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GEORGIA DRESSAGE & COMBINED TRAINING ASSOCIATION **REOPENING PROCEDURES**

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The health and safety of our members has always been our priority. The GDCTA has been in close contact with state officials, local officials, and health management experts. As the GDCTA begins the process of welcoming events back for the 2020 event season, the organizers and venues shall implement the standards below to help ensure the safety of all our members. The GDCTA will continue to evaluate the status of the Coronavirus pandemic and update these guidelines as needed. Together, we can keep each other healthy.

What GDCTA Expects from Horse Show Organizers and Venues:

- The horse show organizers and venues will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations, requirements, and orders as they relate to mass gatherings and sporting events, including the last's Governor's Executive Order for the State of Georgia.
- Increased cleaning frequency with special attention to high-touch areas.
- Cleaning barn areas between shows.
- Hand sanitizing stations.
- Temperature checks, along with daily health checks, will be conducted daily prior to the beginning of work shifts.
- Employees will stay at home if sick.
- Employees are supplied with and required to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Employees will maintain good hygiene, including washing hands frequently.
- Practicing social distancing guidelines.
- Members will not enter areas in which a large number of people are congregated on the property.
- Keeping restroom doors open wherever possible to reduce contact.
- Public restrooms will be closed during cleaning of restrooms.

What We Ask of The Competitors:

- All guests must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations, requirements, and orders as they relate to mass gatherings and sporting events, including the latest Governor's Executive Order for the State of Georgia.
- Give fellow competitors and event participants their space. Always avoid close contact with others by standing or sitting at least 6 feet apart.

- Do not congregate. Avoid congregating in areas such as the show office, barns, ringside, bleachers, seating, restrooms, or other areas. No gatherings are allowed on the property with more than 10 people.
- Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when possible.
- The GDCTA strongly encourages everyone wear masks on property in areas that can have a high concentration of people, such as barn areas, arena complex, vendor areas, spectator areas, concession areas, show offices, registration areas, and in any indoor or covered buildings. Masks do not have to be worn when mounted on a horse, competing in a horse show or sporting event, or warming up for a sporting event.
- Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and dispose of properly.
- Stay at home if you are sick or experiencing symptoms of illness, including fever, cough, shortness of breath, or loss of taste.
- Stay at home if you have pre-existing health conditions or if you fall into the State of Georgia's high-risk category for COVID-19.
- If you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks, (14 days) stay at home.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using regular household cleaning spray or wipes.
- Abide by each event's rules, regulations, and protocols.
- Practice good personal hygiene habits.
- Avoid using cash when possible for payment. Bring a credit/debit card instead or use mobile forms of payment.
- Visit the CDC's website and USEF's website for the latest COVID-19 information and best prevention protocols. www.cdc.gov/COVID19 or www.usef.org/media/coronavirus-resources.

What GDCTA Asks of GDCTA-recognized Schooling Shows:

- All event promoters must ensure that their event, participants and guests comply with all applicable federal, state and local regulations, requirements and orders as they relate to mass gatherings and sporting events, including the latest Governor's Executive Order for the State of Georgia.
- Establish social distancing configurations in areas where guests or participants may congregate, such as the show office or registration area. Designating with signage, tape, tables, chairs or other means a six-foot distance for guests and staff. Space seating six feet apart for staff and volunteers.
- Encourage social distancing practices throughout the entire show grounds or event space.
- Designate proper entrances and egress points when possible.
- Provide additional spacing in vendor areas.
- Provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to staff, volunteers, and other team members.
- Strongly encourage guests and participants to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Guests should be encouraged to wear masks on property in areas that can have a high concentration of people, such as barn areas, arena complex, vendor areas, spectator areas, concession areas, show offices, registration areas, and in any indoor or covered

buildings. Masks do not have to be worn when mounted on a horse, competing in a horse show or sporting event, or warming up for a sporting event.

- Utilize online forms, apps, or mobile forms of payment when possible to reduce contact with participants and guests attending events.
- Provide additional wash stations or hand sanitizing stations within areas of your layout when possible.
- Do not allow staff, volunteers or other individuals involved with an event on the property if they are showing signs of illness, including cough, fever, shortness of breath or loss of taste.
- Do not provide any candy, pens, etc., or bowls of give-a-away items to patrons or participants.
- Do not host hospitality functions that encourages a gathering of people.
- Contact your sanctioning organization for additional requirements.
- Include additional waiver information on show entry forms, show bills and/or show forms pertaining to the example below:

The Georgia Dressage & Combined Training Assoc. has put preventive measures in place due to the spread of Covid-19, however attending this event could increase your risk of contracting the coronavirus. By entering the facility, you voluntarily assume all risk and agree that you will not hold the Georgia Dressage & Combined Training Assoc., (Show/Event Name) or (Event Management Name if Applicable) and all associations liable for any resulting illness or injury.

- Visit the CDC's website and USEF's website for the latest COVID-19 information and best prevention protocols. www.cdc.gov/COVID19 or www.usef.org/media/coronavirus-resources

Additional Suggestions for Event Promoters:

- Require show/event staff, volunteers, etc. to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Have staff, volunteers, participants, etc. complete a form answering questions about their health/symptoms prior to starting a shift.
- Consider taking temperatures of staff, volunteers, participants, etc.
- Limit the number of people in the barn area to a certain number per horse. All others can meet the trainer and rider in an open area near an arena.