

## **COVID 19 Requirements – Norwest Flyball Leading to the Nationals Race Meeting 12 Feb 2022.**

All participants attending the Race Meeting will be required to comply with the Club's COVID Race Meeting Requirements.

The following are the requirements that will apply to all attending the Race Meeting:

### **BEFORE THE RACE MEETING:**

- **TEAM FOLDERS:** Norwest will not be providing any paper documents.
  - The Team Sheets, the Catalogue, the Running Order will be sent to all team captains and made available on the AFA Website on or before the Friday before the Race Meeting.
  - Teams that want paper copies will need to print them off.
- **PROVIDE CONTACT TRACING DETAILS:**
  - An electronic code format (QR code) will also be available on the day of competition and all people attending, including visitors, are required to register electronically using their phones. If unable to access via your phone please see an Official who will assist. Copies of the code will be on display around the arena for visitors to sign in. If you see an obvious visitor, please ask them to sign in.

**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 400 persons each under the 2 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 or when taking team/group photos.
- As a Guide no more than 4 people should occupy a 3 meter by 3-meter cabana and no more than 9 in a 6 meter by 3 meters.
- 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 3 m wide must be left between rows of cabanas for clear access to the ring
- Teams are reminded to ensure social distancing when entering the ring , 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 should consider wearing face masks if social distancing cannot be ensured, particularly when not in the ring racing, so that every effort is made to ensure minimal risk of virus being transmitted to others.

**VACCINATION:** While Norwest has decided not to make vaccination a mandatory requirement for attendance at the Race Meeting, the Norwest Club wishes to declare that its members are strongly in favour of vaccination and all Norwest members attending the Race Meeting are double vaccinated.

## **SANITISATION:**

- Frequently touched surfaces will be regularly cleaned by Norwest (at least once each three - hour period) and will be wiped down with strong disinfectant.
- Teams are responsible for sanitisation of their own club gear, including boxes and ball bucket handles. A spray bottle of disinfectant will be available at the rear of the ring. Jumps and slats will be disinfected at start of competition, during the Race Meeting and at end of day. Competitors who handle slats are requested to immediately sanitise their hands when leaving the ring.
- Everyone is responsible for their own hand sanitisation.
- Teams are encouraged to limit ball handling to the box loaders only. Ball shaggers are encouraged to use tube ball collectors if possible.
- Hand Sanitiser will be available at all stewards' chairs and at other access points together with disinfectant wipes for use in cleaning frequently touched surfaces.

**PROCEDURE 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 ,which will be roped off to prevent close contact , maintaining a space of at least 1.5 meters, 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 a 2 Minute warm up and set period will apply, so there should be plenty of time to get ready to race.
  - Only the two teams racing and the next two teams due in the ring are allowed in the undercover area at the one time.
  - Entry and exit to/ from the toilets should be from the external path at front of Indoor arena.
- **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 in a well-spaced out area
  - Only two people per team to collect any 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 Club's Covid Safety Plan.

**NON-COMPLIANCE MAY RESULT IN AUTHORITIES SHUTTING DOWN THE EVENT**