

## EVENT POLICIES

### GENERAL POLICIES

#### Bag Policy

- Bag Check: All guests will be subject to a possible search of their person and possessions prior to entering the venue.
- All permissible bags, per the policy of the event, will be permitted into the venue after a thorough inspection by a security representative. Guests should be prepared to open their bags for inspection and may be asked by a security representative to shift and possibly remove the contents.
- All guests entering the venue may have their bag searched and/or be screened with a hand-held metal detector to search for prohibited items.
- Unattended Bags: Please be conscious of your bags at all times and do not leave them unattended. Any unattended bags will be removed at the discretion of Event Officials.

**Lost & Found:** Lost personal items can be turned into and collected at the Information Booth or other designated area as listed at the venue during the event.

#### General Competition Related Policies

- **Horses Always Have the Right of Way** – *BE ALERT* to ensure that you do not interfere with the competitors around the arenas or on course. Use caution when you are walking around the event grounds, particularly the cross-country course.
- **Crowd Control and Safety** – For your own safety, as well as the safety of the competitors, please pay attention to all crowd-control measures. Stay behind any marked barriers or ropes. You may cross the course at designated points, but be sure a horse is not coming and cross as quickly as possible. Fence Judges, Sector Stewards and Crossing Guards are official personnel—respond and obey to their instructions. However, do not hesitate to ask them questions about the cross-country phase. They will be happy to help you!
- **Assisting Riders** – Assistance to any competitor is not permitted, under penalty of the competitor's elimination. Any intervention by a third party, solicited or not, with the object of aiding the horse or instructing the competitor is considered illegal assistance.
- Respectful applause is always welcomed.
- Mobile phones must be turned off or silenced during competition.
- **Special Instructions for Dressage** – Dressage is the art of performing a specified series of technical movements within an arena. This requires concentration. Please take special care not to make any noise or sudden movements near the dressage area.
- **The Health/Welfare of the Horses** – After years of training and building a relationship of respect and trust, the rider's principal concern is the health, fitness, and

safety of the horse. It is common for a competitor to pull a horse from competition because of weather changes. The horse inspections and the ground jury also serve to vigilantly protect the horse's wellbeing

**Dogs:** Well behaved dogs are welcome at the event venue but must be kept on a leash at all times. Dogs are permitted in the infield but may not enter any seating or hospitality areas, with the exception of properly identified service animals. When considering whether or not to bring your canine companion, please remember that an event/competition environment can be crowded, loud, and high stress, especially for our four-legged friends. If you're at all concerned about how your dog will do in the presence of large crowds, children, other dogs, horses, loudspeaker systems, vehicles etc. then please consider leaving them at home. **You are responsible for picking up after your dogs and disposing of the waste properly.** Dogs MUST remain on leash at all times throughout the venue. There will be absolutely no exceptions to this Fair Hill Department of Natural Resources (FHDNR) rule. Owners of all dogs that are not properly leashed will be subject to removal and a \$50 fine. There will be no special parking concessions for vehicles containing dogs. Distressed dogs will be removed from vehicles, by whatever means necessary, by Animal Control, Event Management, and/or Event Officials.

**Smoking and Vaping:** Smoking and vaping are prohibited in all indoor and seating sections, competition areas including the entirety of the infield (including but not limited to the arenas, festival zone, hospitality areas, seating areas, and retail vendor areas) as well as the cross country courses, tailgating areas, and stable areas. Please use only event/venue designated smoking and vaping areas.

**Photography:** No flash photography is permitted. Event Organizers maintain the right to use images and photographs taken by their contracted photographers, employees, and event attendees without informing or compensating event participants or visitors. These images can be used for promotional purposes as undertaken by the organizers and their partners, which will cover a range of possible uses including advertising press and media, printed information items, editorial coverage and any other promotion directly related to the event or its sponsors.

**Drones:** Drones are not permitted in any area of the event at any time. Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) within the boundaries of the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area (FHNRM) is prohibited. Event Organizers reserve the right to operate drones for the purpose of capturing video of the competition, attendees, and other event components as deemed necessary.

**Golf Carts/ Off Road Vehicles/ATVs/ Motorized Bikes:** These may NOT be brought onto the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area nor are they available for rent.

**Assumption of Risk:** All attendees understand and assume the inherent risks involved in equine activities, which risks include, but are not limited to, bodily injury, physical harm and even death from using, riding or being in close proximity to horses. Attendees acknowledge that the behavior of any animal is contingent to some extent upon the ability of the handler or rider. Further, attendees understand that “inherent risks of equine activities” shall mean those dangers or conditions which are an integral part of equine activities, including, but not limited to:

- the propensity of any equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or death to persons on or around them and/or damage to the property in their vicinity;
- the unpredictability of an equine’s reactions to such things as sounds, sudden movements and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals;
- certain hazards such as surface and subsurface objects;
- collisions with other equines, animals, people and objects (fixed or otherwise);
- limited availability of emergency medical care; and
- the potential of an athlete, volunteer, or any attendee to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the athlete, volunteer, attendee or others, such as failing to maintain control over the equine or to act within his/her ability.

## **Health & Safety**

In addition to the details listed in the Assumption of Risk section above and in the Terms & Conditions for Ticket purchase, I acknowledge and understand the following:

Health and safety regulations will be in accordance with the State of Maryland and the Department of Natural Resources. In order to provide a safe environment for all fans, Event Security reserves the rights to implement any health, safety and security measures it deems necessary. Unruly and/or suspicious behavior will not be tolerated under any circumstances and will warrant removal from grounds by Event Officials. Please report any unruly and/or suspicious behavior or security issues to the nearest volunteer, staff member and/or security officials to handle accordingly. In the event of injury, attendees should ask for directions and report to the nearest First Aid Station on the Event grounds.

Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to COVID-19 (as detailed below). While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; I knowingly and freely assume all such risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, even if arising from the negligence or fault of the Released Parties; COVID-19



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The Sport & Entertainment Corporation of Maryland (Sport Corp) dba Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill continues to monitor policies and procedures related to COVID-19. The safety and well-being of our spectators, competitors, officials and staff is a priority. However, the Sport Corp nor the venue (Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area / Special Event Zone) cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with the virus while attending the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill event.

Please read the agreement and waiver of liability below. By attending this event in any fashion, you are attesting and confirming your intent and commitment to abide by the agreement and waiver of liability.

**Agreement:**

- I commit to not attending the event for which I have purchased, reserved, registered, and/or signed-up to participate if I am experiencing or exhibiting any COVID-19 related symptoms as outlined by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, etc.
- I commit to not attending the event for which I have purchased, reserved, registered, and/or signed-up to participate if I am aware or believe I was recently exposed to a person with a positive and confirmed case of COVID-19.

**Waiver of Liability:**

- I acknowledge the contagious and evolving nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to the virus and become affected as a result.
- I voluntarily agree to assume all risks and accept sole responsibility for any expense, liability, illness, injury, disability, or death related to contracting the virus while attending the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill event.
- I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Sport & Entertainment Corporation of Maryland dba Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill and/or any of its affiliated partners/organizations and the venue from all claims arising out of COVID-19.
- I understand and agree that release of liability includes any claims toward the Sport & Entertainment Corporation of Maryland dba Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill and/or any of its affiliated partners/organizations and the venue, whether a COVID-19 infection occurrence exists before, during, or after attendance and/or participation at the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill event.

**Duty to Self Monitor:** Each attendee agrees to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (symptoms typically include fever, cough, and shortness of breath) and, contact [info@maryland5star.us](mailto:info@maryland5star.us) if he/she experiences symptoms of COVID-19 within 10 days after participating, attending or volunteering with the Event.

We appreciate your continued efforts for the health & safety of all Event attendees.

### **What Can I / Can't I Bring to the Venue**

Yes:

- Hand bags, tote bags, messenger bags/briefcase, and other single compartment bags.
- Single strap diaper bags, if accompanied by a child.
- One folding chair permitted per person on **Saturday ONLY**.
- Strollers, if accompanied by a child.
- Well behaved dogs permitted on leash, please see Dog Section below for more details.

No:

- All firearms or weapons of any kind regardless of permit (with the exception of Event Security as deemed necessary by the Event Organizers, Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM).
- Illegal substances.
- Professional video cameras or recording devices larger than 4"x14"x8".
- Flags or banners.
- Artificial noisemakers, air-horns or horns of any kind.
- Flasks or liquid containers.
- Unmanned Aircrafts.
  - This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g., model airplanes, quadcopter, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce. Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) within the boundaries of the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area (FHNRM) is prohibited except as approved in writing by DNR.
- Personal food and beverage; with the exception of those with reserved tailgating spaces on Saturday -- please no glass or open containers. You will be subject to a cooler check upon entrance, no more than two (2) coolers per vehicle. Excessive coolers will be confiscated.
- Any other items deemed inappropriate, unlawful or dangerous by safety and security officials at their sole discretion.



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**Competition Field:** Competitor field subject to change at any time due to injury or other unforeseen circumstances.

## **PARKING POLICIES**

You shall maintain a safe distance from all pedestrians, horses and other vehicles at all times and stay within all designated speed limits and/or as directed by parking staff and traffic officers. Parking staff, traffic officers and/or event officials reserve the right to implement any additional safety measures deemed necessary.

You may not display commercial signage and/or commercial markings on or around the vehicle in designated parking areas.

You may not enter the parking area for any commercial or trade purposes (including, without limitation, advertising, promotions, contests, sweepstakes and/or giveaways).

Please remove personal property, lock the vehicle and take your keys. Exit the property upon completion of the day of competition. We/the event, or the venue are not responsible for personal property or any loss of or damage to the vehicle; this is not a bailment.

Parking passes may not be resold/transferred. We/the event, and the venue reserves the right to revoke parking passes. The price of parking passes includes all applicable taxes.