

## **GUIDELINES AND BEST PRACTICES FOR USBCHA TRIALS AND EVENTS TO ADDRESS COVID-19**

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### ***USBCHA Strongly encourages Trial Hosts to Follow these Guidelines***

1. Trial hosts should be aware of their legal obligations and ensure compliance with State and local trial requirements.
2. Trial hosts should consider adding information about Covid exposure to the waivers included with their entry forms. Hosts should check with their property insurers with regard to any liability issues they may need to address. The USBCHA waiver does not provide protection for Trial Hosts. Be aware that USBCHA's general liability policy, on which Trial Hosts can purchase an Additional Insured certificate, includes a virus or bacterial exclusion clause.
3. The host should inform handlers of current State/County/ Health department guidelines, regulations and emergency orders, and any travel or gathering size restrictions for that trial, both before entries open and up to the date of the trial.
4. Prohibit or strongly discourage non-family spectators.
5. Provide 1 portable toilet for every 10 handlers entered in the trial and, if possible, 1 wash station for every 3 portable toilets. If spectators are allowed under local guidelines and anticipated to attend, a similar number must be provided for the estimated number of spectators. Each unit should be disinfected daily with spray sanitizer like Lysol. If the host provides for the portable toilets to be serviced by the provider on a daily basis, they can reduce that number to 1 portable toilet for every 15 handlers entered. Doors should be propped open and units aired out between uses.
6. Provide hand sanitizers or wash stations at each portable toilet, near all gates that must be touched, and the judging area.

### **Best Practices for Handlers and Trial Hosts**

1. Regular cleaning and disinfecting of gates, ropes, doors – all common areas where contact likely
2. Six feet social distancing and CDC best practices in all public areas.
3. Wearing of masks both indoors and outdoors. Wearing masks in all places where people gather.
4. Avoid any large indoor gatherings and require masks for indoor gatherings.
5. Recommend that judges, scribes, score sheet runners and score posters wear masks, wash hands frequently, and practice social distancing.
6. Consider using a cone or other similar object for the post so that handlers don't touch the post
7. Use of a 3-sided pen or chute without a rope. If a regular pen is used, assign a volunteer or the Course Director to wipe the rope with a disinfectant wipe after each run if the handler makes it to the pen.
8. Have signs advising spectators and participants to maintain social distancing, wash hands, and wear masks. Signs should also advise spectators to not attend the event if they have been exposed to Covid 19 or have any symptoms consistent with Covid 19. Signs should be posted where people enter the trial grounds and in any area where spectators may gather.
9. Encourage those with RVs to use their RV and not the porta potties.
10. Inform handlers in the trial information and entry forms that failure to follow the trial host's guidelines may result in disqualification of entries, ejection from the trial and no refunds.
11. Set up the scoreboard in an open area. Suggest handlers take a photo of the scoreboard to avoid congregating near the scoreboard.
12. Eliminate handlers' meetings if possible. If held, maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet. Alternatively, publish handler meeting information online ahead of the trial.
13. Participants should bring their own food. Food for trial officials and workers should be arranged to minimize interactions (e.g. box lunches, individual coolers). Use disposable paper goods and utensils. Offer mainly individually wrapped food items. Avoid community items such as salt and pepper, condiments, creamers, etc.
14. Avoid gatherings for meals such as catered dinners or potlucks.

