

CRC COVID-19 RULES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2020 AGILITY TRIAL

Colonial Rottweiler Club is excited to hold our agility trial on Sept 14 & 15 2020, at In The Net in Palmyra, PA. For the safety of everyone attending this agility trial, we are incorporating the COVID-19 rules listed below. Please read these rules — yes, there are a lot of them! — and help us all to have a safe and fun agility weekend.

Note that, because conditions and state/local directives are constantly changing, our rules also could change. We will email any last-minute changes to all exhibitors. If you do not feel comfortable attending under any revised guidelines, tell the trial secretary before closing, and we will shred your check.

We understand how tough these rules can be — all our volunteers and the facility staff have to follow them, too. We appreciate your patience and your willingness to help ensure everyone's health both at this trial and in our communities.

SIGNED WAIVER

On Sept 7, 7 days before the trial, we will email to exhibitors and post on the Scores n More website a waiver form that each exhibitor will need to sign, stating that they have read this document and agree to abide by all rules and release all parties from any liability related to COVID-19. We will wait until then to post the waiver so that everyone signing will have a better idea of their health and recent travels closer to the trial date.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR STAYING HOME

- A. **WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?** On July 12, the PA Department of Health recommended that anyone entering Pennsylvania after traveling to an area with high amounts of COVID-19 cases should stay at home (or another quarantine location) for 14 days. If you are in one of these locations after Aug 31, that means you should not attend our trial. Notify the trial secretary before the start of the trial, and we will shred your check. As of July 12, these locations are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah. See <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx>. Note that locations could move on or off the list before our trial. Your final confirmation will include the latest information.
- B. **WHO HAVE YOU BEEN IN CONTACT WITH?** If you have been exposed to COVID-19 in the 14 days before Sept 14 & 15, please stay home. Tell the trial secretary before the trial, and we will give you a refund.
- C. **HOW DO YOU FEEL?** If you are ill for any reason on Sept 14 & 15, stay home. If you start to feel ill while at the trial, go home. Notify the trial secretary, and we will refund entry fees for any runs you could not do.

SPECIFIC RULES

The following are based on AKC Best Practices for the Well-Being of Dog Sport Participants, and the PA and CDC guidelines. If you have not read the AKC guidelines, please go to <https://www.akc.org/presscenter/covid-19-updates-from-the-american-kennel-club/> and read the four pages that AKC has put out for agility events.

1. MASKS: Bring your own face mask or shield. A face mask or shield MUST always be worn in the building, including when running your dog in the ring, correctly covering your mouth and nose. This is mandatory under the PA Department of Health directive that went into effect on July 1 and as such is a requirement of this facility. <https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/20200701-SOH-Universal-Face-Coverings-Order.pdf>. You do not need to wear a mask when outside the building (such as walking your dog) as long as you stay at least 6 feet away from others.
2. GLOVES: If you would like to wear gloves for your own protection, please bring your own.
3. CHAIRS: Bring your own chairs. Chairs will be available for ring crew, but you may use your own if preferred.
4. FOOD: The snack bar will be open, and worker coupons can be used there. You can briefly remove your mask when eating. Per the AKC guidelines for COVID-19, you may NOT bring in shared food such as potlucks or MACH cakes.
5. WASH HANDS: Do this frequently and thoroughly. Use hand sanitizers positioned throughout the building and try to bring your own. Avoid touching dogs that are not your responsibility. We will clean commonly touched surfaces regularly throughout the trial and again at the end of the day.
6. DOORS/TRAFFIC FLOW: Please respect social distancing when entering and exiting the building and navigating through the building.
7. COURSE BUILDERS/RING CREW WORKERS: Anyone setting up rings or changing bar heights MUST wear gloves and/or sanitize their hands immediately before and after. (Gloves, wipes, and hand sanitizer provided on scribe table).
8. TIMER/SCRIBE/SCORE RUNNER: The scribe will be the only volunteer handling the scribe sheets. The scribe will pick up a basket of sheets with a pen from the secretary (you may also use your own pen). Sheets will be checked by the scribe against the running order prior to the class. All completed scribe sheets will be placed in the basket for the score runner, who will dump them in a basket on the secretary scoring table. Social distancing will apply between scribe and timer. At the end of the class, the timer will wipe down the timer box, and the score runner will return the last sheets in the basket with the pen to the secretary score table.
9. CHECK-IN BOARDS/GATE STEWARD: Verbally check in with the worker with the run order boards at the table. This person will check your name off. The gate steward will move the check-in board to the ring and continue to check in individuals who haven't already checked in. You may NOT touch the board or the pen used by the check-in worker or the gate steward. Please remember to maintain a 6 ft. distance from these workers. For handlers with multiple dogs, the trial secretary will try to space those dogs in the running order to minimize the number of handwritten changes.
10. LEASHES/LEASH RUNNER: We encourage exhibitors to tuck their leash into a pocket or wear it securely on their person (i.e. clip it like a belt around your waist so no part is

hanging) when running the course. If you opt to drop your leash, the leash runner (wearing gloves) will pick up the leash with a hand grabber to transport it to the exit, using a new paper towel for each leash.

11. ENTERING AND EXITING RING: Stay at least 6 feet away from the team before and after you while waiting to go in the ring. So that handlers and ring crew do not need to touch gates with their hands, we will utilize entry and exit chutes ending in MAD Agility gates with the magnets covered or removed so handlers can push gates open and closed with a hip or foot, but giving the appearance to dogs of a closed ring. Thank you for making sure that gates close behind you and your dog.

12. COURSE MAPS: you can snap camera/phone pictures of the paper maps posted in a general location. I will send out each evening for the next day and post to www.scoresnmore.com

13. WALK-THROUGHS/BRIEFINGS: Per AKC guidelines, walk-throughs will be limited to 25 people at most. Read our final confirmation for information about walk-throughs. Remember that in “walk-walk-run” situations, there is no 5-minute wait before the first dog runs. We encourage everyone to be mindful of others, take turns, and maintain personal distance during walk-throughs. Don’t touch equipment during walk-throughs. There will be NO obsessive walk-throughs and NO Master/Excellent briefings, except for Mas/Exc FAST.

14. RIBBONS, AND AWARDS: There will be no self-serve ribbons. Remember to line up six feet apart when picking up ribbons and stickers. There will be a volunteer in this area to give you your stickers and/or ribbons. (So sorry, but you cannot take a ribbon for pictures and then return it.).

15. CRATING: is permitted indoors on the turf. Look for areas marked “crating permitted.” Within a “crating permitted” aisle, please allow at least 6 feet between your crating area and the next household’s. You may sit with your dog at your crating area, maintaining the same distancing precautions. You can also crate in your vehicle, weather permitting.

16. WATCHING THE ACTION: You can watch other people’s runs if you stand or sit at least 10 feet from the ring and at least 6 feet from other people. No watching from the entrance/exit side of the ring.

17. VOLUNTEERS: We NEED and WELCOME your help and thank everyone who will volunteer to assist us! Please check the whiteboard, where a club volunteer will mark your name for the jobs you would like.

18. You must pick up a wrist band (near the secretary table) the first day you are trialing. This must be worn on the days you are entered. Waivers if not already sent into me will be available to sign near the secretary desk.