



Following on from the COVID-19 update, you might find some of this information useful, when planning a “Sporting Event”, as support for event organisers.

The BDS has contacted our Insurers again following the latest Government guidelines and confirmed that all sporting events are covered under our insurance, as long as the COVID-19 rules are followed strictly. If this is to alter you will be kept updated.

General

Guidance must be adhered to by show/event organisers until such time as Government restrictions change. This must be in addition to and support the Risk Assessment plan which should specifically include a Covid-19 risk assessment, to minimise the risk of infection transmission. The Risk Assessment of the Organiser must be compatible with and work alongside the Event Venues Risk Assessment.

Regulations and guidance must be shared with exhibitors in the schedule/or event form.

No equipment should be shared on the day between exhibitors or officials.

A COVID Officer is strongly recommended.

Hand sanitiser and wipes should be available for use.

Anyone who is symptomatic or suspects they have been exposed to the virus should not take part in any activities and remain at home.

The number of people on site at any one time must be restricted in accordance with Government guidelines (for the appropriate regions), with consideration given to implementation of social distancing measures.

It is advised that show/event organisers also provide a template document to be completed by the competitor in advance, listing names and addresses of all attendees and vehicle registration numbers. In line with GDPR requirements,

this information will not be shared beyond the show/event secretary and security provision. However, it is a condition of entry that the information could be provided to outside authorities if a Track and Trace situation becomes necessary. This information should be destroyed at 21 days.

All entries must be in advance of the day. This is to reduce contact in secretary areas and to help with timetabling.

No spectators or members of the public are to be admitted to any competition events. This rule might alter as time goes on and you will be updated, but this is the current rule as of 11th September 2020.

Horseboxes to be parked 2 metres apart, and to ensure social distancing is observed.

If a gate has to be opened into an event, then it should be manned by one designated person.

Judges are advised not to shake competitor's hands at the present time and if possible to not touch turnouts or harness etc.

Individuals are responsible for their own PPE provision. However it is advisable for the event organiser to keep a small stock of PPE (face masks, nitrile gloves) to use in case of emergency.

After Events

All competitors must take all their litter home.

Competitors must remain in the vicinity of their own lorry when not competing and leave the event as soon as they are finished. Socialising is heavily discouraged.

We do understand that these sound very harsh rules, when we drive for "Fun and Social Pleasure", but to be able to continue to hold "Sporting Events" like Drives, Rallies, Training Days and Shows, we must follow the Government guidelines. A lot of areas would have soon been holding end of year drives with an after Social Event, as you will understand none of these after events can take place under the heading of "Social Event" at the present time.