**COVID 19 Requirements – Norwest Birthday Bash Competition.**

**All participants attending this competition will be required to comply with the Norwest COVID Safety Plan and the Club’s COVID Guidelines. These documents are available on the Club Web Site and will also be on display at grounds.**

**In addition, the following requirements will apply to all attending the competition:**

**BEFORE THE COMPETITION:**

* **TEAM FOLDERS: Norwest will not be providing any paper documents.**
  + **The Team Sheets, the Catalogue, the Running Order and this, the latest COVID Safety Requirements document, will be sent to all team captains and made available on the AFA Website on or before Friday18th September .**
  + **Teams that want paper copies will need to print them off.**
* **PROVIDE Contact tracing DETAILS:** 
  + **All Clubs MUST lodge, before the start of each day, a listing of all of the people from their club (Members and any accompanying persons) attending the competition on that day. An electronic code format will also be used so people can register using their phones.**
  + **A Club attendance list emailed to the Covid Safety Office Brian Lindsay (** [**lindsaysdogs@bigpond.com**](mailto:lindsaysdogs@bigpond.com)**) beforehand is still preferred.**
  + **List must include names and contact details – email or phone for every person attending.**
  + **updates and corrections can be made on the day. Non-lodgement will delay start of competition so we ask for your assistance.**

**SOCIAL DISTANCING: of particular import is the maintenance of the required 1.5 meter social distancing rule. Be aware that the grass cabana area and the ring area have been assessed with a capacity of over 200 persons each under the 4 sq m rule. Specifically:**

* **NO shaking of hands, hugging or the like.**
* **Participants must avoid gathering together at arrival, and avoid close clustering when seated in cabana area.**
* **As a Guide no more than 4 people should occupy a 3 meter by 3 meter cabana and no more than 6 in a 6 meter by 3 meter.**
* **Whilst members of the same household do not need to socially distance, Norwest asks that the 1.5 meter rule still be applied.**
* **Club cabanas in rows on the grass area must be spaced by at least 2 m to avoid overcrowding.**
* **Walkways at least 4 m wide must be left between rows of cabanas for clear access to the ring**
* **Teams are reminded to maintain social distancing when entering the ring and during warm up period and when leaving the ring and in particular when releasing dogs – team members should avoid standing in close groups when lining up to race.**

**MASK WEARING: Attendees are asked to consider wearing face masks when not in the ring racing so that every effort is made to ensure minimal risk of germs being transmitted to others when social distancing is not possible.**

**SANITISATION:**

* **Frequently touched surfaces in the Club House and toilets will be regularly cleaned and wiped down with detergent.**
* **Teams are responsible for sanitisation of their own club gear. A spray bottle of disinfectant will be available.**
* **Everyone is responsible for their own hand sanitisation.**
* **Teams are encouraged to limit ball handling to the boxloaders only. Ball shaggers are encouraged to use tube ball collectors if possible.**
* **Hand Sanitiser will be available at all stewards chairs and other access points together with disinfectant wipes for use in cleaning frequently touched surfaces.**

**CHANGES: Some changes will be made to normal race meeting procedures to reduce the chances of accidental cross-infection:**

* **CAPTAINS MEETING: will be held via loudspeaker.**
* **TIMESHEETS:** 
  + **Team folders will not be provided (see earlier). Team sheets are not to be brought to the Timing Table. Timing stewards will NOT be filling out team sheets.**
  + **Team captains are to approach the timing table after team warm up and advise which dogs are racing in that race.**
  + **Changes during a race will be dealt with as they are now.**
  + **It is envisaged that at least a 3 Minute warm up and set period will apply so there should be plenty of time to get ready to race.**
* **FLAGS: We will not be using normal stewards flags. Stewards are to use a cleaning wipe available on their chair or from the Timing Table and use this as a flag to signal faults. At the change of stewards the used wipe should be placed in one of the garbage bags/bins.**
* **PRESENTATION:** 
  + **Will be a well-spaced out area**
  + **Only two people per team to collect prizes.**

**These rules are necessary in order to reduce the risk of infection and to ensure that the race meeting is conducted in compliance with State Health Orders , local Council requirements and the Clubs Covid Safety Plan..**

**Non-compliance MAY result in AUTHORITIES SHUTTING DOWN THE EVENT AS WELL AS FURTHER penalties.**

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