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1.0 Key Principles

- All persons on any Event site to adhere to HMG guidance and advice on Social Distancing Measures (<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>) (<https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19>) and any direct guidance for sport resumption
- **Rule of 6** – This will be the overriding principle for all outdoor social contact. All persons on venue to comply with the rule of six (**not** two households, as this will be difficult to steward and police) and for groups to keep a 2m Social Distance.
- **Personnel on Event site** Any personnel on site without an official role or under competitor protocols will be considered part of the public attendance.
- **Volunteer and Key Personnel** to be kept to a minimum throughout the Event. Details of who is on venue to be recorded by the organiser for Test & Trace requirements. Volunteers and Key Personnel should check in daily with the organiser or their head steward.
- **Volunteers, Key Personnel & Officials** should undertake minimal travel and support local events - '**Stay Local**'
- **Guest Accommodation Providers** should be used for any essential overnight stays as per Government Guidance
- **The lead person (Competitor)** is responsible for ensuring information can be provided for their support staff and owners if required.
- **Behind Closed Doors** – Events retain the right to run behind a closed doors policy
- **Public Attendance** – A cap (which will remain under review) of **500** people will be in place. All public attendees need to purchase tickets in advance and will be required to use the NHS app to register on venue or complete details to comply with Test and Trace requirements. Events to provide a C19 Compliance Steward for every 200 public attendees.
- **NHS QR Code** may be available to scan, at various points around the venue, if they have the NHS Covid-19 App as part of the NHS Test and Trace Service in England. To create an NHS QR code for your venue visit, <https://www.gov.uk/create-coronavirus-qr-poster>
- **All contractors** to provide their own appropriate PPE and carry it with them at all times – Gloves, face covering and Hand Sanitizer
- **Competitors** to complete their event and to leave venue as quickly as possible.
- **FEI Events** need to follow guidance for running FEI events, as well as BE C19 Sport Protocols <https://inside.fei.org/fei/covid-19/return-to-play/policy-tools>
- **Additional Equestrian Activities** – Events wishing to deliver additional activities (Pony Club Showjumping, Arena Eventing) need to provide plans for approval by British Eventing and to ensure sufficient C19 Risk Assessments and C19 Compliance Stewarding is in place. Such activities will be subject to these C19 Sport Protocols where applicable.

2.0 Pre - Event

Entries, Start Fees and any additional Fees to be paid online-

Withdrawal & Refund Policy – As per Chapter 4 of Members Handbook.

Horse Substitutions – As per Rule 4.7 in the Members Handbook save for. Substitutions must use the same phase times as the original horse. All requests need to be via email or text prior and during event and on event substitutions need to with the permission of the BE Steward. The event can take electronic payment only or head office can deal with payment. The BE Scorer needs to be included in the process for validation purposes.

Pandemic Refund Policy – Covers the period between ballot date until 3 days prior to start of competition. This is set by each Event and published on Event Schedule. (See Flow Chart)

Competitor Limits – **The Maximum number of entries which may be accepted by Events from the point of sectioning onwards will be 280. This will remain under review.**

Bib Numbers – Competitors to print their own Bib Numbers

Multiple Riders – As per Rule 4.2.2

Support Team – **1 x Rider and 2 x Support per horse.** A maximum of 2 Children of 11yrs old or under (connected to the rider) may attend and must stay under the direct supervision of the support team and or owners. Children over 11 years of age may attend if competing or where they are the support person for the rider permitted by these protocols. All children must abide by the protocols for sport resumption.

U18 Riders (Youth) – Two parents/guardians are permitted.

Timetabling

- Dressage - Intervals between tests as per 2021 Rule Book
- **Showjumping – 1 min 50 secs Intervals between competitors.**
- **Cross Country – 1 min 50 secs Intervals between competitors.**
- **Competitors to stick to published phase times.**

3.0 On Arrival at Event

- **Lorry Parking - 10m** Space between Lorries if tying up on both Sides, **5m** Space between Lorries if tying up on one side (seems to be the most practical option), **3m** Space between Lorries if not tying up outside. ***Signage detailing event policy should be displayed.***
- **Arrival** – Bib numbers to be shown for check in to venue
- **Owners & Officials** – Separate Parking area – No parking in the Lorry Park
- **Owners** – **No restrictions on numbers of Owners in attendance. Owners whose horses are not competing will not be permitted.**

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4.0 On Event

- **Dogs strictly on leads at all times**- Organisers can set additional venue specific rules
- **Essential Site Overlay - Refreshment and Saddlery/Equine trade stands allowed** employing strict SD measures.
- **Photography and Video allowed** - Online sales only. **No screens.**
- **Trade Stands** – In line with the opening of non-essential retail, additional trade stands will be allowed. Numbers should be limited and appropriate to the size of the event site. C19 Risk Assessments should be updated to reflect the introduction of trade stands.
 - Minimum 2m space between Trade Stands
 - Strict SD Measures and appropriate signage
 - Hygiene and Sanitisation Stations in trade stand area
 - Protocols and measures in place for queuing
 - Stewarded one way system in place for pedestrian flow around showground area
- **Media** – Can be allowed. Must be accredited prior to event by Organiser and kept to a minimum
- **Event Information** - No on site Event Office/Secretary. An **Information Point** for competitors to summon assistance i.e. Vet Farrier etc. Staff & Competitors to be protected by appropriate Covid -19 screening *All other event specific information available online via the website & E Programs. **Health & Safety Statement and Statement of Liability must be displayed at the entrance to the venue and at the Information Point- Refer to Chapter 11 of the BE Rules & Members Handbook.***
- **Random Passport & Vaccination checks to continue**
- **Hat Tagging** – By BE TA and BE Steward. *Organisers are encouraged, if possible, to provide someone to hat tag behind appropriate screens and with appropriate PPE*
- **Communications & Public Address** – PA available for H&S announcements in Lorry Park, Show jumping and Cross Country
- Radio plans to be agreed with BE Officials.
- **Toilet & Welfare Facilities** – Provision of site specific facilities as per H&S Risk Assessments.
- **Face Coverings & Protective Screens** – **Social Distance guidance says that 2 metres is the required space. Where the 2 meters is not possible, 1+ metre plus other protective measures must be used, such as face coverings or installed protective screens. This applies to all indoor structures, Commentary, Judges Boxes, Scoring and other Event Units.**

5.0 Health & Safety

- **Risk Assessments** – Events to update Risk Assessments to deal with the management of COVID 19. *Up to date Version of BE C19 Risk Assessment Packs will be circulated to all organisers for completion. for completion and review by British Eventing . All other Risk Assessments to be reviewed and update of any essential RIDDOR reporting*
- **Enforcement** – It is anticipated for there to be a heightened level of scrutiny by enforcement agencies to outside sporting activities on Social Distancing and best practices. Important to stress in all communications to stakeholders.
- **H&S Officer** - The Event Health and Safety Officer must be on venue and will along with the BE Steward and Technical Adviser monitor the compliance of members to the Social Distancing strategy and key areas such as Toilet & Welfare facilities and Waste Management. An event should appoint an additional **C19 Compliance Officer as a minimum. Events allowing public attendance and extra equestrian activities should provide more C19 Stewards as detailed in these protocols**

Health & Safety Statement and Statement of Liability must be displayed at the entrance to the venue and at the Information Hub - Refer to Chapter 11 of the BE Rules & Members Handbook.

6.0 Event Signage

Range of BE Signage Templates to be made available via a Tool Kit update for use around the event site to communicate Social Distancing Measures and Hygiene. To include but not limited to; * Entrance to and in Lorry Park * Entrance and Exit to all Warm Up Areas * Entrance and around SJ Arena * Start & Finish of XC * Entrances and Exits of all Communication and Judges boxes * Signage outside all Toilet facilities to ensure hand washing and sanitisation

Quantity of signage would be site specific and needs discussion pre event with BE Officials and Organiser

7.0 Dressage Phase

- **Arena Stewards** - Minimise numbers. Access to warm up to be stewarded
- **Dressage Judges** – Write # score for movement & collectives – Comments only for collectives. No judge to sit in a car or box with someone who is not from their household or bubble. *Discuss extra time on Intervals between tests with judges and feed into the event timetable planning*
- **Dressage writers – Not mandated** – Solutions will be event specific (e.g.: Judges & Writers same household) Discuss and approve with BE Officials pre event.
- **Warm up areas** - 225sqm (15mx15m) per horse, Determine useable size and max numbers with BE Officials Pre Event. Display max numbers allowed in warm up on Entrance. No Trainers or Coaches in warm up.

8.0 Show Jumping Phase

- **Warm up stewards** - Steward access to warm up entrance / Warm Up Steward to be enclosed in a safe area
- **Warm up fence stewards** - Venue to provide Fence Stewards (*a rider may be able to provide 1 x groom/connection to raise practice fences*) **Disposable or non porous gloves to be used. Alternatively if hand sanitiser is available, hands can be cleaned before and after handling warm up fences**
 - No spectating from within warm up arena
- **Warm up areas** –225sqm(15mx15m) per horse, Determine useable size and max numbers with BE Officials Pre Event. Display max numbers allowed in warm up on Entrance No Trainers or Coaches in warm up. Separate entrance and exits. . *Congregation around White Boards needs to be managed.*
- **Course Plans** - Posted Online and/or large onsite boards
- **Arena** – Separate exit and entrances
- **SJ Designer** – Appropriate PPE (Gloves/Mask) and Social Distance Measures
- **Arena Party** – Appropriate PPE (Gloves/Mask) and Social Distance Measures
- **SJ Box** – 1 x Judge in a box. (Minimum Protocol) Signage outside box indicating total number of people allowed in the box at any one time. 2 x Judges can be used if from same household or another unit or vehicle could be used for more judges. **Face Coverings & Protective Screen Protocol applies.** PA should be available for announcements (Compulsory Retirement Notices) Commentary not mandatory.

9.0 Cross Country Phase

Warm up area stewards - Steward access to warm up entrance / Warm Up Steward to be in an enclosed safe area

Warm up areas – 225sqm (15mx15m) per horse, Determine useable size and max numbers with BE Officials Pre Event. Display max numbers allowed in warm up on Entrance. No Trainers or Coaches in warm up. Congregation around White Boards needs to be managed.

Course Plans & Optimum Times - Posted Online and/or Cross Country App and at Start box with Rider Rep information

XC Start Box – 1 x Timekeeper and 1 x Starter (Minimum Protocol). **See Scoring Protocol.** Signage outside box indicating total number of people allowed in the box at any one time. **Face Coverings & Protective Screen Protocol applies.**

XC Control – 1 x Controller and 1 x Slip/Provisional Scorer. Commentary not mandatory. Slips will form part of scoring back up. Control requirement discussed with BE Officials. **See Scoring Protocol.** Signage outside box indicating total number of people allowed in the box at any one time. **Face Coverings & Protective Screen Protocol applies.**

Jump Judges – No mass briefings. An online **FJ Briefing Video** will be available on the BE YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVg8b34DSQ4> and any event specific briefings will be given via radio on site. Number & deployment of Jump Judges to be agreed with BE Officials in advance of event. **See Scoring Protocol**

10.0 Volunteers & Key Personnel

- **PPE** – Provided by Organisers and Venues to Volunteers where appropriate. Organisers as a minimum to provide access to hand sanitizer for all volunteers. Face Coverings and gloves to be provided where appropriate for the roles. Volunteers may be comfortable bringing their own PPE. Organisers should ascertain requirements from volunteers
- **Briefings** - All Volunteer and Key Personnel need to be appropriately briefed before the event on any C19 processes. Email or Online information available and information sheets available with event
- **Refreshments** – All volunteers, key personnel & contractors can be expected to provide their own refreshments. Any food & drink given by event to be covered under specific C19 Risk Assessments.
- **Steward Equipment** – Where possible it would be advisable for volunteers to provide their own equipment i.e. Clipboards, pens, whistles etc.
- **Fence Judge Equipment** - Online FJ Briefing, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVg8b34DSQ4> Event specific briefing via radio before XC start. Equipment at Fences or drive through. Specific equipment provided (radios, scorebooks) to be handed in at finish of day to be restocked and cleaned
- **Whistles which are provided to be kept by Fence Judges**

11.0 Medical & Veterinary

Medical Provision – As per 2021 Rulebook.

Medical Provision for Public Attendees- Sufficient Extra Medical Provision should be provided to cater for Public Attendees and include an Isolation tent/facility should an attendee develop C19 symptoms whilst on site. Should be covered in C19 Risk Assessments.

Examination Area- Provision of a 'examination area'. A gazebo or other private covered area to assess riders, saving an ambulance being tied up and potentially being deep cleaned.

Medical Protocols – Ongoing Protocols for dealing with competitors in trauma & examination situations, see guidance by British Eventing CMO in Appendix A2

Medical PPE Requirements - A Doctor, Paramedic and one technician as a minimum will require waterproof disposable coveralls (the all in one white suit you see) and the FFP3 masks which are the most important, Visors and also a viral filter to go on the airway equipment. In addition, the medical team will all need access to surgical masks, gloves and aprons when assessing patients. Minimum of two sets per provider. Visors can be disinfected and reused. The safe disposal of this equipment is the responsibility of the ambulance provider. **Not for disposal into normal refuse.**

Veterinary & Horse Ambulance Provision – As per 2021 Rulebook

Passport Checks – Random Passport Checks will continue with appropriate Social Distancing measures, PPE and face coverings

Emergency Protocols & SIM – Emergency briefings to be conducted by BE Officials with all Key Personnel and contractors to ensure a consistent approach in dealing with emergency situations. All contractors and emergency personnel to wear masks and gloves in situations where social distancing cannot be kept.

12.0 Sanitisation & Waste Management

- **Waste Management** – Members will be encouraged to take home their waste. On venue waste bins to be emptied regularly and safe emptying & disposal should form part of the appropriate Risk Assessments
- **Radios, Communication Equipment and Boxes** – Providers and organisers to ensure cleaning Pre, During and Post each day of competition, especially when personnel change in boxes. Where possible radios to be kept for duration of event and batteries replaced as required. A suitable plan should be in place and agreed by organiser and BE Officials
- **Stewards Equipment** – All equipment provided to stewards and volunteers to be cleaned pre event and pre each day of competition. Where possible stewards should keep equipment for the duration of competition and if possible provide their own.
- **Sufficient Toilets** to be provided, serviced overnight and cleaned. Hand washing or sanitizer available **both** outside before entering and inside.
- **Hand Sanitiser** – Stations to be provided where appropriate for all on venue, as per Risk Assessments

13.0 Event Scoring Hub

The BE scorer will be collating and verifying all the scores from dressage, SJ, Start and the Cross-Country Scorer. The BE scorer will be using either the BE Scoring App (i.e. typing all scores) or Live Scoring Platform (Eventing Scores)(checking all scores).

Additional help should be kept to a minimum relying on local scoring hubs for the phases.

13.1 Event Scores

- **Scores – No scoreboards or Screens will be used on venue.** All scores to be accessed on line either through BE Website or other Live Scoring platform on mobile devices. *Scores will be final by 23:59 hrs. on the day of competition and shown on the BE Website*

-**Dressage Score Sheets** –Score sheets can be returned in a number of ways by the organiser. The policy for collection of dressage sheets should be clearly communicated via the events page on the BE website. Examples include, but not limited to;

Internal Post Box for competitor SAE

Collection from Information Point. This must be done with social distancing measures and a social distance queue system in place. Face Coverings by competitor and personnel in information point should be worn.

Other return policies should be discussed and agreed with BE event officials

13.2 Event Prizes

Prizes - No formal Prize givings will be held.

Rosettes or Prizes in kind - Not to be awarded on event. **This will remain under review**

Prize Money and Prize Policy – To be stated in the Event Schedule and correct on Entries Open Date. Prize money will be awarded as a minimum to 4th place, with the following exceptions;

Where there are less than 10 starters - 1st place

Where there are less than 16 starters - 1st & 2nd place

Where there are less than 22 starters - 1st to 3rd place

Additional Days - If an Event is permitted to run additional numbers or extra days, prize money will be paid as per BE Rule Book 8.3.4 across all classes on all days

Financial Difficulty - If individual circumstances dictate that an Organiser's finances will result in extreme difficulty if the awarding of prize money is undertaken, a special application can be made to BE via the RC. This to be done before entries open.

13.3 Event Scoring Queries & Discipline

- **Queries & Objections** – All queries and objections will need to be communicated to the BE Technical Adviser or BE Steward via Mobile Telephone / email / Event Radio. This will have to be done, where possible, before the competition has concluded whilst volunteers and judges are still on venue or at the latest by **20:30 hrs.** on the day of competition relating to the score.
- **Process for Queries** – The BE Technical Adviser will investigate the query and gather all evidence. On the basis of the evidence the BE Technical Adviser and BE Steward will decide on the course of action.
- **Result of Queries** - These will be communicated by Mobile Telephone or email to the competitor, by either the BE Steward or Technical Adviser.
- **Appeal Process** – There is no appeal relating to any aspect of the competitors score once a decision by the BE Steward has been made (Rule8.2.3)
- **Discipline** issues will be dealt with where appropriate face to face in a Socially Distant manner or via telephone/email and as per Chapter 3 of the BE Rules and Members handbook.

13.4 Dressage Scoring

- In order to minimise contact between judges, score collectors and scorers, it is recommended that two or three dressage scorers are located at dressage.
- These Scorers to work from their own cars or isolated unit.
- These Dressage Scorers will each be responsible for two or three arenas and should stick with their arenas throughout the day. They will collect the sheets from the judges and return to their car/unit and add up the test sheets. Only one scorer will handle each test sheet – **not the normal double-check by a second scorer.** Scorers are asked to perform their own double check – perhaps using a calculator or by a second count up from the bottom of the sheet.
- They crib and write the penalties on the sheet

Routes to pass scores to the BE Scorer :

1. Via Radio on a dedicated channel
2. Via Phone (Event or Mobile)
3. Type the scores into a Live Scoring System on a phone, tablet or computer
4. Write a batch of scores on a piece of paper, take a photo and email/text/message the photo to the BE Scorer
5. Write a batch of scores on a piece of paper – Hand delivered to BE Scoring Hub (To be avoided)

13.5 Show Jumping Scoring

- The judge needs to complete the normal paper judging sheet. The second sheet in each set of three (being lower risk than the top sheet) needs to be delivered to the Scorers at regular intervals.

Routes to pass scores to the BE Scorer :

1. Judging sheet can be photographed and email/text/message the photo to the BE Scorer
2. Type the scores into a Live Scoring System on a phone, tablet or computer. This will require another person additional to the judge.
3. Hand Delivered Sheet to BE Scoring Hub (To be avoided)

13.6 Cross Country Timekeeping

- The Start/Finish could also be operated from a car, or by two people in adjacent cars.
- A split start/finish is acceptable and indeed may be a little easier on the helpers.
- **Start and Finish times to be recorded on the Orange Sheet. (The NCR Cross Country Master Sheet could be used – 2nd Copy – if hand delivery was the only option)**

Routes to pass scores to the BE Scorer :

1. Orange Sheet can be photographed and email/text/messaged to the BE Scorer
2. Type the scores into a Live Scoring System on a phone, tablet or computer.
3. Hand delivered Orange Sheet to BE Scoring Hub (To be avoided)

13.7 Cross Country Fence Judging

- A member of the Scoring team will listen to the fence judge net to construct their Master Score sheet, on paper or on a Live Scoring Platform.
- Controllers are asked to verify any unclear reports of penalties.
- There will be **no collection** of the fence judge books during the day.
- Collection of Equipment will be event specific e.g. Equipment at your fence or a drive through collection system.
- All Equipment and Scorebooks to be returned at the end of competition as per event specific instructions.

13.8 Cross Country Control

The minimum for the safe operation of the XC Control phase is two people in the Control box, sitting 2m apart. These are the Controller and the Plotter. The Controller will need suitable breaks, so a rotation of control team will need to be planned. Some venues are considering using the lower deck of a double-decker unit as a second Control point, which each Controller keeping the same headset for the day.

While commentary is not mandatory, it could be possible to locate the commentator away from the Controller, reading the live scores from the website and listening to a XC net feed.

14.0 Overnight Stays (Effective from 12th April 2021)

Government Guidance is to minimise travel and 'Stay Local'
All Volunteers, Key Personnel & Officials should use Guest Accommodation Providers if essential.

Overnight Stays for Competitors (FEI Short Format & BE National (Effective from 12th April 2021)

Risk Assessments should be updated to reflect any specific overnight stay facilities in relation to C19.

Numbers staying on site to be restricted to competitors and 1x direct support per horse.

Details of all competitors and support to be recorded for **Test and Trace** requirements, a wristband system should be employed.

Numbers of competitors stabling on site should be kept to a minimum

Stable Manager services to be done online/pre event where possible. On site Stable Manager Office to be in a protected and social distant environment..

Stables should be thoroughly cleaned before use.- **NO 'hot' stabling over event**

Communal contact points and facilities should have hand sanitiser available for use- Next to water taps, wash down areas and muck trailers.

NO Stable equipment to be shared between competitors

Signage reinforcing social distancing and hygiene should be displayed.

If Social Distancing is likely to be compromised in stable areas – Face coverings to be worn. Events have the right to mandate Face Coverings, in the stable area, if considered necessary.

Lorries in overnight lorry park should be minimum 3m apart.

Separate lorry parking area for overnight stabling competitors

Competitors to be reminded to observe all HMG social distancing rules (The Rule of 6) and not share facilities/space within lorries.

C19 stewards to monitor overnight lorry parks and Stables

Competitors to be self sufficient and use facilities in their own lorries where possible

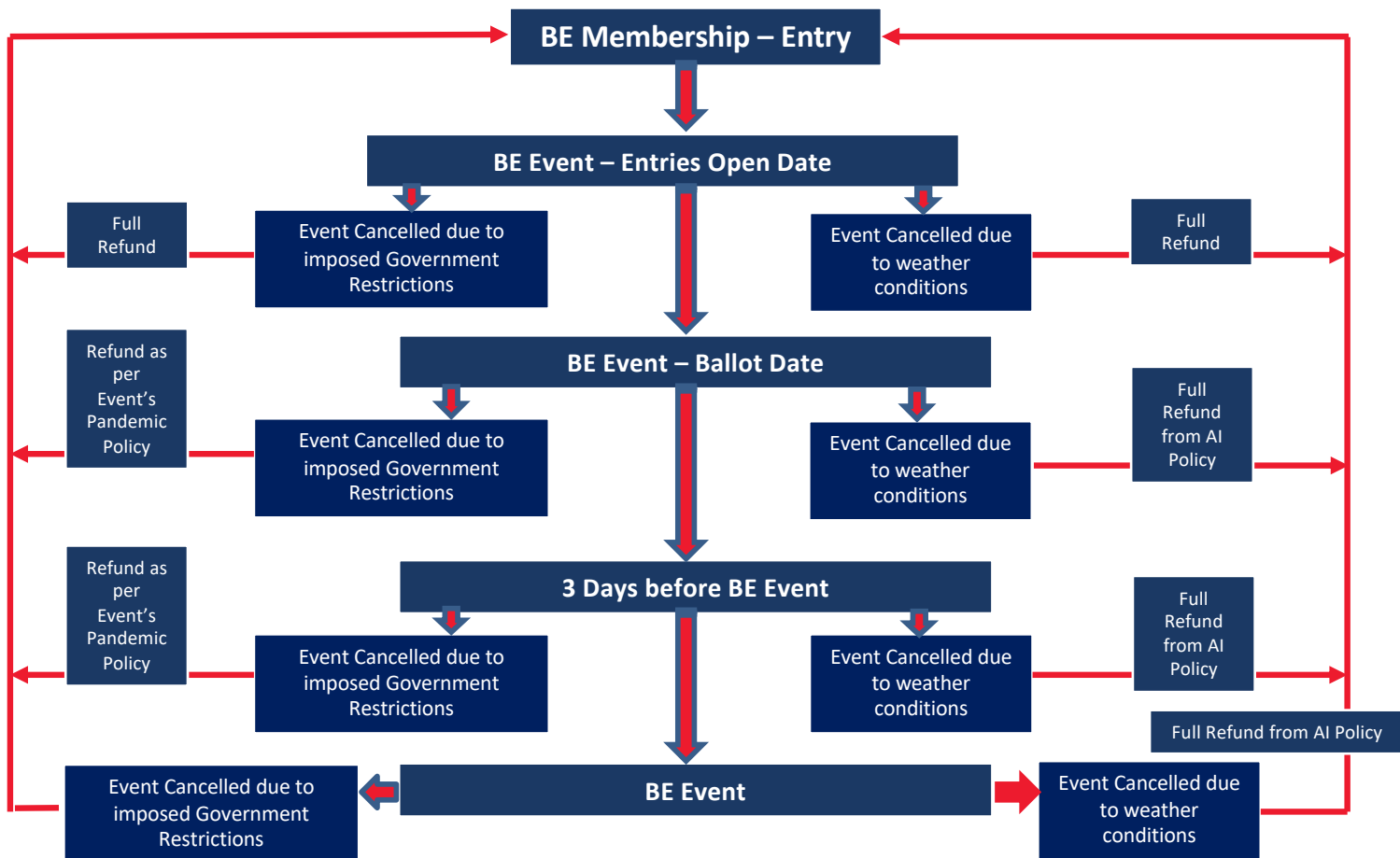
Toilets if available, should be single units and not communal blocks, and be cleaned three times a day and serviced overnight

NO shared shower facilities on venue (Until the 17th May, under regular review)

15.0 Courtesy Vehicles / Shuttles

- Courtesy vehicles and shuttles should be considered public transport and **Face Coverings must be worn**. This should be communicated to all competitors, owners and support staff on venue.
- Regular cleaning of vehicles should take place, and hand sanitiser should be available at pick up/collection points

Appendix A1 Refund & Abandonment



Pre Event

Medical Provision

Discussion needs to take place between the Event Organiser, the Event Senior Medical Officer (SMO) and ambulance providers about the local/regional conditions.

Personnel Protective Equipment PPE

- The SMO must be confident that sufficient PPE will be available and it must be made clear who has the responsibility for providing the PPE. (See Table)
- All medical personnel who will need to wear FFP3 mask will need to ensure they have been Fit tested for the specific brand. This is an individual's own responsibility, but may incur a cost to the organisers.

Invitation of Officials/Stewards/Volunteers

Tactful discussion with all personnel to ensure that those who are at risk (vulnerable or shielding,) are aware of the risks associated with being on venue and where possible should not attend.

Notification

All key event personnel and officials must be advised that if they are feeling at all unwell, or have had illness or contact with anyone who may have had coronavirus, they must not attend. This should be done as the key event personnel are invited to the event.

FEI Events

All venues running FEI Classes must adhere to an additional FEI C19 Medical Protocols and Rules

On Event

The SMO, Paramedic, Event organiser, BE steward and BE Technical Advisor must all meet and have a full briefing on medical procedures prior to the start of the event.

1. As always the aim of the medical team is to provide excellent timely medical intervention for any injured riders and to provide emergency medical care for all on site.
2. Most of the medical providers have NHS roles and so may well have been in contact with Covid-19. Any casual medical enquiries regarding on going conditions will be discouraged.
3. All medical consultations will take place using a minimum of level 2 PPE, facemasks and gloves. The medical providers will determine what level of PPE is required. **Please see Annex A**

On Event – Elite Pathway Events – Additional Requirements

So as not to put pressure on the NHS the event will have to be prepared to transport to Hospital except if there is a major trauma when 999 will still need to be called as the Air Ambulance will most likely be scrambled and the most suitable hospital with availability for the injuries be chosen.

Contact with local hospital should be made as if more than one they may have an elected one for A&E.

On Event

The guidance for medical cover on site remains the same however each event must discuss their individual requirements with their SMO and ambulance provider to take local conditions into considerations. This will include:

- The possible need to have an additional road ambulance, with qualified personnel capable of conveying a casualty to hospital. The risks with not having this resource means that all jumping elements of the competition may have to be held whilst a casualty is kept in an ambulance on site waiting for a county ambulance (can be hours). Also ambulance may be held at hospital waiting to unload a casualty. (This is not unique to Covid 19). Consideration of an extra doctor and manned ambulance on site would mitigate against this.
- Ambulance crews can share the same vehicle, if necessary wearing masks.
- The requirement for one member of the medical team to be permanently in the protective overalls need for level 3 PPE is impractical for a whole day in high temperatures. To mitigate this all medical personnel must be proficient in donning level 3 PPE and carry their own sets in their vehicles at all times
- The requirement to wear full protective PPE (level 3) when attending severely injured riders will slow the whole incident (crude estimate 50% longer, authors own experience). Organisers must be aware of this time factor.
- will have to be managed on an individual basis for riders under 18 years.
- On recovery from an incident where full precautions measures have been taken, time will be needed to clean down personnel and equipment Running water, preferably hot, will be needed.
- For severely injured riders where full PPE is required only the medical team, appropriately protected, must be in close attendance. Everyone else must keep themselves at a distance, but still in communication. My suggestion is 5 metres.
- Screens should be considered, but may be unnecessary due to the lack of spectators.
- *A specific area for assessing fallen riders (but who are able to walk) needs to be designated which has some weather proofing and can be private. A tent or horse trailer seems to be ideal near the show jumping area. All riders who fall should be directed there to avoid unnecessary interactions with officials in the organisers area.*
- Relatives of any injured riders must still be kept at 5m distance to protect the medical providers. They will not be able to travel in the ambulance to hospital and be aware that they will not be allowed to visit the injured in hospital. This will have to be managed on an individual basis for riders under 18 years.
- On recovery from an incident where full precautions measures have been taken, time will be needed to clean down personnel and equipment Running water, preferably hot, will be needed.

Post Event

There should be full debrief at the end of the day with The SMO, Paramedic, Event organiser, BE steward, BE Technical and Vet if involved.

Any serious incident should be hot debriefed.

Any lessons learnt must be swiftly communicated to BE (Via Chief steward and Technical Advisor) and the CMO (katharine.hartington@porthosp.nhs.uk) so we can disseminate best practice. The situation regarding coronavirus is dynamic and this guidance will be updated as necessary.

PPE Requirements For Medical Personnel

Medical personnel should maintain 2m social distancing from all other personnel on site whenever possible.

When talking to competitors or officials on medical matters this distance may be reduced and so a surgical mask must be used. Ideally this consultation should take place in the open air. If an examination or treatment is required, this should be done in the back of the ambulance to maintain confidentiality and privacy. Gloves and aprons will also need to be worn and the trolley and any handholds cleaned after the consultation.

When attending an injured rider if it is felt that there may be airway compromise or chest injuries, comprehensive PPE must be worn. This includes FFP3 facemask, eye protection, coveralls and gloves. This will take time to “don” and personnel need to be practiced in its assembly. All personnel close to the casualty must be fully dressed. Other officials will need to stand back (suggested a minimum of 5 metres). All 3 members of the medical team will need to don full protective PPE. At least one member of the medical team needs to be permanently wearing the level 3 coveralls as these can take time to don and this team member will provide the immediate care.

For any personnel suffering cardiac arrest, CPR should not be commenced by bystanders. For medical personnel, it is safe to assess and use a defibrillator whilst wearing a surgical mask and gloves. Manoeuvres for airway support, ventilation and chest compressions can cause aerosols, so full protective PPE must be worn.

All PPE worn by medical staff must be disposed of as clinical waste. It must be removed from site by the ambulance provider and disposed of correctly.

Doctors, one Paramedic and one technician as a minimum will require at least 2 sets of waterproof disposable coveralls (the all in one white suit you see), FFP3 masks, and eye covering, goggles or Visors

The FFP3 facemask requires fit testing to each individual. Having passed a FIT test for one brand does not mean that the individual will be able to safely use a different brand. All medical providers need to be able to provide their own FFP3 masks or know what brand will be provided and ensure they have passed a FIT test for the appropriate brand. This may incur an extra cost.

Appendix A2

CMO Guidance

PPE Requirements For Medical Personnel

1. Interaction with any competitor / official on medical matters

- Surgical face mask
- If examination or treatment required

- Surgical face mask
- Surgical Gloves
- Plastic apron

2. Attending competitor with severe injury, especially if involving airway problems, head injury and chest injury

- FFP3 face mask
- Goggles /visor
- Protective long sleeve coveralls
- Surgical Gloves

3. Attending Cardiac Arrest

Assessment and defibrillation

- Surgical face mask
- Surgical gloves
- Plastic Apron

4. CPR and Airway Manoeuvres

- FFP3 Face Mask
- Goggles /Visor
- Surgical Gloves
- Protective long sleeve coveralls

A viral filter will also be required if any bag valve masks or ventilators are used. A minimum of 2 should be carried by the ambulance. Costs £3.45 (Ex VAT on SPS medical website)

	Surgical face mask	FFP3 face mask	Gloves	Apron	Goggles /Visor	Protective Long sleeved coveralls
Interaction with Competitor/Official	x					
Examination or treatment of Competitor/Official	x		x	x		
Severely injured competitor		x	x		x	x
Cardiac arrest assessment & Defibrillation	x		x	x		
Cardiac arrest CPR and airway support		x		x	x	x
Costs (approximate taken from GMT Group)	Box of 50 £17.40	Single £10.95 Box of 10 £70.80	Box of 50 pairs £17.38	Pack of 500 £77.70	Single £1.70	Single £11.40