

## **SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA RIDE 2021 - revised**

### **Equestrian Endurance Event**

#### **Covid-19 Preparedness Plan**

If you are sick or someone in your immediate household is sick, please STAY HOME.

Campers need to be self-sufficient. For example, arrive prepared with your own gear, food, human water, soap, surface disinfectant supplies, hand sanitizer, paper towels/hand towels, toilet paper, etc. in order to avoid using shared materials.

Registrations and entries, as much as possible will be done online and via mailings before the event.

COVID restrictions and trail maps, and ride cards/scoresheets will be handed out at central Ride Secretary Area in plastic bags. For those who have registered but still have their paperwork, it will be collected at the Ride Secretary Area. This area will be minimally manned during the day. Please observe all signage to encourage social distancing.

Participants will abide by any DNR masking requirements as required by the venue.

#### **Covid-19 Restrictions:**

- Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet at all times from others, except for members of the same household, including at water stops.
- Social distancing will required at Ride Secretary Area, Timer, Vet Area. Riders, volunteers, vets and crew can ask that masks be worn in their presence. Thanks in advance.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; if soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol. A wash station will be available to all who have not brought their own.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Any support groups for competitors (such as a “crew”) must avoid congregating and maintain social distancing (at least 6 feet) with people from other households throughout the event.
- If there are any spectators, they will maintain social distancing.
- Please pay attention to signage when entering DNR buildings – wear a mask when requested.

▪ Riders, workers, vets and volunteers should use proper handwashing, observe respiratory etiquette, and avoid using others' phones, stethoscopes, heart monitors, and other equipment.

### **Vet and P&R Area**

Pre-ride vetting and pulse boxes will be delineated keeping horses at least 10 feet apart. Riders will be directed to the next available box. If all boxes are full, especially during pre-ride vetting, riders can come back later or form a well-distanced waiting line. Riders do not need to wear masks while in the vet and P&R area. Please socially distance. **Only one handler for each horse allowed.**

### **Ride Meeting**

Due to Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park's numerous water features and potential June thunderstorms we feel we cannot make maps available in the ride packet nor set parameters for pulse holds ahead of time. We will have a ride meeting on Friday night at 8 pm near the Secretary Area (Campsite H21) for Saturday's rides, and a ride meeting for Sunday's rides at about 8 pm near the Secretary Area for Sunday. Please stand at least 6 feet apart for the meeting unless you are in a family group. **Please read your ride packets.**

### **Crew Area**

Riders will be encouraged to crew at their campsite. There will also be a large designated area where crew items can be spread out at least 6 feet apart. If there are several people crewing for you, please be aware of other riders and crew around you and keep socially distant.

### **Novice Rides**

Novice ride groups may not have leaders at this time. We have recruited leaders, but they are riding their second day. We will have a special ride meeting for Novice Riders. They will need to pre-register.

### **Potluck**

There will be NO potluck planned at this time. Prepacked food and beverages will be provided for vets and volunteers by ride management. Gloves will be worn by those serving food. Riders will either be self-sufficient or they can utilize the local restaurants – Fountain, Spring Valley and Preston. Ride management will provide food for the vets and volunteers. There are supplies and groceries at the nearby Maple Springs Campground

### **Awards**

There will be a socially distant awards at 7pm on Saturday – weather permitting. Please stay 6 feet apart from people who are not in your family unit. If you cannot attend this event or need to leave early, please have a friend pick up your award. Sunday awards will be available after ride results are tabulated. Please avoid pressuring ride workers before results are tabulated. DO NOT gather in the Secretary area until "AWARDS" are announced. A volunteer will help distribute awards at the gathering.