



## **DHPC 2020-2021 Season – COVID-19 Racing Protocols**

The DHPC Executive Committee have worked with the BEF Covid-19 Protocol Committee and received Bermuda Government approval to return to sport. With this approval, there are of course required protocols and restrictions we need to put in place and adhere to so that we ensure we have a healthy, full and successful race season.

The original season race season schedule for 2020-2021 has had to be adjusted and this will be sent out to the DHPC membership shortly.

Below are a summary of all the approved Bermuda Government COVID-19 regulations for us to run our race season as planned with the most success:

1. The DHPC has been granted permission for a maximum attendance of 150 persons on race days.

This approval was granted when taking into consideration the layout of our typical race days and given the size of the property we race on.

This number will adequately cover us for horsemen and their help, all necessary volunteers and spectators.

In consideration of the fact that our horse trailers are more than adequately distanced around the facility and the individuals in trailers are (99% of the time) from the same household or already interact on a daily basis – therefore, each trailer grouping should remain together as much as possible and should have 1 nominated person from their trailer grouping to be the person who would interact with facilities such as the canteen to limit interactions.

2. Social distancing requirements, masks, sanitizers, restrooms:

All persons at the event must wear a face mask and maintain appropriate physical distancing at all times. Wearing of masks required when not seated or moving about the venue.

Each trailer grouping (see note above in 1.) would be limited to 1 designated interacting person on any given race night and a mask would be required for interactions – if anyone else needs to move about the facility would be limited to reasons such as using the restroom and again masks would be required.



Hand sanitizers have been purchased by the DHPC and will be available at the below locations around the facility on a race night:

- a. 1 at the entry booth for each spectator to use upon arrival to the facility;
- b. 2 at the canteen – there will be the requirement for the use of both windows at the canteen so there will be one at a separate order window (side by the stairs) and one at the separate order pick-up window (where we have all ordered in the past);
- c. 1 in each bathroom; and 1 at the entrance to the bathroom area (exact location still being determined); and
- d. 1 in the judge's box by the door in case anyone needs to approach the judge (note – you are still required to obtain permission to approach the judge's box before coming up).

Appropriate physical distancing on bleachers to be marked – only seating on every other step/bench and appropriately distanced marking on the seating steps as well. If individuals come together in a group, those groups can remain together and keep space between each group.

The entry booth for all arriving spectators will have contact tracing sheets for attendees to fill in on arrival; a committee member or designated volunteer will also greet each arriving trailer on a race night to write down who has entered through the bottom gate in a truck/trailer for contact tracing purposes. This will also facilitate the tracking of numbers of people at the facility to ensure that we adhere to our numbers limit.

The entry booth will be equipped with all necessary COVID-19 protocol guidance and with a notice requesting that if any individual is feeling unwell they do not enter or remain at the facility during a Harness Racing event.

The Race Secretary name and contact cell number for the race night will be posted in the entry box for any questions.

**At the bottom gate no one is allowed to come in other than trailers prior to the commencement of the race day/night.** There will be a volunteer here tracking arrivals who will then report numbers to the volunteer(s) on the top gate to ensure proper number tracking for the facility. Trailers with ponies must be at the track no later than 1 hour before post-time so there is more than enough time for the volunteer to track the incoming trailers and persons and report numbers to the individual at the spectator's entry gate.



### 3. Bathrooms

The bathrooms will be limited for occupancy to 1 person in each bathroom at any given time. The exact method for showing if the bathroom is available or occupied is still being finalized but will be communicated to members as soon as possible.

### 4. Canteen

The canteen facility on a race day/night will continue to be run by our existing provider. They are well versed in COVID requirements, they will ensure that the canteen facility adheres to all COVID protocols for their staff and our spectators when running the canteen for the DHPC racing.

We will have marked adequate 6ft physical distancing spaces, like on bleachers for lines/crowd control for food ordering a pickup. Signs will be posted to indicate "Order Here" and "Pick Up Orders Here".

**All relevant COVID 19 Health Guidelines to be followed.**