

Welcome everyone! We are so excited to have you join us for the Old Chatham Hunter Pace. In order to make this event safe, fun and comfortable for everyone we need you to be aware of the rules that we will ask you to follow while you are at the pace in accordance with **NYS COVID guidelines**.

There is a **COVID waiver** that we need you to read, sign and return to us prior to participating in accordance with the new COVID rules for the Hudson Valley Hunter Pace Series. **Everyone** (riders, grooms, drivers, parents, limited guests) in attendance **needs to read, sign and bring the completed waiver to the pace**. Once we collect the waiver you will be issued a wristband which you will be required to wear prominently while you are on the grounds and/or riding on the pace. There will be no exceptions to this rule. **Please remember your signed forms!**

Ride times will be assigned and you will be notified by Thursday September 10th what they are. We tried to get teams started as close as possible to their preferred ride times but too many wanted the 9 to 10 am sweet spot to fit in. Please understand we did our best to find a time that is convenient for your team but early registrants were given preference.

Teams must be ready to leave ON TIME for their ride time. We have 175 riders and 78 teams. Think of it as your dressage ride time/cross country time. We need to do this because we have so many teams and we don't want to start teams too late. Teams will be started 3 minutes apart. Be considerate of other riders and follow the HVHP series guidelines for safe riding on the pace.

Please do not arrive too early or wait to leave after you finish the pace. NYS COVID rules limit the size of gatherings. To try to meet this requirement we would like to kindly ask you to leave shortly after you finish the pace. If you are waiting for another team to finish because you traveled

together please stay by your trailer as much as possible. I am very sad that we have to do this but rules are rules and we have to follow them this year!

The secretaries table will be open at 7 am. When you arrive please have **one member** of the team collect your number and **one member** of your team get the boxed lunches (please bring a bag to carry the lunches in). We are trying to limit contact with all our volunteers as much as possible. Remember **all people must wear a mask on the grounds when they are unmounted!** You may eat your lunch at your trailer, there will be no tables and chairs under the tent this year. Again, we will miss our usual opportunity to socialize but we must keep the event safe.

Because trailers will be arriving and leaving all day please follow the parking attendants guidance for parking and traveling on the short northern stretch of Reed Road between Richmond Road and the entrance to Jack's Field. Reed Road is dirt and narrow but the attendants will be on both ends of the northern section to help prevent passing of trailers on this part of the road. You may also prefer to travel to Jack's Field from the south section of Reed Road but we will not be able to monitor it so be aware that there are likely going to be trailers going both directions and drive carefully.

Jumps must be taken in the direction of travel only. Please be considerate when overtaking another team. All team members must finish together to be scored.

Apologies for such a long list of instructions. We are just doing our best to keep everyone safe. Enjoy the day and best of luck!

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