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H&S - COVID-19 Conformation Event Management Plans

Conducting Conformation Events during COVID-19 Alert Level 2.

In response to the Global Covid-19 Pandemic, Executive Council recommended that all Dogs NZ Sports events in New Zealand were postponed until 30 June 2020 and a decision was made to cancel NDS 2020.

Under Alert Level 2 Confirmation show events have the opportunity to recommence as long as they abide by a range of public health measures which promote good hygiene, social distancing and contact tracing to protect the wellbeing of all attendees.

The decision to recommence Conformation events is at each club's discretion and you should only do so once you are happy that you have the proper protocols in place to manage any health risk to your club officials and exhibitors.

The following is a list of general principals and recommended mitigation on perceived pressure points for clubs running events in Alert level 2.

These restrictions may impact on a club's ability to run a traditional conformation show but it is the "new normal while we are under Alert Level 2. Everything is going to have to be more "local" as clubs are going to have to rely on local judges and local exhibitor support to hold shows. Be kind and understanding and do not expect everyone to be able to assist at shows run under these conditions.

General Show Principals

- **IF YOU ARE DISPLAYING ANY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS, STAY AT HOME!**
- **For track & trace purposes sign in sheet must be completed** for every individual entering the venue / grounds – date, name, phone numbers, address, time in and time out of everyone who is present on the grounds.
- Always maintain and encourage 1m distance at a minimum, more if possible (ideally 2m)
- No more than 100 people in total at one time on the competition grounds / venue
- Hand washing facilities with paper towels available and clear signage relating to hand washing is visible
- Show manager to outline all safety procedures at the start of each day to all people on the grounds / venue.



COVID-19 H&S Critical Risks

Critical Contagion Risks specifically introduced by COVID-19 have been identified as the following:

- * Hygiene and Distancing General Practices
- * Competitors and Officials on site
- * Breaks / Catering
- * Grounds/ Arena Operations

H&S - COVID-19 Hygiene and Distancing

Personal Action Key Points

ALWAYS	NEVER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Wash hands following the washing guide, at start and end of time in the ring and before giving dog treats. * Stay a minimum of 2 metres away from other people. * Do not touch your face. * Clean surfaces after use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Make Physical contact, i.e. shaking hands.

Procedures:

- * Wash hands at the start and end of each event participation and whenever moving between areas.
- * Practice social distancing of 2m.
- * Transmission is highest through sneezing or Coughing, ensure you do this away from others And into a tissue or your elbow if necessary, Not your hands. Do not touch your face.
- * Increase cleaning frequencies, particularly on communal/shared contact surfaces such as door handles. Hand sanitizers are available for this.



Site Preparation:

- * Ensure there is adequate surface disinfectant Spray and wipes available on site.
- * Have hand sanitizer at each egress from show area.
- * Ensure First Aid kits are stocked with appropriate PPE for infection control, including face masks and gloves.



H&S - COVID-19 Competitors and Officials on Site.

Personal Action Key Points

ALWAYS	NEVER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Complete a COVID-19 self-assessment declaration.* Travel between car (where parked) and show area must be by the most direct method possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* No non-competitors or un-authorized show officials permitted on show grounds for duration of show.* Remain in competition area for any longer than minimally required.

Procedures:

- * Limit competition area to essential people only.
- * Maximum number permitted at any one time is 100 people.
- * All exhibitors and officials must complete a declaration to enter the show area.
- * Written form **COVID-19 Self-Assessment Declaration – Competitors/Officials**.
- * To be kept and made accessible to the Ministry of Health (if required) for up to 4 weeks after the event.
- * Parking shall be in designated areas only.
- * Occupants of vehicles must travel directly between their vehicle and permitted areas for competition and training by the shortest route possible.
- * Discourage spectator congregation.

Grounds / Venue Setup:

- * Parking areas shall be designated by physical signage or physical indication, and in a manner that allows for social distancing. Temporary barriers, specific website advice and proactive email communication.
- * Entry to show areas will be signposted and access restricted.
- * Exhibitors must travel between vehicle and required points of attendance by the most direct pathway possible, maintaining physical distance between others.
- * Separate entry and exit points established for each ring.
- * Grooming areas must have sufficient space for social distancing or be restricted to vehicles.
- * Nil seating provided for spectators – space Gazebo's area for social distancing
- * Sanitizer to be made available at entry points and in shared amenity areas.



H&S - COVID-19 Breaks / Catering

Personal Action Key Points

ALWAYS	NEVER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Wash/Sanitise hands before and after break/use* Wipe down surfaces intended for use before preparing food/beverages* Wipe down all surfaces after use * Limit number of people in meal area* Where possible: have catering in an outside area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Leave unwashed plates/utensils out for others to touch* Linger in catering areas (think of others wishing to use the space)* Allow unauthorised persons to use/enter catering area

Procedures:

- * Wash hands before and after break/use.
- * Surfaces cleaned after every use, in particular:
 - Table
 - Bench
 - Taps
 - Fridge and microwave handles/buttons
- * Maximize staggering of breaks.
 - Ideally 1 person per 4sqm metres at a time in catering area.
 - If more than one person in catering area, limit exposure time to 15 minutes.
- * Catering for officials only and where practicable, in isolation.
- * No catering for competitors.
- * Where possible: utilize lunch bags.
- * Use sanitizer upon entering and exiting catering area.

Catering Setup:

- * 2-metre distances to be marked with tape or around tables to show seating distance, and around floor to show distance between personal interaction.
- * Hand sanitizer must be available at entrances and exits.
- * Cleaning spray and wipes must be available on tables and benches.
- * Entrances to catering areas must be open to allow airflow and avoid contact with door surfaces.
- * Establish an alternative outdoor eating area if in indoor venue.



H&S - COVID-19 Ground / Venue Operations

Personal Action Key Points

ALWAYS		NEVER
	Ensure 2m separation of at all times in the ring	Leave leads on ringside table, or away from self.
	Judges to ask exhibitors to mouth the dogs.	Place dumbbell on table with another already present.
	Judges to sanitise their hands after each dog.	Leave any other item belonging to handler (including food treats) on the ringside table.
	Maintain a minimum of 2 metres between dogs in ring.	Touch your face
	Wash hands with soap and water before giving dogs a treat.	

Procedures:

- * Ensure sufficient space for 2m social distance during Steward Call at ring area entrance.
- * Exhibitors are always to enter the ring in single file maintaining a minimum of 2m distancing.
- * Ensure 2m social distance with other exhibitors while in the ring.
- * Minimize close judges contact with dog and handler
- * Wash hands with soap and water following the completion of ring time and BEFORE giving dog any food treats.

Area Setup:

- * Ensure sufficient space for rings that can accommodate 2m social distance for judging line up
- * Any judging tables to have wipes for use between
- * 2-metre distances to be marked in the ring for stay purposes.
- * All equipment used must be washed and dried before and after use in the or around the ring.

Prize giving:

- * No hand shaking
- * Certificates will not be made available but can be requested to be posted or received at a later date
- * Ribbons / Prizes to be sanitized prior to handling and placed on a table for place getters to retrieve (one at a time).
- * Prize money to be deposited through internet banking.
- * No non-cash prizes awarded other than ribbons and trophies.

