

IMPORTANT NEWS

For the

Oregon High Desert Classics 31st Annual Horse Show 2020

JUNE 1, 2020

Looking ahead to what will be a different Horse Show than any of us could envision, we will all need to follow the Federal, State, Local, and USEF Guidelines to make this year work. Oregon High Desert Classics staff, J Bar J staff and all exhibitors, and participants need to work together to hold a successful competition. Let's join together and do our part to keep everyone safe and healthy, use good common sense, and make this a great show.

Oregon High Desert Classics is looking forward to running July 15th - July 26th. As of today, we are still waiting for State approval to move forward... we are still planning the horse show... and the horse show entries are looking great!

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

COVID-19 Warning

COVID -19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. There is an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 in any public place where people are present. According to Center for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens, and those with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By visiting Oregon High Desert Classics you voluntarily assume all risks to exposure to COVID-19. It is your responsibility to follow all guidelines. ONLY Essential personnel will be allowed on the show grounds and **NO SPECTATORS** of any kind will be allowed during the show.

2020 COVID-19 POLICY AND RULES FOR J BAR J RANCH FACILITES AND OREGON HIGH DESERT CLASSIC HORSE SHOWS

Effective June 1st and Until Further Notice

Anyone entering the J BAR J RANCH must adhere to the 2020 COVID-19 Policy and Rules while on the property. Those admitted and found not in compliance with the Policy and Rules will be asked to leave the grounds and will not be allowed re-entry. Additionally, all Federal, State and local laws that may be applicable at the time of entry must be followed. Management reserves the right to change the rules at any time if necessary.

To stay up to date on Federal, State and local laws visit:

- FEDERAL: <https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus>,
- STATE: <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19/>
- LOCAL: <https://www.deschutes.org/health/page/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

To stay up to date on how to protect yourself and those around you, please visit:

- <https://www.cdc.gov>

If you are experiencing ANY of the symptoms related to the COVID-19 virus, PLEASE GO HOME and contact your healthcare professional. For a list of symptoms visit: www.cdc.gov

Oregon High Desert Classics is open to Essential Participants only, this includes: Trainers, Riders, Grooms, Owners, Competition Staff and parents attending solely as a minor's guardian. If you are not one of those listed you will not be allowed to enter the grounds.

Again, **NO SPECTATORS** of any kind will be allowed during the show.

Trainers will be responsible for their barns and ensuring that those affiliated with their barns adhere to these rules.

Please communicate to everyone in your party/barn the importance of following the OHDC, USEF, Federal, State and Local COVID Rules.

Oregon High Desert Classics will provide hand washing stations as well as hand sanitizer throughout the grounds, please use them frequently. Please avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Wear your mask at all times when not mounted on a horse. Be mindful of physical distancing and staying 6 feet apart.

COVID-19 POLICY - RULES- PROCEDURES For Participants of the show

PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

- Complete entry forms in their entirety (all information, signatures, payment information, payee information with social security number or tax ID, etc).
- Ensure that **all** participants have provided emergency contact information and have **completed the updated Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement and the Federation Entry Agreement required by the USEF**, as a condition of participation. (located in the Prize List near the entry blanks)
- Email completed documents to: ak@westpalmsevents.com
- Update and make sure all USEF and USHJA memberships are current.
- All showing horses have a microchip recorded with USEF and are USHJA registered.
- Ensure Safe Sport is completed for trainers, riders, and owners that are 18 and older.

STABLE/FEED/HAY ORDERS

Please place initial orders for Feed/Bedding in advance.

ON ARRIVAL

Each Trainer is responsible for setting protocol for their stabling area.

- Entry to the grounds to set up or stable horses **WILL NOT** be allowed before Sunday July 12th (week1) and Monday July 20th (week 2)

- Anyone who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms or has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days, **cannot** enter the competition grounds.
- Participants are required to self-monitor their temperature once daily prior to entering the competition grounds. Anyone with a temperature below 99.5 degrees F may enter the facility.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPANTS – Trainers, Owner, Riders, Support Personnel

Participants are required to:

- Wear a facemask or face covering when not mounted on a horse and when if closer than 6 feet of an individual
- Comply with social distancing requirements and all best practices and guidelines in effect at the facility.

Trainers are responsible for their staff and asked to:

- Provide all materials and operating protocols that you are currently implementing in your private barn operation since the COVID-19 pandemic began.
- Provide hand sanitizer, gloves, masks and other PPE deemed necessary to your barn staff and other personnel and encourage them to use these items on a regular basis.
- Provide no contact thermometers to staff and require temperature monitoring.
- Regularly sanitize golf carts, bikes, cars/trucks, stable doors, buckets, and equipment in your barn area including tack, grooming, feeding, stall cleaning materials, etc.
- NOT LITTER. Please use trash receptacles properly so the staff does not have to touch contaminated items that may have been discarded improperly.
- Oregon High Desert Classics **will not** be providing any materials in the barn areas that are essential to operate your private business.
- Provide your own food and bottled water, as well as disinfectant and/or wipes

Oregon High Desert Classics will have water available for the exhibitors, and is working on a safe way to distribute it.

Oregon High Desert Classics asks that you **do not** stay on the show grounds to watch others compete, please leave the show after you compete and enjoy the Central Oregon area.

SHOW DAYS

- Make sure all add/scratches are done online by 5:00pm the DAY BEFORE the show day
- During the event of inclement weather horses will be sent back to the barn, participants will be asked to go to their cars or trucks, and not congregate under the shade tents.
- Please provide separate water bottles for riders, as there will not be water jugs at the rings.

- Listen to back gate(s)/announcers prior to bringing horse(s) to rings to prevent the warm up rings from becoming overcrowded
- After the show begins only the horse(s) that are showing in classes will be able to school in the warm-up ring
- A maximum of 4 people (Trainer, Rider, Groom and one other family member) may accompany a horse to the ring. Please maintain social distancing at all times.
- Mounting blocks will be available in schooling areas to avoid one-on-one contact between riders and grooms/assistants.
- There will be NO CONGREGATING anywhere on the site

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Ribbons and Trophies will be available for pick up at a designated area.

STABLE AREAS

You will be asked to limit the number of people at your barn area.

BRAIDING/BRAIDERS

Braiding is optional. Horses/Riders will not be penalized if they are not braided.

Braiders must adhere to all guidelines set forth by USEF, CDC and WHO to lessen the spread of the COVID-19 virus and will update their practices as advised by these organizations.

Braiders as a group must:

- Be mindful of social distancing while working, wear a mask and sanitize anything that they come in contact with (stall latches, halters, leads, etc).
- Wash their hands and sanitize in between each horse and each respective barn.
- Braid horses in their own stall
- Encourage all interactions with others at the competition to be limited to phone and electronic applications, including a shift in payment to electronic methods (Venmo, PayPal or Zelle) or mailing of checks.
- Limit their horse show attendance to working hours only and leave the show grounds at the end of their respective shift unless other duties require the individual to stay.

BACK-GATES

A tent will be provided for each starter for protection of the elements. Please respect their space and be mindful of social distancing.

JOGGING, CONFORMATION AND MODEL

The traditional manner of jogging for soundness in hunter classes is waived until further notice, and horses will now jog for soundness under saddle by trotting a circle on a loose rein at the end of each over fences performance.

Pony Hunter and Conformation Classes – The requirement for model and conformation classes has been waived in the “A” rated section. If model or conformation classes are held, handlers must comply with social distancing guidelines.

Green and High Performance Conformation Hunter – Handlers in model classes and conformation classes in the Green and High Performance Conformation Hunter sections must comply with social distancing guidelines.

SHOW OFFICE PROCEDURES

CHECK-IN

We ask that one representative from each barn perform all office related work.

ADD/SCRATCH & DERBY DECLARATIONS

Each show day ONE representative of each barn may come to the office to:

- Submit Add/Scratches by 5:00 PM the day prior.
- In the event of an omission, management has sole discretion for errors in class entries.
- Declare horse(s) for the Hunter Derby and Grand Prix.

SPLITS

- All splits must be completed by 12:00 PM (NOON) on Friday.
- There will be no changes made to splits on Sunday.

CHECK-OUT

Trainers are responsible for providing “payer” information.

The representative/trainer will receive a copy of all bills in advance, and will be responsible to provide the proper payment information. Any changes may be returned to the office by the representative but need to be done in a timely manner before closing out.

Prior to dropping off checks for payments, they need to be filled out with entry numbers clearly marked in the notation line and delivered to the office by the representative.

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