



TO: BEF MEMBERSHIP

DATE: 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2021

**URGENT MESSAGE FROM BEF PRESIDENT MCKEISHA SMITH  
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY -- UPDATE REGARDING BEF RETURN TO PLAY**

Good day Members,

On November 26, 2021, the Bermuda Government and the Minister of Sports communicated that all spectators at events/competitions require a SafeKey. This is a change from what we communicated on November 17, 2021. As we've stated from the start of return to sport, the guidance around COVID will be fluid. We also understand how this guidance differs from that of restaurants for young children and we continue to challenge the Government on this misalignment.

<https://bernews.com/2021/11/large-group-exemptions-require-safekey-use/>

***EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY the following is required:***

**ALL SPECTATORS, (including children and grooms).**

1. A SafeKey as a result of a negative PCR test or vaccination certificate

**RIDERS, DRIVERS & COACHES:**

1. A SafeKey as a result of a negative PCR test or Vaccination Certificate.  
**OR**
2. Antigen Rapid Test  
Complete the antigen test  
Complete the attestation form and provide it to the gate attendant

***There are NO exceptions for non-compliance as any breach impacts the entire sport. I appreciate your total cooperation with this change.***

All other conditions previously communicated remain in effect:

1. The number of attendees at any event cannot exceed 50% of the normal capacity at any indoor or outdoor setting. 'Attendees' include hosts, organizers, staff, volunteers, players coaches, officials, spectators and vendors.
2. The use of SafeKey is required for all attendees at any gathering above the permitted number of persons. Attendees' SafeKeys must be checked against a valid ID with name and date of birth, and be verified on <https://verify.gov.bm/> prior to entry, per guidance at <https://www.gov.bm/safekey>.

3. Masks must be worn indoors and outdoors by staff and patrons if 6-foot distancing cannot be maintained, unless eating or drinking, or with members of one household, or during physical exertion, per Public Health Guidelines at: [www.gov.bm/mask-guidance](http://www.gov.bm/mask-guidance)
4. Contact tracing details must be collected from all attendees including full name, date and time of visit, phone and email in case there is a positive case in attendance.
5. Signage must be available throughout indoor and outdoor settings encouraging physical distancing and indoor mask wearing.
6. Marshalls must be deployed at the rate of 1 Marshall per 50 attendees, in particular at the entrance, bathrooms, food and drink vending, and narrow and enclosed areas to enforce 6-foot distancing, hand hygiene and mask wearing. Marshalls can include adult staff, volunteers and security. The event organiser shall identify the Marshalls by name to compliance and enforcement officers.
7. Sanitizing stations must be available at the entrance of any indoor setting and on tables and bar counters.
8. Lines for food, drinks and bathrooms must be marked to ensure 6 feet a distance between each person waiting in line.
9. Staff should complete the online Infection Prevention Control training available at: [www.gov.bm/infection-prevention-and-control-training](http://www.gov.bm/infection-prevention-and-control-training)
10. Food and beverage vendors must comply with Environmental Health licensing and food hygiene regulations and requirements.
11. Employees must be screened for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 at the start of their shift. Sick employees must be directed to stay home or immediately go home if they feel or appear sick.
12. Adhere to cleaning and disinfecting Public Health guidelines at: <https://www.gov.bm/covid-19-guidance-events-and-gatherings>
13. WeHealth is strongly encouraged as it will help contain an outbreak in case of a positive case at any event whether above or below the permitted number.
14. A copy of this “Letter of noobjection” for the Large Group gathering and the conditions must be posted at the entrance and clearly visible and kept on file to be made available upon request

This exemption only covers equestrian events at the NEC. Please also note that at all times, this is subject to change, should the country’s Covid-19 situation or status change at any time affecting the approved period. The conditions can be varied, or the approval withdrawn in accordance with Public Health regulations designed to control or contain Covid- 19.

Should you have any questions or need any part of these guidelines clarified, reach out to your Affiliate Club or any of our Directors.

***Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.***

***Helen Keller***