

WDTC COVID-19 RULES FOR THE OCTOBER 2020 AGILITY TRIAL

The Williamsport Dog Training Club is holding our agility trial on October 2-4, 2020 at the Sportszone in Northumberland, PA. For the safety of everyone attending this agility trial, we are incorporating the COVID-19 rules listed below. Please read these rules and help us to have a safe and fun 3 days of agility.

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

We understand how tough these rules can be. We appreciate your patience and your willingness to help ensure everyone's health both at the trial and in our communities.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR STAYING HOME

- A. **WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?** The Pennsylvania Department of Health recommended that anyone entering PA after travelling to an area or from an area with high amounts of COVID-19 cases should quarantine for 14 days. If you are in one of these areas after Sept 18, that means you should not attend our trial. As of Sept 2, these states are: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas. Please refer to <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx> for list also. Note that locations could move on and off the list before our trial.
- B. **WHO HAVE YOU BEEN IN CONTACT WITH?** If you have been exposed to COVID-19 in the 14 days before Oct 2, please stay home. Tell the trial secretary before the trial and we will shred your check give you a refund.
- C. **HOW DO YOU FEEL?** If you are ill for **any reason** on Oct 2,,3,or 4, please 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 or shred your check.

SIGNED WAIVER

The trial secretary will send a waiver with your confirmation. The waiver needs to be signed and returned to the trial secretary by the trial closing date, September 26. If we do not have a signed waiver, you will not be permitted to enter the facility. You can snap a photo of your signed waiver and email it to scoresmore@comcast.net or mail the waiver to Bonnie Reifsnyder/WDTC, 250 Trail Road, Hershey, PA 17033. Every person attending the trial must submit a signed waiver, regardless of whether they are running a dog.

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://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn-origin-etr.akc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/12160607/Agility-Covid-19-Suggested-Best-Practices.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=sailthru&utm_campaign=20200512_clubs_agility-covid19-best-practices.

- A. MASKS: Bring your own mask. A face mask MUST always be worn in the building, including when running your dog in the ring. The mask must be worn correctly covering your mouth and nose. This is mandatory under the PA Dept. of Health.
- B. GLOVES: If you would like to wear gloves for your own protection, please bring your own.
- C. CHAIRS: Bring your own chairs. Bleachers will be put away. Chairs will be available for ring crew, but you may use your own if preferred.
- D. FOOD: The snack bar will be open and workers coupons can be used there. You can briefly remove your mask when eating. Per AKC guidelines for COVID-19, you may NOT bring in shared foods such as potlucks or MACH cakes. ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD ON THE TURF.
- E. 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.
- F. COURSE BUILDERS/RING CREW WORKERS: Anyone setting up rings or changing bar heights MUST sanitize their hands immediately before and after. (Hand sanitizer provided on scribe table).
- G. 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 place them on the designated printer 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.
- H. 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.
- I. 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 will

pick up the leash with the grabber to transport it to the exit. After the class is done, the grabber will be wiped down.

- J. **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.
- K. **COURSE MAPS:** Course maps will be posted in one or more locations so you can snap a photo with your phone or other device. Also, the trial secretary will post maps on the Scoresmore website the night before the next day's trial so you can print your own copy if you have access to a printer. **PAPER MAPS WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED.**
- L. **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 walkthroughs. Don't touch equipment during walk-throughs. There will be **NO** obsessive walkthroughs and **NO** Master/Excellent/Premier briefings, except for Mas/Exc FAST.
- M. **RIBBONS:** 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.)
- N. **CRATING:** 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.
- O. **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.
- P. **BUILDING OCCUPANCY CONTROL:** Only workers or exhibitors entered in the trial should be entering the building. We encourage your other friends and family members to stay home. This is not the time for casual spectators. At this time, no other events or activities are planned in the building during the agility trial.
- Q. **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.