

**An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. By attending these events, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.**

**COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) SOCIAL DISTANCING PLAN**

The following plan, designated at this time for the **MINIATURE AMERICAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF THE USA** Specialties, is posted on [www.DogZibit.com](http://www.DogZibit.com). As the situation is continually changing, check back often. Exhibitors are responsible to know and follow the rules listed.

**DUE TO COVID-19 GUIDELINES & DUE TO LIMITS SET- IT IS WITH REGRET WE ARE UNABLE TO ALLOW SPECTATORS INTO THE VENUE**

Exhibitors should wash hands as frequently as possible. Avoid shaking hands, hugging, or other physical contact. Avoid touching dogs that are not your responsibility. Avoid common use pens/pencils – bring your own. Exhibitors must provide their own scoops for cleaning up from their dogs in public ex-pens & the entire facility. Prepare to be self-sufficient: bring sanitizer, bring personal-use masks.

- 1. IF YOU ARE ILL, FEEL UNWELL, COUGHING, SNEEZING OR RUNNING A TEMPERATURE: PLEASE STAY HOME.**
- 2. EXPOSURE TO COVID-19:** If you have recently been in the presence of a person who has either tested positive for Covid-19 or has the symptoms (coughing/sneezing/temperature), PLEASE STAY HOME.
- 3. STAGING AREA:** Depending on the number of entries and dogs in your class. Please remain in this area and maintain social distancing until your number is called to the ring.
- 4. ARM BANDS:** Know the armband numbers for your entries before going to the ring. At present, the plan is to issue armbands by having a designated table at each ring where the armbands are to be collected. Armbands are to be collected well before your show time and no later than 1 hour prior to your scheduled show time. Please know your Armband Number when you arrive at the table. Arrange to pick up all armbands at the same time if possible. Maintain social distancing while waiting for your armbands. Catalogs WILL NOT be available at the tables for your use. If you need to label the armbands for particular dogs, please bring your own pen as pens WILL NOT be available for use.
- 5.** Do not congregate at the ring or ring gate. While showing your dog, maintain social distances with other exhibitors.
- 6. RINGSIDE CHAIRS:** WWMASC will not provide for any seating around rings. Exhibitors can bring their own chairs but must maintain 6' social distancing between each other & from the rings. Household units are free to sit together. No group gatherings or congregating at ringside. Chairs may be left at the ring if desired, at the risk of the owners.
- 7. MASKS:** Stewards & Judges will wear masks. Judges will have hand sanitizer and/or gloves available between examinations. All Show Days - Judges & Exhibitors are required to wear a mask while the individual exam of the dog is taking place. Masks may be removed while gaiting your dog. Failure of exhibitors to adhere to this policy could cause them to be excused from the ring & may result in disciplinary action. Masks must be worn when you are outside of your set-up/grooming space. **FACE SHIELDS do not replace a mask but may be worn in addition to a mask.**
- 8. EVENT SECRETARY'S TABLE** – Exhibitors waiting to be helped must maintain 6 ft distance from the next patron. Forms will be handed out upon request. Exhibitors are required to bring & use their own pen to fill out forms. There will no longer be a "look at" catalog available. Currently, no paper copies of the judge results will be available at the shows. Premium Lists will not be set out for taking.
- 9. RINGSIDE SETUPS:** WWMASC will allow SETUPS at ringside but with no power. Any holding areas are meant for the use of the class scheduled next in the ring. Please vacate the area as you complete showing in your designated class, unless you will be returning to the ring for "winners" or "breed". There can be NO Crates set up in any areas other than designated grooming areas. If you have multiple entries, you must have the second entry in your set up. We will allow the judging time so that you can safely return with the next dog.
- 10. ENTRY TO THE RINGS:** Exhibitors will line up outside the ring maintaining social distancing and will be called into the ring as each judge deems appropriate. The judge will direct you as to how to

prepare your dog for exam. All Show Days – Judges & Exhibitors are required to wear a mask while the individual exam of the dog is taking place. Failure of exhibitors to adhere to this policy could cause them to be excused from the ring and may result in disciplinary action. Follow the judge's directions. When gaiting with other exhibitors, maintain a distance between exhibits. After placements are made, leave the ring and if you are not going forward in the judging of that breed, please leave the ring area. There will be a separate entrance and exit for each ring, please use these appropriately. The judge or steward will direct those who are going forward as to where they are to wait for winners or BOB judging.

**11. GROOMING: THE USE OF FORCED AIR DRYERS IS PROHIBITED AT RINGSIDE AND IN RESERVED AND FREE GROOMING AREAS.** The responsible use of personal hair dryers is allowed. Fans are permitted but must be faced toward dogs/crates and not outward or toward other set-ups.

12. THIS IS A SELF-CLEANING SHOW-SITE, please respect it.

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## COVID-19 WAIVER

**By exhibiting or attending the shows, you agree to the following:**

- I fully attest to the best of my knowledge that I am negative for COVID-19 during the attendance of these events, and have NOT been in contact with or exposed to a known positive tested person within the past 14 days. I agree to attend the Wild West Miniature American Shepherd Club events entirely at my own risk & take full responsibility for my own health and safety during these events.
- The American Kennel Club, the hosting Wild West Miniature American Shepherd Club, any relating officials, participants, workers, and/or volunteers are in no way liable for potential COVID-19 exposures incurred at any time by any person, in attendance or not in attendance, during or after these events. **I hereby waive all rights to file a lawsuit against the above if I am exposed or should become positively tested for COVID-19.**