



FAQ: JLC Best Practices for Operating Competitions

What rules do I follow if my local or state regulations are different from the JLC Best Practices? Organizers must follow guidelines provided by federal, state, local and other public health officials. Organizers are encouraged to use the [JLC Best Practices](#) as a guide and determine additional Best Practices specific to their location.

Where do I find my state's COVID-19 regulations? State-by-state COVID-19 resources are available at this [link](#) and are updated daily. A summary of state COVID-19 restrictions is available at this [link](#). We recommend that you contact your state, local and other public health officials directly for the most up to date resources and restrictions.

What if my show is a USEF-Licensed Competition? All USEF-Licensed Competitions must follow the USEF Requirements and Recommendations for Operating USEF-Licensed Competitions in the COVID-19 Environment along with the most recent guidance from federal, state, local and other public health officials. For more information on returning to competitions please follow this link to the [USEF Action Plan](#).

What about the WHO Mass Gathering for Sports Risk Assessment Tool? All USEF-Licensed Competitions must complete the [WHO Mass Gathering Risk Assessment for COVID-19 Addendum for Sporting Events](#). This is a great tool to help you create a plan that fits your venue. It is strongly encouraged that all shows no matter their affiliation complete the risk assessment and share the results of the assessment with their state and public health officials.

If my show is closed to the general public, does that mean that owners and parents of junior exhibitors cannot attend or watch their horses or child compete? Participants, along with competition staff and support personnel are allowed on the show grounds, but must follow all federal, state and local regulations. Participants are defined (by USEF) as owners, lessees, riders, parents, trainers, coaches, grooms and any other required support personnel and staff that are essential for providing care to the horse and riders.

How do I set-up the horse show office to protect office staff? Shows are encouraged to set-up a safe environment for office staff that follows the latest federal, state and local regulations. It is recommended that you accept online or electronic entries only and establish appointment times for check in and check out. It is also recommended that changes (scratches/adds) are to be completed electronically and that class number sheets, scratches and daily schedules be emailed or texted.

What about social distancing in the stabling areas? Stabling areas should be configured for social distancing based on the latest federal, state and local regulations. It is also recommended that seating areas should be limited to prevent congregating and that barns should not host parties in the stabling area.

What about social distancing at the ring? It is recommended that only two people per horse are allowed in the warm up area and that only trainers and instructors are allowed on the rail at facilities that have "moat-like" rails. Box seating and other seating areas should be configured to follow the latest federal, state and local regulations.

Do exhibitors and staff have to wear masks and gloves at all times? Shows must follow the latest federal, state and local regulations for using personal protective equipment (PPE) on the show grounds. It is recommended that the shows provide masks and gloves to all staff and other personnel.