



To: The CHJA and CHSA Membership and Affiliates
From: Peter Mann, CHSA President and Carla Sharp, CHJA President
Subject: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak
Date: March 14, 2020

We have been keeping up to date with the latest developments concerning the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and the broader impact it has on our horse world and, particularly how it affects our members and affiliates at CHJA and CHSA recognized horse shows in the State of Connecticut.

Yesterday USEF released a statement that effective Monday, March 16, 2020, all USEF owned events, selection trials, training camps, clinics, and activities will be suspended for the next 30 days. They also recommended the cancellation of all USEF licensed competitions across the country for the next 30 days and that equestrians do not compete for the next 30 days. For those competitions that do run, there will be no accumulation of points, scores, money won, qualifications, or rankings toward any USEF awards programs, USEF owned event, or selection to a US team during this 30-day time period. This includes USEF National Championships.

The CHJA and the CHSA are not USEF Affiliates and as such follow their own rules and establish their own policies based on what is in the best interest of their respective members independent of any other organization's rules and or opinions. We cannot enforce the suspension or cancelling of any upcoming CHJA and or CHSA Affiliated Horse Shows as we do not own them. It is up to the Management of each show to make the determination to run or not, and up to each individual member to decide if they want to participate. We expect everyone to exercise due diligence in making their decision.

The CHJA and the CHSA strongly recommend that if you choose to run a show or to compete that you follow the guidelines established by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the State of Connecticut.

For the latest information, resources and guidance related to corona virus (COVID-19) for the State of Connecticut visit:

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus>

For the latest information, resources and guidance related to corona virus (COVID-19) from the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Based on the threat of this strain of virus, the CHJA and the CHSA will waive show cancellation fines until April 30, 2020 in line with the current State of Connecticut prohibition of events with spectators and participants exceeding 250. Should you decide to cancel your show, please notify the CHJA and the CHSA so we can put it

on the web site. Our main concern has been and always will be the health and safety of our members, their families, and spectators.

We strongly recommend the following proactive measures to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone who visits any of our affiliated horse shows.

First and foremost, if you aren't feeling well, have a fever, cough or shortness of breath...STAY HOME!

Enact a strict hand-washing protocol that requires horse show personnel to wash their hands with soap and water or to sanitize hands frequently.

Avoid shaking hands and stand six feet from exhibitors when possible.

Ensure that all desk surfaces are treated with proper disinfectants and high-traffic areas are given special attention.

Restrict free access in stabling areas to only essential personnel (riders, grooms, farriers, vets, officials).

Provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer at in-gates, in competition offices, with vendors and convenient places throughout the competition grounds.

Ensure restroom facilities are regularly cleaned.

Operate without general public spectators.

Ensure that food services are of the type that limit contamination, self-service buffets are strongly discouraged.

Additionally we will be sending laminated copies of the attached posters to any scheduled show through May 1 to post in the secretaries' offices and in the public rest rooms.

We will continue to monitor the situation and will provide updates as needed. We wish everyone health and safety during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Carla Sharp
CHJA President

Sincerely,
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CHSA President