

Idaho State High School Rodeo Association 2020

COVID Safety Guidelines and Ground Rules

The Idaho State High School Rodeo Association has established these guidelines using CDC and Rebound Idaho recommendations. By applying basic infection control principles to each situation, the risk of disease can be diminished.

All members, guardians, families, and personnel agree to follow these guidelines and ground rules as a condition of participation and attendance to the 2020 IHSRA State Finals.

An appointed Safety Committee will monitor performances and assist in applying these guidelines. All attendees will receive updated safety and health education/reminders via text, signage, and public announcements.

Masking may be required based on the phase recommendation established by IdahoRebound.gov; all contestants, personnel and attendees should bring their own supply of masks.

Changes to Event Format to increase safety:

1. No Public, walk-up admissions. Each contestant will be able to purchase six armbands for immediate family members only. Admission to grounds will require the wristband or the contestant's State back number. **No exceptions.**
2. No extra youth socialization activities (No special-needs rodeo, no volleyball, no dances, etc.)
3. No Contestant Grand entry.
4. No additional side competitions (No jackpots).
5. Reduction of competitive rounds from three to two. Days at Bingham County reduced to 5.
6. Reined Cow Horse and Cutting held at a separate facility, in Jefferson County over two days.
7. RV camping and horse stalls split between different facilities in three separate counties.
8. Live video feed available for remote viewing of competition.
9. All seating areas will be at less than 50% capacity.
10. All rodeo events will be held outdoors.
11. All Concessionaire/Vendors are reduced in numbers, are required to follow safety guidelines set herein, and will be outdoors.

COVID-19 Symptoms, Social Distancing, and Infection Control

1.1. If members, guardians, families, or personnel experience flu-like and COVID-type symptoms, do not participate and leave the rodeo grounds to protect the health of all members.

1.1.1. Flu symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, runny/stuffy nose, muscle/body aches, headaches, and fatigue.

1.1.2. COVID-19 symptoms: fever, tiredness, dry cough. Some people may experience aches/pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, severe headache, and diarrhea.

1.2. It is important to maintain social distancing and health requirements for the protection of contestants, stock contractors, contract personnel, rodeo committee personnel, volunteers, and family members.

1.3. Individuals should not congregate in large groups.

1.3.1. Safe distance of at least six feet apart is preferred.

1.4. Rodeo office to provide at least six-foot distancing for check-in.

- 1.5. Rodeo office personnel should wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth or have a protective window separating contestants and rodeo committee personnel.
- 1.6. Rodeo Committee will provide sanitizing wipes and/or sanitize entry and exit points of rodeo office regularly. It is recommended to leave doors open during check-in periods.
- 1.7. Any and all meetings for the rodeo will observe a safe distance of at least six feet and will be held outside.

2.1 Restrooms and Handwashing Stations

- 2.1.1 Restrooms will be cleaned professionally using recommended cleaners twice daily and supplied with ample soap and paper towels.
- 2.1.2 Handwashing stations will be present at rodeo office, rough stock and timed event chutes, stalls, concessions (2), and vendors.

3. Rodeo Secretary

- 3.1. Rodeo Secretary will not handle any cash or checks.
- 3.2. Rodeo Secretary(s) shall work with only one member at any time.
- 3.3. Six feet markings will be placed on the ground at the office to follow social distancing standards.
- 3.4. Rodeo Secretary shall minimize contact and exchange of items with contestant, stock contractors and contract personnel.
- 3.5. All draws will be posted outside of the secretary's office and online. No contestants allowed in the rodeo secretary office.
- 3.6. If no Plexiglas or plastic barrier, Rodeo Secretary and office personnel shall wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth.
- 3.7. Rodeo Secretary shall be provided sanitizing spray or wipes to protect themselves and members.
- 3.8. Rodeo draw personnel (judges, secretary, timers, etc.) shall wash hands or use hand sanitizer prior to entry and wear face masks covering the nose and mouth and after the draw is completed.

4. Riding Events : If Contestants fail to follow the direction of the committee regarding being present behind the chutes, they will receive one warning. **The second warning will result in disqualification.**

- 4.1. Social distancing for riding event contestants and stock contractors is imperative for the rodeo.
- 4.2. The back of the bucking chutes is limited to essential personnel only. This requirement is to protect the safety and health of all individuals involved.
 - 4.2.1. Non-essential rodeo personnel are not permitted in and around the chutes.
 - 4.2.1.1. Essential personnel include, but not be limited to, contestant, helper, flank man, judge, gatemen, chute boss, neck rope man, head man.
 - 4.2.1.2. Any person not listed above and not physically helping the contestant and animal to exit the chute should be considered non-essential.
- 4.3. Each contestant shall be allowed one helper, who is responsible for safety and rope or equipment pulling.
- 4.4. Stock Contractor should provide one flank man per delivery side of the bucking chutes.
- 4.5. One back judge per side of the chute, if applicable.
- 4.6. Contestants will be staged at the **west side** of the roughstock chutes at a dedicated grandstand area..
 - 4.6.1. As soon as a contestant's animal is loaded into the bucking chute, he and his helper should be on the chute, following the chute boss's directions concerning cinching and rolling.

4.7. Pick-up men, bullfighters and barrelmen should have ready access to disinfectant spray and/or wipes

during riding events to wipe themselves down as necessary.

4.8. At the end of the ride, the contestant shall exit the arena to the stripping chute. Contestants will gather any equipment and return to the west side of the roughstock chutes at the dedicated grandstand.

5. Timed Events

5.1. One contestant in the arena at any time and must exit after each run.

5.2. Contestants shall not congregate in groups larger than 10 people and follow social distancing guidelines.

5.3. All contestants should practice safe distancing and line up accordingly.

5.4. Contestants should not have their horses side-by-side unless a safe distance can be maintained.

5.5. Personnel allowed in the timed-event boxes: Contestant, hazer, chute boss, pusher, head man. Any contestant (not mounted) or parent or coach found in or on or hanging over the box will be given **one warning. Second warning will result in a disqualification from the event.** Social distancing will be maintained.

5.5.1. Contestants enter the arena when called upon.

5.6. Steer Wrestling

5.6.1. Contestants and hazer may enter the arena at the same time.

5.6.2. A hazer may only be in the arena for the contestant for which he/she is hazing, or he/she has hazed the steer immediately before the current contestant and he/she is the hazer for the contestant immediately after the current contestant.

5.6.2.1. Hazer shall keep additional horses inside the arena to the left of the roping chute, if necessary.

5.6.3. Contestants will not congregate near entry and exit gates.

5.6.3.1. Rodeo Committee to designate a waiting area for contestants following social distancing guidelines and if six feet separation is not possible, contestants are required to wear face masks covering the nose and mouth.

5.7. Tie-Down Roping, Team Roping, Barrel Racing and Break Away Roping, Goat Tying, Pole Bending.

5.7.1. Contestants shall exit the arena at end of run and follow social distancing guidelines.

5.7.2 Goat tyers will untie their own string when judge indicates time is legal.

5.7.3 Calves will be untied by rodeo personnel who will practice hand hygiene and wear gloves and have access to disinfectant spray and/or wipes.

6. Announcers, Secretary, Timer(s), Sound, Scoreboard Personnel, Judges

6.1. The announcer stand (tables, seats, microphones, scoreboard, sound boards, etc.) shall be wiped down before and after each performance with an appropriate sanitation solution.

6.2. If possible, provide at least six feet of distance between personnel and mark accordingly.

6.3. Contract personnel, are encouraged to wear face masks over the nose and mouth if within six feet of other personnel.

6.4. Limit access to the announcer stand during all performances.

7. Sponsor Flags and Additional Local Events

7.1. All flagpoles and flags shall be wiped down prior and after all uses.

7.2. All flag personnel should maintain social distancing of at least six feet leading into, during and after any flag ceremony.

7.3. All flag presentation of colors shall maintain at least six feet of distance for the national

anthem(s).

8. Concessions and Vendors

All concessions/vendors will follow direction of the Covid-19 safety committee as a condition of their participation.

8.1 Physical distancing of customers must be maintained.

8.2 Concession/vendor owner to place 6 foot markers for lines.

8.3 Responsible for providing hand sanitizer and masks for own personnel/employees/owners.

9. Spectator Seating, High Traffic areas

9.1. Rodeo Committee to remind attendees on the importance of wearing face masks covering the nose and mouth.

9.2. Provide sanitizing stations.

9.3.. Place signage around spectator seating regarding safe distancing.

COVID Safety Committee as of 6.5.20

Holly Davis, RN/Kim Olson : Plan, Communications, Rodeo Board and Office Safety

Kodi Gregerson, RN/ Theresa Johnson, LPN: Timed Event Chutes

Kate Johnson/Jen Pugmire, RN: Rough stock Chutes

Briane Brower: Vendors/Concessions

Smith, RN/Higgins EMT/ Anderson CMA: Handwashing Stations, Restrooms,

State Committee: Stalling area

State Committee: RV Park

References:

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