



VADA/Nova COVID-19 Rules, Guidelines and Best Practices for 2021 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/summer-show-series>.

Morven Park International Equestrian Center Access:

1. Don't come to the show if you have tested positive for COVID-19, 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 test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the conclusion of the competition they must notify VADA/NOVA Safety Coordinator immediately.
7. The competition is only open to competitors, their essential support personnel (owner, trainer, coach, parent, groom), 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. Upon arrival, stabling will be posted at the entrance off Tutt Lane. Check map for where Weekend and Day Parking is available.
2. If you have a complete entry, you will be able to pick up your packet at the Quadrangle area in front of the Hoffman building. In the event of extreme weather, an alternative pick up area will be designated; please check the website for information before the show. If your entry is not complete, you need to contact the Show Secretary to set up an appointment to complete your entry. Access to the show office is by appointment only.
3. Only online entries will be accepted with payment by check/credit card. Additional signed USEF waiver with emergency contact numbers is required for all attendees. Incomplete entries may be subject to being put on a wait list.
4. Wristbands will be provided to identify essential personnel with each rider. Limit is 4 including the rider.
5. Ride Times will be posted on the VADA/Nova website.
6. Once the competition is underway, results will be available on the Fox Village Dressage website or Competitor Tent.

Stabling

1. Every effort has been made to accommodate requests and still provide for adequate social distancing.
2. Please be respectful of others within your stable area. Wear mask/face coverings always, practice social distancing and limit group sizes.
3. There are sanitizing stations located throughout the barn areas.
4. Please do your part to keep the barns clean as well and dispose of any trash in trash receptacles.
5. Trainers are responsible for the conduct and adherence to the protocols for their clients and staff.
6. Please do not groom or tack your horse in the barn aisle. Please use your stall. Please mount and dismount outside the barn.

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 social 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 social distance and be mindful of other groups around you.
3. Masks/Face coverings are required unless mounted on a horse. Additionally, jackets are waived for this competition
4. Be aware that braiding is optional.
5. Readers are allowed and may take off their masks to read the test but must stand 6ft back from the ring.
6. Equipment will be visually checked for the prescribed number in the class. There will be a whip measuring area on the fence with tape defining the allowed whip length. If there are any questions, the TD will accompany the competitor back to the barn or a designated quiet area.

Awards and Test PickUp

1. Each barn/group is encouraged to designate one representative to pick up tests and awards for everyone in the group. Check the map for Awards location.
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. Designated Awards area hours. 9:00 a.m. – 1hr after the last class for the day. Tests not picked up during the day by competitors will be scanned/mailed to competitor. On Sunday, afternoon class tests will be scanned/mailed to competitors who have not picked up. Ribbons and 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. A maximum of 10 competitors in line at one time with social distancing. If the number exceeds 10 competitors will be kindly asked to return at later time to limit contact between people.
9. Awards tables will be regularly sanitized throughout the show.