

CFA'S MINIMUM COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WELL-BEING OF CLUBS AND PARTICIPANTS AT CFA EVENTS

Effective: Immediately through May 31, 2021

This document reflects the fact that different regions, states, and countries have had widely disparate responses to the pandemic, from complete lockdown to business as usual. As a result, this document requires that clubs, at a minimum, follow CFA mandatory COVID-19 requirements, local, county, state, national, and event facility regulations.

CFA supports each club's informed decision to reschedule, postpone or cancel their respective events, as well as supporting clubs ready to hold events in locations that are open and permit gatherings. As events resume across the world, people need to feel safe while enjoying their cat fancy activities. CFA urges clubs to take appropriate precautions for the benefit of their participants. Events need to be held in a manner that emphasizes the safety of participants and event officials over efficiency.

The following is a list of recommended and required best practices that may be helpful when planning or attending a cat show. With a situation that is continually evolving, it is up to the clubs to remain current regarding CFA mandatory COVID-19 requirements, local, county, state, national, and event facility regulations and adhere to them. In order to inform participants, specific guidelines established by the club or region must be published in the show flyer, club website, club social media, and advertising, and posted on signage at their event.

CFA Mandatory COVID-19 Requirements

1. Clubs, officials, and participants are required to follow CFA mandatory COVID-19 requirements, local, county, state, national, and event facility regulations that apply to the area for their type of event and site where the event is held.
2. Clubs must implement entry limits that can be supported by social distancing and the size of the show hall.
3. Clubs must provide clear signage at all entry points to the show hall which communicates the following:
 - a. Face mask required for entry and must be worn at all times.
 - b. Maintain social distancing.
 - c. Wash/sanitize your hands.
 - d. Limited capacity – this is a “no spectator event” (if applicable).
4. Clubs are required to publish their intent to allow spectators at the show.

- a. In regard, to communication to exhibitors, the intention to allow spectators must be published in the show flyer, club website, club social media, advertising, and the entry confirmation sent to the exhibitor.
- b. In regard to judges, this communication must be on the invitation and the signed contract.

Note: If after licensing and communication to the exhibitors and judges, the club determines they would like to have spectators, the club is required to advise the exhibitors and judges promptly.

5. Social distancing is required in all areas.
 - a. Benching Area: Practice social distancing consistent with guidelines in effect at the time of the event. Those parties residing in the same household or traveling together are exempt.
 - b. Judging ring: Clubs must identify “stand here” positions for exhibitors and spectators to stand respecting social distancing. Spectator chairs in the judging rings are not permitted.
6. Everyone attending must wear a mask at all times unless seated while eating or drinking. Clubs must provide masks for officials, judges, and volunteers.
7. Judges are required to wear a face mask at all times including while in the ring judging unless seated while eating. Masks may be removed to eat or drink. If a judge does not want to wear a mask, for any reason, the judge must cancel the contract with the club. However, refer to #7 below under Recommended COVID-19 General Practices for information specific to photos.
8. Vendors must follow retail guidelines for the area.

All attendees are expected to follow the CFA mandatory COVID-19 requirements, local, county, state, national and event facility regulations. Respect others!

Recommended COVID-19 General Practices

1. Avoid congregating to the extent possible.
2. Consider wearing disposable gloves.
3. Wash hands as frequently as possible. Have disinfectant in bathroom facilities for people to use.
4. Avoid shaking hands, hugging, or other physical contact.
5. Avoid touching cats that are not your responsibility.
6. Avoid sharing pens, pencils, and cat toys – bring your own.

7. Photos are at the discretion and agreement of all parties involved. Masking and/or social distancing is recommended and involved parties are expected to abide by local laws.
8. Disinfect surfaces in commonly used areas as often as possible (tables, chairs, doorknobs, etc.). Clubs may encourage exhibitors to bring their own portable chair for their benching area.
9. Meals – Group lunches/dinners are not recommended in the benching area. Hospitality areas are not recommended unless social distancing between individuals not from the same household can be maintained. Participants should bring their own food and drinks where permitted.
10. When loading and unloading your vehicle, maintain social distance between other people that are not within your household or you have not traveled with to the show.
11. Clubs should work with facilities to have as many entrance/exit points open as possible. Hand sanitizer should be available at every entrance to the site and at multiple locations within the site.

Recommended COVID-19 Event Practices

1. **Show Set-Up.** The size and layout of a show hall will determine the opportunities available to clubs.
 - a. Positioning stewards and rosette racks a reasonable distance away from the neighboring ring is recommended. If back-to-back rosette racks are used, individuals removing rosettes should stagger their use of the rack.
 - b. Consider traffic patterns in the rings – one direction for cats entering and one for cats exiting.
 - c. Consider setting up cages with doors in the front and back (if available), and have cats placed in cages from the back of the ring.
 - d. Clerks and stewards should sanitize their hands frequently and wear a face mask.
 - e. Private chairs should only be allowed in front of their benched cat.
2. **Scheduling.** With the efforts to make shows safer, the event may take longer. Modified scheduling may assist with congestion and provide a better experience for exhibitors. Work with the show scheduler to create a schedule that assists with the situation.
3. **Exhibitors.**
 - a. Prepare to be self-sufficient: bring sanitizer, food and beverages if allowed by the facility.
 - b. Know your cat's number and exact ring before going to the ring.

- c. Do not congregate at the ring.
 - d. While showing your cat, maintain social distances with other exhibitors.
4. **Benching.** Design the layout of benching areas and spaces to comply with the social distancing guidelines in place at the time.
5. **Judging.**
- a. Judges should refrain from sharing hotel rooms. This is not applicable if all individuals sharing a room have been fully vaccinated two weeks prior to sharing a room or are part of the same household.
 - b. All classes should be called in catalog order to provide order and efficiency.
 - c. Judges should practice ring awareness, be conscious of spacing, and take appropriate measures to avoid crowding of exhibitors.
 - d. Judges should sanitize hands after examining each entry. Re-examining of cats should be minimized.
 - e. Judges are encouraged to personally pull ribbons and rosettes for placements. Coupled with frequent hand sanitizing, this will help mitigate contact exposure.
 - f. Equipment used to evaluate cats (table, pole, toys) should be sanitized after each use.

The licensed Club, its show managers, club officers, and show committee members are required to follow CFA mandatory COVID-19 requirements, local, county, state, national, and event facility regulations. Where standards differ, the club must adhere to the more restrictive standard.

Show managers are responsible for enforcement of all CFA mandatory COVID-19 requirements, local, county, state, national, and event facility regulations on the day(s) of the show.

These CFA MINIMUM COVID-19 Requirements will be periodically updated. Please check CFA website for the most up-to-date version.

How to Protect Yourself and Others

CDC - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

WHO - <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

For questions or additional suggestions, please contact Central Office.

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