

US OPEN 2021 COVID SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

If the evidence requested below regarding Covid vaccination/test status has not been provided by 6pm EST, Wednesday November 10th when check in closes, you will be removed from all running orders and will be asked to leave the venue without refund.

PRE-EVENT THROUGH WED 6PM AT CHECK IN

- Anyone attending the US Open, whether as a competitor, volunteer, vendor, competitor supporter MUST present proof of COVID vaccination.
- Competitors can email this information before check in to ukiusopen.info@gmail.com, or show this info at check in.
- Any supporters accompanying the competitor must also have submitted this information and stated which competitor they are accompanying.
- If this information has not been submitted in advance then proof of full vaccination must be shown at check in. This includes for anyone accompanying you. If you are not able to provide this see the next point.
- If proof of full vaccination has not been provided, then a negative/clear Covid test result must be submitted at check in. This test must have been taken within 72 hours of day 1 of the event (from Monday 9th November)
- At check in you will be given a band once we have your submitted vaccination or test results. You will be required to wear this band at all times during the event or have it on a visible spot on your person.

AT THE FACILITY

Anyone not fully vaccinated

- You must wear a mask indoors and in the undercover arena/barns at all times. You may remove your mask to eat/drink.
- Outdoors a mask must be worn at all times when you are in the vicinity of any competition areas (regardless of whether dogs are currently running).
- When you are competing you may remove your mask as the dog in front of you is running.
- You should keep the mask on your person when running. If you have no other option you may leave it in a sealed bag with your lead but there is a strong preference for you to keep it on your person.
- DO NOT ever leave a used mask anywhere where others will have to touch the mask directly.

Fully vaccinated attendees

- You must wear a mask indoors and outdoors at the following times:
 1. During all Course Walking
 2. While gathering for Course Walking
 3. During any briefings
 4. While preparing to run
 5. While gathering for Podiums
 6. During Check in and measuring
 7. While in the premium crating area in main arena
 8. In rest rooms

Fully vaccinated attendees continued:

- Masks are not required to be worn:
 1. While running in the ring. You may remove your mask as the dog in front of you is running. You should keep the mask on your person when running. If you have no other option you may leave it in a sealed bag with your lead but there is a strong preference for you to keep it on your person.
 2. While helping in the rings including course building
 3. In the stall crating
 4. While sitting at the tables at the food vending to eat

- Masks are optional but encouraged:
 1. While sitting in the indoor stands.
 2. While visiting the vending stands
 3. During any circumstance / situation not mentioned above where a gathering occurs & social distancing can't be adhered to.
 4. Any additional time you feel you want

ALL ATTENDEES

Please ensure you follow any instructions from event staff in relation to Covid safety measures and maintain good hygiene practices. These include but are not limited to:

- Washing your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds
- Maintain social distancing where possible.
- Use hand sanitizer
- Monitoring your own health
- Do not leave masks lying around, even while you are running. They must either be on your person or in a sealed bag/container.

If you start to experience any Covid symptoms while at the event you should immediately return to your RV/vehicle if you are not already there. Please alert someone you know at the event who does not have symptoms or who you have not been in close contact with to come and inform us at the information table.

If we received complaints from competitors or event staff that you are not following the instructions in this protocol, you will receive one verbal warning from the Event Manager. If this happens again you will be asked to leave the event. There will be no refunds under these circumstances.

THIS IS NOT A PUBLIC EVENT

Anyone who is onsite, must submit proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test.