

Discipline-specific guidelines for FEI Jumping Events taking place during the Covid-19 pandemic [\(Updated 7 December 2021\)](#)

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Purpose

This document provides OCs with detailed guidance for the management of FEI Jumping Events during the Covid-19 pandemic. The measures outlined aim to apply to all aspects of the Event the hygiene and social distancing principles necessary to reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission.

This document must be read and used in conjunction with:

- The [FEI Policy for Enhanced Competition Safety during the Covid-19 Pandemic](#), and in particular article VII “Recommended Best Practice for FEI Event Organisers”, which provides general guidance for all FEI Events.
- The [Veterinary-specific guidelines for FEI Events taking place during the Covid-19 pandemic](#) which outlines the veterinary processes applicable in each FEI discipline.

These guidelines are best practice recommendations. They do not intend to replace the regulations and policies imposed by the national and local health authorities, but to supplement them with considerations that are unique to Jumping.

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I. Venue

1. Social distancing

Where possible, have separate entry and exit points in each area. Provide maps to participants and spectators.

Avoid queues as much as possible but provide marks on the ground to ensure social distances are respected.

2. Hygiene

Provide hand sanitisation stations where necessary (i.e. doors, restrooms, etc).

For recommendations on cleaning and disinfecting surfaces please refer to the “Best Practice Recommendations” in the [FEI Policy for Enhanced Competition Safety during the Covid-19 Pandemic](#).

3. Masks

In compliance with the [FEI Policy for Enhanced Competition Safety during the Covid-19 Pandemic](#), the wearing of face masks by all persons is strongly recommended at FEI Events, except:

- When mounted on a horse; and,
- For athletes, while training and competing.

Also, starting 1 September 2020, the [Covid-19 guidelines for prize giving protocols and media activities at FEI Events](#) apply. Under these guidelines, the wearing of face masks will be mandatory for everyone involved in prize givings, including athletes unless they are mounted on a horse. There is also a specific protocol for podium presentations.

II. Spectators

Please refer to the Recommended Best Practices for FEI Event Organisers in the [FEI Policy for Enhanced Competition Safety during the Covid-19 Pandemic](#).

III. Show office & administration

Taking into account the Recommended Best Practices for FEI Event Organisers in the [FEI Policy for Enhanced Competition Safety during the Covid-19 Pandemic](#), a plan must be devised and implemented to ensure social distancing and adequate hygiene:

- At the various steps of the event administration (such as invoicing, orders etc.)
- In the show office
- During staff, volunteers and Officials briefings
- For shuttles and all venue vehicles

Regular cleaning and disinfection schedules must be established for all areas and equipment in the venue, including Judges box(es), score box(es), press & commentator box(es), volunteers material.

Pre-packaged individual food and bottled drink should be made available to personnel, Officials and volunteers if necessary.

IV. Stabling

1. Permitted persons

Access to the stables should be strictly reserved to authorised officials, athletes and support persons. Only two people per horse at a time in the stable area.

Dogs shouldn't be authorized in the stables. Visits to the stables for the public shouldn't be authorized.

2. Social distancing

If possible, have separate entry and exit points to the stables. Persons should not have to cross each other without the possibility to keep social distances.

3. Hygiene

Provide hand sanitisation stations.

Masks are strongly recommended for everyone present in the stables.

Please also refer to the "Best Practice Recommendations" in the FEI Covid-19 Policy.

V. Social distancing for athletes and their support personnel

When possible, only one support person (e.g. groom) should accompany the horse and athlete to the field of play/competition arena. We strongly recommend that this person wears a mask at all times.

VI. Consequences of the removal of a team member due to Covid-19

If a team member has to leave the event due to SARS-CoV-2 contamination or suspected contamination (positive test, Covid-19 diagnosis, notification of close contact with an infected person by the relevant health authorities), the removal from the team will be considered as due to medical reasons and the consequences for the team will be determined as prescribed by the relevant provisions in the [FEI Jumping Rules](#).

VII. Equipment

Equipment should not be shared unless absolutely necessary. When this is the case, sanitisation stations should be available nearby and users should sanitise their hands before and after use.

A regular cleaning schedule should be into place for common facilities, including the poles in jumping obstacles.

VII. Competition areas

If possible, ensure a one-way circulation access between stables and other areas, and provide maps to participants.

1. Horse inspection area

Social distancing:

- If possible, have separate entry and exit points to the horse inspection zone.
- Organise the Horse Inspections in small groups and ensure a steady flow of the Horse Inspection, if queues grow ensure social distances are respected.
- Only one person should present the horse at the Horse Inspection.

Hygiene:

- Please refer to the [Veterinary-specific guidelines for FEI Events taking place during the Covid-19 pandemic.](#)
- Provide hand sanitisation stations.

2. Schooling area

Social distancing:

- Where possible, have separate entry and exit points to the schooling area.
- Athletes should book schooling/exercise areas to prevent crowding.
- If necessary, only one support person (e.g. groom) should accompany the horse and athlete to the schooling area. This person should wear a mask.

Hygiene:

- Offer the possibility to disinfect hands when handling obstacles.
- Provide hand sanitisation stations if handles (e.g. gates) must be touched.

3. Warm-up and competition arenas

Permitted persons:

- Only one support person (e.g. groom) should accompany the horse and athlete to the field of play/competition arena. This person should wear a mask.
- In the competition arena, consider having the same team into place to put back the poles for designated obstacles (e.g. team of two for every few obstacles, one to handle the right side of the pole, the other the left). Have the poles disinfected when changing teams.

Social distancing:

- Where possible, have separate entry and exit points for the warm-up and competition arenas.
- The coach is to follow physical distancing requirements and we strongly recommend he wears a mask during the warm-up.

Hygiene:

- Offer the possibility to disinfect hands when handling obstacles.
- For boot and bandage check, provide hand sanitiser and masks for the appointed Officials. Masks should be used.

4. Ground Jury box

Permitted persons:

The Ground Jury box should only be accessible to the required staff/officials, one person per post.

Social distancing:

- We strongly recommend that people in the box or having to address a member of the Jury wear a mask.
- If possible, separate the members of the Jury by Plexiglas.

Hygiene:

Provide hand sanitiser.

VIII. Falls & injured athletes

Medical service providers must always wear mask and gloves when tending injured athletes.

Anyone else providing help must wear a mask, sanitise hands frequently and maintain adequate distance whenever possible.

The athlete must be given a mask (unless in medical distress).

The medical facility and ambulance will be managed in accordance with the requirements from the local health authorities.

IX. Prize giving, Awards and End of competition

The Covid-19 guidelines for prize giving protocols and media activities at FEI Events apply to all FEI Events. ~~Under these guidelines, the wearing of face masks is mandatory for everyone involved in prize givings, including athletes unless they are mounted on a horse or driving a carriage. There is also a specific protocol for podium presentations.~~