

Grand River Raceway

COVID-19 Racetrack Protocols

Grand River Raceway (GRR) is fully committed to ensuring the health and safety of all participants by mitigating manageable risks while racing during the COVID-19 pandemic. The following document delineates the enhanced operational policies and procedures at GRR to conduct racing in a safe manner. Further, GRR has more detailed Standard Operating Procedures on its website.

At no time will spectators be allowed on the premises until permitted within public health restrictions.

Access to the Paddock

- Access to the Paddock will be limited to AGCO licensed essential personnel required for the conduct of training, qualifying, or live racing. The access point will be through the Stable Gate, where individuals will be screened before entering. Trainers shall only enter if bringing a horse(s) and each horse shall have a maximum of one handler.
- All participants must always wear approved face coverings when approaching the Stable Gate and while in the Paddock. Persons requesting access are required to bring their own face masks and wear same at all times. No person without a face mask will be permitted entry. Any person found on track premises without wearing a face mask will be ejected from the track. Medical masks are recommended for racing participants.
- Each essential person intending to enter the Paddock will be subject to a screening process at the Stable Gate prior to being granted entry. As part of the screening process, all participants must answer the following questions prior to entering GRR and confirm this action through the online webform via QR Code or the URL at the end of this document:
 1. *Are you sick, ill and/or have any symptoms of COVID-19? (Symptoms should not be chronic or related to other known causes or conditions) Fever or chills, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, cough, severe chest pain, pink eye, sore throat, trouble swallowing, runny/stuffy nose or nasal congestion, decrease or loss of smell or taste, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, feeling weak, extreme tiredness, sore muscles, trouble waking up, loss of consciousness, feeling confused, skin rash, or discolouration of fingers and toes.*
 2. *Have you had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?*
 - 3a. *Have you or anyone you live with travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days?*
3b. *If yes to 3a, have you received approval from GRR to access the site?*
 4. *Have you been instructed by local health authorities to self-isolate due to travel or contact history?*

5. *Is anyone you live with currently experiencing any new COVID-19 symptoms and/or waiting for test results after experience symptoms?*

- Any person who answers “yes” to any of the questions (excluding 3b), or who is displaying visible signs of illness consistent with COVID-19 exposure, will be denied access to GRR.
- Persons who answer “no” to all of questions (excluding 3b), will be subject to a temperature check using a no-touch thermometer at the Stable Gate. Persons with a temperature of less than 100.5F will be permitted to enter; persons with a temperature of 100.5F or more will be denied access to the GRR.

While in the Paddock

- The Drivers’ rooms will be closed. Drivers are to wear face masks and social distance always, except when racing. Upon completion of the Drivers’ last race of the day, he/she should leave the Paddock immediately after notifying the Paddock Judge.
- GRR will ensure that handwashing and sanitization stations are available to all persons attending the Paddock.
- GRR will implement enhanced cleaning procedures.
- GRR will ensure that physical distancing guidelines are in place. Personnel will be required to maintain a physical distance between them of not less than 2 metres.
- All horses and associated handlers must leave the Paddock ½ hour following their race, unless the handler is tending to horses in a later race. Horses who have been selected for post race testing shall leave the paddock 45 minutes following their race.
- All communications should be carried out electronically where possible to limit in person contact. Shared communication devices are prohibited and not available, use mobile phones if required.

Lasix and CPMA Test Barn Procedures

- Personal protective equipment (face masks) must be worn by all persons needing to enter the test area. Masks must be worn properly, covering nose and mouth. Scarfs or bandanas are not acceptable.
- All persons entering the retention area need to apply hand sanitizer. It is available at the entrance to the test area.
- Horses must be always attended by at least one handler. You cannot leave the horse unattended to get supplies.
- A maximum of two people may enter the test area with a horse called to test.

- Every effort must be made to always keep at least 2m (6ft) between people.
- Retention time will be reduced to 40 minutes (from 60 minutes).
- Horsepersons are requested to keep cooling out and bathing time to a minimum.
- Horsepersons should only touch their own horse and equipment, wash stall crossties, hoses, and faucets. Retention area staff will open and close all doors as needed.
- Handlers will provide their name and license number to the Test Inspector in lieu of a signature as witness to the sample collection.
- Handlers may not enter the stall with the Test Inspector and horse unless specifically requested by the Test Inspector. They may witness sample collection via the peephole if the stall door is closed.
- Handlers may not enter the office and/or sample processing areas. They may witness sample processing from designated areas.
- Handlers must stand on the opposite side of the horse from the Test Inspector during blood collections.
- The EIPH program will be offered at GRR in 2021.
- All posted test barn protocols must be followed. GRR personnel will supervise the entrance to the test area and provide hand sanitizer as individuals enter and leave the test area.
- Always remain vigilant and respectful of the Racing Forensic Technicians.

Travelling from the US

- AGCO licensees arriving from the USA will be required to follow all Canadian immigration rules which currently includes a 14-day quarantine. Licensees that have been granted a quarantine exception by Canadian Border Services may be permitted to access GRR with pre-approval from GRR management.
- Licensees seeking pre-approval will be required to confirm that they have been granted a quarantine exception, and that they are fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Please contact Jamie Martin at jmartin@grandriverraceway.com to receive pre-approval to access GRR, any approval must be confirmed on the date of the draw for entries for the affected race card.

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