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COVID-19 Safe Implementation Plan

Brisbane CDI

Queensland State Dressage Championships









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Statement

Dressage Queensland is committed to implementing a COVID -19 Safe Implementation Plan (the Plan) to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission between riders, officials, volunteers, sponsors, supporters and members of the public participating in the SaddleFitter CDI event held at the Queensland State Equestrian Centre (QSEC) on 16 to 19 September 2020.

Approved

- This Plan has been developed in accordance with the:
 Outdoor Sports Industry Plan approved by the Queensland Chief Health Officer on 5

 June 2020, which includes equestrian and horse sports, and
- Equestrian Queensland Event Biosecurity Plan May 2020, (in particular the Event Protocol Checklist (Annexure A page 11 and 12 and COVID-19 Signage (Annexure B page 13).

The Plan supports the return of equestrian and horse sports competitions as part of Stage 3 restrictions planned for 10 July with more than 100 people on site.

Intent of this plan

The Plan outlines how the Outdoor Sports Industry approved plan will be implemented at QSEC to ensure adherence to;

- site registration/recording contact details of individuals who enter the QSEC site,
- signage and hygiene measures at all entry and exit points,
- management and separation of groups in competition and warm-up spaces/zones
- avoiding direct physical contact and sharing of equipment
- o maintaining social distancing in common areas including signage and hygiene,
- communicating for safety, prior to and during the event
- o review and monitoring of COVID Safe conditions throughout the event.

Scope

This Plan applies to all riders, officials, volunteers, sponsors, supporters and members of the public participating in the SaddleFitter CDI event held at the Queensland State Equestrian Centre (QSEC) on 16 to 19 September 2020.

The Plan should be read in conjunction with the Outdoor Sports Industry approved plan and QSEC Site Map.

Principles

Four guiding principles provide the basis for implementing and maintaining COVID-19 safety of all at the Saddlefitter Brisbane CDI event:

- Leadership and governance to implement communication strategies, safety systems and processes.
- Accountability to set up and maintain systems and processes to support effective social distancing, hygiene, and registration.
- Transparency/Clarity to have clear roles, responsibilities, and clear procedures for making and communicating decisions related to COVID-19 safety.
- Efficiency to ensure the appropriate use of signage and social media for communicating safety and best practice and use of signage and resources to achieve communicating for safety.

Implementation

1. Registration, entry and exit to QSEC

All attendees to:

• Register attendance at the event using the Nominate app.

OR

 use Evacheckin.com contactless QR Code Check in Technology upon entry and exit of QSEC using smartphone,

AND

receive a complimentary EQ branded hand-sanitiser 30ml upon entry to the event.

at:

- Gate 15 on Old Gympie Road to Day stables
- Gate 14 on Old Gympie Road to stables and competitor camping (Area 15 and 16)
- Checkpoint on Tuckeroo Drive (200m inside from Beerburrum Road) to Main Arena, Arena 2 and Trade Village (traders and deliveries), plus public parking adjacent to parklands (areas 13 and 14).

Compliance at entry and exit points will be monitored by volunteers.



Conditions of entry to the event will be on the:

- Entry form website (Nominate)
- Event website
- Event Facebook page
- Prominently displayed at the venue entry points.

Conditions of entry are:

DO NOT ENTER QSEC if you have:

- fever
- cold or flu like symptoms, even if mild (cough, sore throat, shortness of breath)
- returned from overseas in the last 14 days, or
- been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 (coronavirus) in the last 14 days.

2. Travelling to and from and in the Competition Arenas

Please note, only pre-nominated individuals considered essential to the rider's participation in the event will be permitted in the stable and camping area at any time.

Classes are staggered in accordance with the event schedule.

Riders and horses

Riders and horses to KEEP LEFT when travelling to and from warm-up areas and dressage arenas on designated competitor access tracks as marked on QSEC Facility Map.

Spectators

Spectators will not be permitted in the stable and camping areas, warm-up areas or the area situated between the two indoor arenas.

Outdoor arenas (Area 10):

- All horses and riders to warm up in area 11 for up to 60 mins before competing. There is no contact or shared equipment. Access gate is monitored by a volunteer.
- Only one horse and rider competing in each arena (60x20m) at any point in time. There
 are 4 arenas in area 10 with marked entry and exit points. Entry to the competition
 arena is under the guidance of an official steward.

Indoor arenas (Area 1 and 2).

 All horses and riders to warm up in the designated area adjacent to the Main Arena for up to 60 mins before competing. There is no contact or shared equipment.



• Only one horse and rider competing in each arena (Main Arena approx. 100 x 50m and Arena 2 approx. 70 x 50m). Entry to the competition arena is under the guidance of an official steward.

Officials will monitor and control the number of horses and riders entering both warm-up areas (no contact).

3. Avoiding Direct Physical Contact and Sharing of Equipment

- There is no sharing of equipment or direct personal contact during dressage events.
 However, veterinarians and the official technical delegate and stewards (wear bright yellow EA jackets) may touch horses and equipment.
- It is the usual practice of veterinarians and officials to use disposable gloves and immediately discard them after touching an individual horse or equipment, and this practice will be maintained. Hand sanitiser will be available at all steward stations.
- Professional groom or braiders must wear disposable gloves and sanitise all equipment between each horse and maintain social distancing at all times.
- Riders must not share equipment with others.
- Camp-kitchen in stable complex BYO utensils.
- Riders, grooms and essential persons should adhere to family grouping restrictions and not gather within trucks or floats that are not part of their camping unit. Gathering outside of trucks is permitted so long as social distancing (1.5m) is maintained and BYO chairs and utensils.

Hand sanitiser

- An EQ branded hand sanitiser 30ml will be provided to each person upon entry to QSEC.
- Will be provided in common areas eg trade display village, and village green where food and goods are available.
- Hand sanitiser will be provided in stable /yard areas, in the event office and on official steward's tables.

Cleaning of amenities

• Amenities will be cleaned throughout the day by QSEC staff

Cleaning of tables in common areas

- After a table is cleaned a sign is placed green side up (table is clean)
- When a person/s leave a table the sign is placed red side up (table is dirty).
- Disposable gloves will be worn by persons cleaning tables.

Trade village and food vendors

 Will be encouraged to be cashless and require a COVID Safe Plan.ie contactless payments or ordering and payment online.

Open Village Green

BYO seat encouraged

Drinking taps and fountains

• Drinking taps and fountains will be turned off.

Deliveries

 Deliveries will be restricted to the trade village area and the stable areas for feed. Delivery of good will be contactless – eg smartphone photos with record of date and time instead of signatures.

4. Maintaining social distancing

Social distancing will be maintained between riders, officials, volunteers and spectators at all times.

Stable area

- Signage will be prominently displayed, and the following actions will be undertaken to avoid potential congestion:
 - Day and overnight stables keep left with signed and designated entry and exit points.
 - Amenities (toilets and showers) encourage staggered use of showers, adjacent to camping areas.

General public areas

- Signage will be prominently displayed, and the following actions will be undertaken to avoid potential congestion:
 - Designated pedestrian traffic flow through the trade village with clear entry and exit points
 - Limited seating will be available in the open village green, marquees, and trade village -1 person per 4m² (or 2 m² if state-wide restrictions are further eased).
 - All food will be served as take away food using disposable and recyclable utensils, paper bags, serviettes etc. (There is no table service dining at this event).
 - A red sign on a table will indicate the table has not been cleaned. A green sign will indicate it has been cleaned and is ready for use. Cleaning equipment will be provided in general areas.
- Signage will include reminders about:
 - Social distancing
 - Hand washing
- Results will be available online which will avoid the need for crowding around scoreboards.



Judging boxes (Area 10)

- Judge plus personal family member to scribe in the box only OR
- Judge only with scribe in nearby car communication via smartphone or head-set OR
- Scribe to wear face mask changed every two hours.
- Online scoring system to minimise use of paper.
- No sharing of pens (BYO).

Outdoor arena seating:

 25 percent capacity with social distancing between family groups to be maintained (as per rugby and AFL).

Indoor arena seating

• 25 percent capacity with social distancing between family groups to be maintained (as per rugby and AFL).

5. Communicating for COVID-19 Safety

Point of Competition entry

- All riders will be informed of the conditions of entry on the Nominate entry form.
- All registered riders are encouraged to download the Australian COVID SAFE app.

Prior to the event

- All officials, service providers and volunteers will be invited to attend an online webinar conducted by the Event Director one week prior to the event and a copy will be available on the Saddlefitter Brisbane CDI webpage until the conclusion of the event.
- During the webinar all participants will be encouraged to download the COVID SAFE app.
- The CDI Event Director or delegate will email all officials a copy of this plan, one to two weeks before the commencement of the Event.
- The CDI Event Director or delegate will email all sponsors with a copy of this plan, one to two weeks before the commencement of the Event.
- The CDI Volunteers Coordinator will email all volunteers one week before the event and will be available to brief volunteers as required throughout the event, should any queries arise.

Throughout the event

- The CDI Event Director, COVID Safety Officer or QSEC staff may ask a person/s who is not acting in a COVID-19 safe and responsible manner to leave the QSEC.
- The Sponsorship and Media Officer will post regular messaging regarding social distancing and hand hygiene on the Saddlefitter Brisbane CDI Facebook page prior to and throughout the event.
- Social distancing and hand hygiene signage will be at the entry points, common areas, trade village, village green.

6. Monitoring of COVID safe conditions at the Event

- Throughout the event, three to five designated members of the organising committee will
 monitor potential congregating of people in common areas and may take action to restrict
 numbers of people in a designated area. The Event Director will also be notified of the issue
 and remediation.
- Official stewards will monitor social distancing in competition areas.

Appendices:

Signage to be printed with EQ logos (as per Australian Government policy) and laminated.

Help us keep Everyone Safe from COVID-19

https://www.health.qld.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0041/949379/COVID19-visitor-poster.pdf

Simple Steps to Help Stop the Spread

https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-print-ads-simple-steps-to-stop-the-spread

Good hygiene is in your hands

https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-print-ads-good-hygiene-is-in-your-hands

Six steps to successful everyday hand washing

https://www.qld.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0031/127696/6-Steps-Hand-Washing-Poster.pdf

Thank you for social distancing