors will be kindly asked to return at later time to limit contact between people.
10. Awards tables will be regularly sanitized throughout the show.