

# Capital Challenge is Coming!

## Here's What You Need to Know

Wilmington, OH – The official COVID-19 protocols, as well as updated entry rules and live stream information, are now available for the 27th annual Capital Challenge Horse Show, to be held Friday, September 25, through Sunday, October 4, at the World Equestrian Center – Ohio.

For exhibitors finalizing their horse show plans, entries

are still being accepted for the hunter divisions, and the following rules, pertaining to the number of horses a rider may enter, have been adjusted as follows:

Junior Hunter 3'3" competitors may now ride up to four horses (two small and two large).

The Adult Amateur Hunter division now has no limit to the number of horses

a rider may show.

Performance 3'6" riders may now show up to six horses.

Entries can be completed online here - <https://entries.showmanagementsystem.com/login> - and the full schedule and prize list are available here - <https://www.capitalchallenge.org/2020-prize-list-973278.html>. To change

entries, please contact Michele Markward at [secretary@capitalchallenge.org](mailto:secretary@capitalchallenge.org) or (305) 340-7554.

For those preparing for their time at the World Equestrian Center in Wilmington, OH, the horse show's complete COVID-19 protocols can be found here - <https://view.publitas.com/capital-challenge/covid-plan-cchs-9-17-2020>.



### OPERATIONS

## HORSE SHOW PROCEDURES

Until further notice, the competition is open ONLY to Trainers, Riders, Grooms, Owners, Competition Staff, Essential Workers (Farriers, Vets, Braiders, Therapists, etc.) and Parents attending as a minor's guardian.

NO spectators  
NO extended family/friends  
Any trainer/barn violating procedures may be expelled from the grounds.



### Vehicle & temperature check

All vehicles entering the grounds will be stopped at the front entrance for inspection for proof of admittance and temperature check of occupants. Please allow additional time for this process.



### Restricted access to competition areas

A maximum of four people are allowed to accompany a horse to the competition area: Rider, Trainer, Groom and one family member.



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## WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE GROUNDS



### Food Service

Mane Event Catering will be offering a limited menu. Orders can be called or texted in and will be boxed or bagged for pick up.



### Barn Restrictions

All barn areas will be restricted to grooms, trainers and other essential personnel (vets included).



### Mounting Blocks

Mounting blocks will be available at every schooling area to avoid one-on-one contact between riders and grooms/assistants.



### Night Watch

Night Watch services will continue to be offered. All stall watch personnel will go through the same temperature screening process for entry on the grounds and will be using PPE.



### Braiding is optional

Judges will not deduct points for those choosing not to braid. All braiders will go through the same temperature screening process for entry on the grounds.



### Shopping

The tack shops and boutiques available on the grounds will be limited but will follow the same safety protocol.

The Capital Challenge Horse Show management team takes seriously the responsibility of creating a safe environment, and they believe these enhanced protocols are best for the general welfare of all exhibitors.

This year's horse show will also utilize Show Management System's new text alert system to receive any important messages including schedule changes or protocol updates.

In addition, Capital Challenge's own unique operations and facilities played a large part in determining what would create a safe environment. The Capital Challenge

Exhibitors can sign up to receive the text alerts by visiting the Capital Challenge Horse Show Management System landing page during the horse show.

## Catch All 10 Days of the Capital Challenge Live Stream

While spectators are not allowed in person at this year's Capital Challenge Horse Show, viewers can still enjoy all 10 days and all three rings of the action via the Capital Challenge live stream, generously sponsored by MARS EQUESTRIAN.

Beginning Friday, September 25, the full live stream will be available on the USEF Network and at [www.CapitalChallenge.org](http://www.CapitalChallenge.org).

US Equestrian members can sign in at [www.usef.org/network](http://www.usef.org/network) to access the live stream in its entirety through the conclusion of competition on Sunday, October 4. Non-US Equestrian members can also view the complete live stream by taking advantage of a special, free fan membership offered throughout the Capital Challenge Horse Show.

For show updates, follow Capital Challenge on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Learn more about the Capital Challenge Horse Show by visiting [www.capitalchallenge.org](http://www.capitalchallenge.org).

### About the Capital Challenge Horse Show

Now in its 27th year, the Capital Challenge Horse Show, presented by the World Equestrian Center, sets itself apart with a distinct and unique focus on preeminent hunter and equitation competition. Held each autumn, the 2020 edition of the Capital Challenge Horse Show will take place September 25 - October 4 at the World Equestrian Center in Wilmington, OH. The 10 days of competition will include prestigious equitation events, jumper divisions, the World Championship Hunter Rider (WCHR) Finals, the \$25,000 3' and 3'3" Green Hunter North American Championships, and more, with many of the country's best horses and riders competing in junior, amateur, and professional divisions.