

# COVID-19 TEMPORARY RULES AS OF AUGUST 23, 2021

## SECTION 1. General Rules

All Event attendees and workers, regardless of vaccination status, must be masked at all times when:

- Indoors
- During any gathering for announcements/briefings
- In the blind, going to the ring, in the ring, exiting the ring
- Spectating
- Gathering in close groups outdoors

Any person refusing to wear a mask when mandated, hanging their nose or mouth out, or taking down/removing the mask, will be asked to leave the Event. Any person who becomes combative/disruptive about mask wearing will be subject to a Trial Hearing on misconduct/lack of sportsmanship, and will face suspension.

- If a mask is dislodged during a run (dog paw, etc.) the competitor may immediately fix without penalty. If a face shield is being worn in addition to the mask and it comes off during a run, the competitor may either immediately replace the face shield or leave it where it lies until the end of the run. There is no penalty for the face shield falling off.

## SECTION 2. Masks

Masks are of tightly woven cloth or other solid, breathable material of at least two layers. Bandanas and other loose-bottomed coverings are not allowed (mask/scarf combos are allowed). Neck gaiters are allowed if they are at least two layers, contain a pocket for a filter, and used with a filter. A one-way valve (usually a raised plastic circle the size of a quarter), which aids in exhalation, is not allowed.

## SECTION 3. Judges

Judges who wish to remain unmasked while Judging in the ring may do so if they present proof of a final vaccination received at least 14 days prior to the Event to the Event to the Trial Chair and Secretary. This proof can be scanned/emailed ahead of the Event, but also must be available for the Trial Secretary to check on arrival.

- All other Judging tasks resume as outlined in the Rulebooks.

## SECTION 4. Clubs

Clubs may limit entries to vaccinated persons only, ask for proof of vaccination, have an armband/sticker system. However, even if limiting to vaccinated persons only, the above masking rules are still in effect.

- Clubs must follow the most restrictive laws/guidelines in their area. If the Barn Hunt rules are more restrictive, the Club follows those. If local/facility laws are more restrictive than Barn Hunt guidelines, the Club follows those.
- Communal food is allowed, but groups cannot gather in close proximity to eat unless all attendees are vaccinated.

## SECTION 5. Waiver and Statement of Vaccination:

This waiver must be signed at or immediately prior to the event. Attendees must sign the waiver.

*I certify that I do not, to my knowledge, have COVID-19 at the time of attending this event, nor have I knowingly been in contact with or exposed to any person with COVID-19 within the past 10 days. I have not been told to isolate or quarantine. I am not awaiting the results of a COVID test. If I have been diagnosed with the virus or have had virus-like symptoms but no formal diagnosis, I certify that I have been released by government officials and/or my health care providers to resume all activity with no limit and have had no symptoms for a minimum of 10 days prior to the Event. I understand that I have entered and am competing at this Barn Hunt event entirely at my own risk and take full responsibility for my own health and safety during this Event. I pledge to follow all Barn Hunt Association and specific Club Event rules and requirements to mitigate any possibility of infecting others or becoming infected. I understand and will follow all mask-wearing rules. I will cooperate with any health department and/or State/Local guidelines that have jurisdiction in the area in which the Event is taking place. The Barn Hunt Association LLC and the [insert club name] are in no way liable for any present or future COVID-19 infection incurred at any time by any person, in attendance or not in attendance, before, during or after this Event.*