

The Pony Club Resumption of Pony Racing

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Risk	Specific Items	Normal Control Measures	Covid Mitigations
Population Risk	Screening	No measures normally in place	Screening to take place of those entering the race course, at this point individuals will have temperatures taken and those with a temperature will not be admitted. There are NO EXCEPTIONS – anyone who does not pass the required screening is not permitted access and must leave the site. Appropriate security staff must be provided to support the screening team should this be necessary.
	Technology		Where possible, technological solutions should be utilised to minimise contact. Entries to be made via digital platforms to reduce contact with paper and additional opportunities scoped out.
	On site	No limit on spectators or riders	No spectators or public encouragement of attendance. Entires limited to 70 per race day. Limit attendance by one rider plus two family per horse (in line with other disciplines) unless vital support is needed e.g. young player support. All attendees to maintain social distancing and will be wearing Masks where appropriate based on current government guidelines. Attendees will be encouraged to leave the site as soon as practically achievable.
	Travel	No Limit on Travel	Travelling should be undertaken with people from the same household. Travel should remain as local as possible. Travel in line with home country guidance.

	Hospitality/ Catering	No Restrictions on Hospitality and Catering	No access to hospitality or catering on site and attendees encouraged to bring food from home/ in line with home country guidance. These areas are closed to deter social gatherings and possible breeches of social distancing.
	Briefings/ secretaries	Briefings usually made on site	All information relevant to the race meeting and event to be shared either via email, website or social media platforms. Where a focal secretary space is needed these will be housed in temporary structures such as gazebos to shelter from the elements but ensure limited contact in confined spaces.
	Prize Givings	Prize giving's and results usually made on the day following Races.	All results will be posted online following the event and prizes distributed by post.
Shared equipment	Radios	Radios provided to key officials and support or organisers	Radios sanitised regularly and transfer between users further minimised.
	Paper work	Officials paper work to weigh in/ out, record placings and pariciaption	Resources such as pens and paper to be provided by individual, were possible sanitised regularly. Paper work will not be shared amongst officials and will be stored in plastic casing which can be sanitised regularly.

	Tack and Rider equipment	Tack and equipment may be shared between participants and to support safety	No sharing of equipment will be permitted, tack and items to be sanitised regularly. Those deemed with unsafe tack or equipment will not be allowed to race. Participants in Race meets are asked to disinfect tack and equipment prior to arrival.
	Whistles	May be used by officials and starters	Organisers and clubs will not provide, those wishing to use must bring equipment
Transmission (droplets)	All persons present shouting, increasing the risk of droplet transmission	No action is normally taken	Music will not be played and sound check for officials will ensure volume is set so that attendees can speak at normal volume.
	Spectators	Usually have no limit or specific requirements	External Spectators will not be invited or allowed on to site. Those accompanying members to the event will have access to only covered areas but not the stands and maintain social distancing whilst wearing masks. A one way system will be in operation to ensure that social distancing is maintained on site and sanitising stations will be provided which meet current government guidance.
	Rider support	Unlimited amount normally able to attend with no restrictions	In line with other sports the rider will be limited to only two family members as support, members of their house hold or bubble in attendance. This includes in the lorry park
	Officials	Starters are usually present and mounted escort riders	Officials will be kept to a minimum and maintain social distancing/ use PPE as appropriate for the role or inline with safety requirements. Officials will have under taken the Racing2Learn Covid19 module
	Horse and Rider Emergency Support (First Aid, Vet, Farrier)	Professionals are usually in attendance to support in case of emergency	Rigorous hygiene measures will be taken by professionals as documented earlier

Parade Ring	In use with no restrictions	Numbers in the Parade ring will be limited to those in the current race, surfaces will be sanitised regularly. Those parading will stick to strict social distancing measures and wear masks in line with elite sports venue measures
Saddling Boxes	Are in use with no restrictions	Will not be used to maintain social distancing and reduce transmission possibility. Saddling will take place at the lorry park
Tack Check	Takes place as part of the pre parade checks with officials	Tack Check guidance will be sent to entrants as part of briefing documentation. Tack Check station will be in the lorry park and riders MUST present tacked up pony prior to entering the parade ring. Officials will work in open space, with masks and gloves following rigorous hygiene measures. Those deemed with unsafe tack will not be able to race as per sharing of equipment guidance
weighing in and out	No measures normally in place	A separate weighing in and out will take place in the Lorry park, temporary scales will be sanitised and brought in. This will take place in a ventilated space.
Heading to the start	Officials and riders make way to the start with no restrictions	Strict social distancing will be adhered to by officials and riders. Riders will wear masks to the start and these can be removed when informed by officials. Those who can not maintain the distance will be removed from racing

	Starting	Officials and riders in close proximity	Starters to wear face coverings and PPE at all times. Riders can remove masks when advised by officials before the start of the race, this is permitted to ensure no restriction on the riders in the race.
	Post Race	Officials and riders in close proximity	Riders to maintain social distancing and unsaddle in the lorry park, no saddling boxes will be available
	Winners Circle	In use with no restrictions	This space will not be used and results/ prizes will be posted after the event