



Updates to Guidelines for post Covid shows in Ireland

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With the relaxation of Government regulations this document proposes to suggest Covid Best Practise guidelines for the safety and welfare of our Organising Committees, Judges, Stewards and Exhibitors. This document is proposed in addition to Government Guidelines, or absence thereof. **It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to familiarise themselves with the IKC Best Practise Guidelines for post Covid Shows in Ireland and adhere to same.**

Schedule

Must include a statement stating that if an Exhibitor or Show Official, has Covid- symptoms or is a close contact, they must not attend the event.

Mask Wearing:

It is a requirement that all Judges, Stewards and Exhibitors wear a mask while exhibiting in the ring for the safety of show officials and exhibitors.

It is also a requirement that masks must be worn in all indoor areas i.e., Bathrooms and Catering Facilities.

Hand Sanitisation:

It is advised that judges will continue to sanitise their hand before examining each dog. It is advised that hand sanitisation stations are available throughout the showgrounds.

Collections Rings: It is advised that collection rings remain in place as a facility for exhibitors to gather while allowing social distancing.

Please Note: Collection rings will only need to be of sufficient area to allow 2 m distancing and may be significantly smaller than the ring.

Ringside Spacing: It is advised that the 2 m spacing between rings remain in place. Central walkways between two rings must allow for 2 m on either side, therefore a 4 m walkway will be required.

No ringside set up will be allowed.

Set Up Space: In the absence of ringside setup, it is advised that clearly identified “set up” areas be allocated. This may also include the tenting area but practically the allocation of separate tenting areas will be viewed as best practise. Tents must be spaced sufficient apart to allow for the required social distancing.

Toilets:

The importance of suitable hand washing facilities cannot be underestimated, it is advised that hot water (where possible) and soap with disposable paper towels be provided. Signage of the maximum number of persons allowed should be displayed.

Rings Entry and Exit:

To avoid large gathering of exhibitors in any one area it is advised that separate entry and exits to the rings remain in place.

Judging:

It is advised that the Exhibitor is responsible for showing the dogs dentition to the Judge.

Table Dogs:

It is advised that a separate table should be available for table dogs.

Risk Assessment:

This has proved a valuable tool for show organisers and show inspectors. It is advised that this continues as part of the application process for a licence to hold a show.

Venue:

The Show Organising Body must ensure that the venue is appropriate for dog showing and facilitation of these guidelines. Any additional post covid guidelines for the venue hire must be submitted in the risk assessment.

It is advised that PPE bins are supplied in addition to general waste bins. Any Exhibitor found disposing of PPE or masks inappropriately will receive a fine.