COVID 19 Requirements for the

Xmas Fun Run - Santaball Race Meeting.

All participants attending this competition will be required to comply with the Ballarat Dog Obedience Club’s COVID Safety Plan and the Club’s COVID Competition Requirements. Copies of these documents are available on the AFA Site and will also be on display at grounds.

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

# BEFORE THE RACE MEETING:

 **RECENT CONTACTS**

* Everyone attending the race meeting is required to review the lists of LGAs, venues and times at <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/case-locations-and-outbreaks> within the 24 hours immediately preceding the race meeting and take action as specified. Attendees who have visited any listed hotspots or high risk areas or who have recently visited hot spots identified outside of Victoria must NOT attend the race meeting, and we recommend that their close associates also do not attend

 **TEAM FOLDERS:** Ballarat 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 Friday 4 December.
* Teams that want paper copies will need to print them off.

#  PROVIDE CONTACT TRACING DETAILS:

* All Clubs MUST lodge, before the start of competition, a listing of all of the people from their club (members and any accompanying persons) attending the competition on that day. The list must include names and contact details – email or phone for every person attending.
* The Club attendance list template is available on the AFA website and must be emailed/submitted to the Ballarat Coordinator, Bill Reynolds (billr@ncable.net.au) before Friday 4 December.
* Non-lodgement will delay start of competition, so we ask for your assistance.

# AT THE RACE MEETING:

 **PROVIDE CONTACT TRACING DETAILS:**

* All attendees to the event will also need to register electronically using their phones and the electronic code format (QR code) which will be readily available at the entrance to the show ring and around the event. If you see an obvious visitor please ask them to sign in.

#  SOCIAL DISTANCING:

* Of particular importance is the maintenance of the required 1.5-meter social distancing rule. Be aware that the grass gazebo area and the ring area have been assessed with a capacity of up to 500 in groups of no more than 50 persons. Teams will have their own areas of up to 50 and must be distanced at least 5 metres from the next group
* Specifically:
* NO shaking of hands, hugging or the like.
* Participants must avoid gathering together at arrival and avoid close clustering when seated in gazebo 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 meters.
* Whilst members of the same household do not need to socially distance, Ballarat asks that the 1.5-meter rule still be applied.
* Club gazebos in rows on the grass area must be spaced by at least 5 m to avoid overcrowding.
* Walkways at least 5 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.

#  FACE MASKS:

* Unless a medical condition prevents it attendees must wear face masks for the duration of the race meeting including entering and leaving the ring, so that every effort is made to ensure minimal risk of germs being transmitted to others when social distancing may not be possible.

#  SANITISATION:

* Frequently touched surfaces in the ring area and toilets will be regularly cleaned (at least once each two-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, at least twice during the competition and at end of day. Competitors who handle slats are requested to immediately sanitise hands.
* 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 and gloves 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.

# 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 the public address system.

#  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, 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 at least a 3 Minute warm up and set period will apply, so there should be plenty of time to get ready to race. If both teams are ready early the race will commence.

 **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:

* + We won’t be having presentation as there are no prizes but we will let competitors know the results at the end of the day after the ring is packed up, and also post results afterwards

# GENERAL:

* To limit the amount of person to person contact there will be no catering provided or raffle held. Attendees should bring their own food and drinks and avoid sharing.
* Please ensure that any materials used for protection purposes are disposed of safely in the bins or bags provided

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# 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 COMPETITORS BEING EXCUSED FROM THE RACE MEETING AND**

**AUTHORITIES SHUTTING DOWN THE EVENT AS WELL AS FURTHER PENALTIES.**