

SAC AGILITY TRIAL SAFETY PROCEDURES

We are working to be in compliance with AKC, CDC, State and County health guidelines. If any of the guidelines change (AKC or government) prior to the trial we will update and notify you.

Participants must be responsible for their personal hygiene and health, social distancing, dogs, dog walking area, crating area and parking. Additional safety precautions will be provided as listed below.

Stephens County is in Phase 3. However, even Phase 2 can have agricultural events which include dogs.

Per the August 10, 2020 Phase 2 Agricultural Events COVID-19 Requirements.

‘Agricultural events are permitted to operate, provided all requirements in this document are met. For purposes of this guidance, an “agricultural event” includes livestock and horse exhibitions/shows/sales/auctions, companion animal (dog, cats, rabbits, etc.) shows, or any substantially similar event.’

‘All events must require participants to use cloth face coverings at a minimum.’

‘Limit access to only necessary participants. No spectators, vendors, guests or visitors.’

‘Whenever possible, events should be held outdoors or in outdoor arenas with optimal ventilation.’

‘Split classes to limit the number of animals in the show ring to allow for six-foot minimum physical distancing between animal handlers and judges at all times.’

‘Provide separate entry and exit points for participants so they do not need to pass close together while coming into and going out of the ring.’

Per the June 24, 2020 Order of the Secretary of Health for the State of Washington, ‘every person must wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth when in indoor or outdoor public setting including but not limited to: ‘

‘public parks, trails, streets, sidewalks and recreation areas, when a distance of at least six feet cannot be maintained from any non-household member.’

‘Individuals may remove their face coverings when in public settings under the following conditions: while they are eating or drinking, provided that they are able to maintain a distance of at least six feet from guests seated at other tables;

‘while in an outdoor public area, provided that a distance of at least six feet is maintained from non-household members.’

‘To reduce the number of people, only the exhibitors entered in the trial along with household members are allowed on site.

Participants are expected to take all PPE items home with them and not use trash cans on site.’

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1. CRATING

- Masks must be worn in crating area.
- Crating inside the building will be marked off with 10-foot aisles between crate areas. It is the participants responsibility to leave a 6-foot space between crating stations.
- Crating out of your car will be encouraged. Spacing between cars should be so that both people's car door can be opened at the same time thus maintaining a 6-foot distance.
- Parking spots close to the entrance and exit doors will be reserved for those crating from vehicles.
- The "in" door and "out" door will be designated and left open for maximum ventilation.

2. COURSE MAPS

- Course maps will not be printed for exhibitors but you will have access to course maps online at the Spokane Agility Club website (<https://www.spokaneagilityclub.org/trials.php>). Course maps will be available after 6PM the day before each trial.
- Course maps will also be posted inside the arena for exhibitors to take a photo in the 'x'ed area.

3. INSIDE THE BUILDING

- Participants must maintain 6-foot social distancing unless in a household group such as in crating area.
- Sanitation stations will be located at the entrance and exit of the ring with cleaning supplies and gloves.
- No chairs are allowed in the center 15-foot area, other than workers, scribe runner or gate steward chairs.

4. GATE CHECK-IN

- Gate sheets will be posted entry line up area as well as with the Gate Steward. Individual day running order copies will be posted online at Spokane Agility Club website (<https://www.spokaneagilityclub.org/trials.php>). This may force us to limit moving of dogs after the running order is printed. Consequently, it may be necessary that we wait for people with multiple dogs.
- Gate steward will be using Agility Gate software. Participants can check-in with the software. They can also view who is running and who is next. This is our first use of the software so we will all learn together.
- Gate Steward will be responsible for checking in participants – they will call out the dog's name while participants walk the course if not checked in with software.
- Gate steward will dispose of run order sheets when the class is complete.

5. DOG MEASURING

- We will not be measuring dogs at the trial in accordance with AKC Covid guidelines.

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6. AWARDS

- Results will be posted at the 'X'ed area on the map, so participants may take photo while keeping safe distance. They will also be posted online at SAC website as soon as the paper copy is posted. (<https://www.spokaneagilityclub.org/trials.php>)
- Stickers will be placed in envelopes labeled by handler name for pickup on the bleachers in the ribbons area upon completion of a class.
- Ribbons will be available in the ribbons area. Hand sanitizer will be available on the ribbon table.

7. WALK-THRU and RUNNING

- **Walk-thru and Running – a Mask is required (exhibitor is required to bring own mask).**
- Maintain 6' distance. Walk-thru groups will be smaller to maintain distance with no more than 25 exhibitors in ring at a time.
- Briefings by Judge
 - No briefings will be held for Masters/ Excellent classes.
 - For other classes, handlers will need to maintain social distancing which may require spreading out along the outer walls of the ring.
 - Microphone may be used.
- Handlers waiting for their turn
 - Five six-foot squares will be created in the wooden aisle and the entrance to the ring. Handlers and dogs will be expected to essentially play musical squares until their turn in the ring.
- Entrances and exits from the ring will be constructed as chutes rather than gates.
- The entrance and exit to the course arena area will remain the same for all courses, all three days. Enter on the RIGHT and exit on the LEFT. As you finish your run you will exit through the door on the north side which is an EXIT ONLY OR go back to your crating area but do not linger by the ring exit.
- Please reward your dog at your crate or in your car. No common treat tables will be available.
- Exhibitors may place leashes in their pockets when running the course or wear on themselves (i.e., clip like a belt around the waist). Note: if the dog grabs the leash while running this will be scored as an "E".
 - Leash runner will have a "grab it tool" that will be sanitized between dogs.

8. PORTA POTTY AREA

- We will have a hand wash station and bottles of hand disinfectant available by the porta potty area.

9. HOSPITALITY –

- NO Hospitality and no sharing of food. Please bring your own drinking water and lunch as no services are available.
- Sorry, but we will not be serving MACH Cakes at this time.

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10. WORKERS

- All ring workers must wear Masks.
- An online worker sign-in white board will be available online at the SAC website (<https://www.spokaneagilityclub.org/trials.php>).
- Leash runner must use “grab it tool”. Grab it tool will be disinfected between runners by placing it in a bucket of disinfectant between runs.
- Scribe sheets will only be touched by scribe and placed in special box. The box will be swapped with an empty box at the trial secretary table by the scribe runner. This will minimize the number of people handling scribe sheets for the protection of trial secretary and judge.
- Two containers will be used for Scribe pens, one (green) labeled clean and one (red) labeled used. Used ones will be cleaned throughout the day for reuse.
- Tables will be wiped down between change of workers by incoming scribe or timer.

10. JUDGE TABLE

- Judge will have a table outside of the arena ring. This table will not be approached except by scribe runner, trial secretary and judge for official paperwork. No exhibitor should walk up to the judge at this location for their safety.

11. Trial Site Revision

- The sand arena that was to the left of the camping area is now included as part of the trial site and not available for dogs off-leash.



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Best Practices Acknowledgement

If you are concerned about the possibility of exposure to the coronavirus, be sure that you are comfortable with these procedures and are willing to comply with wearing a mask as outlined above and to comply with the physical distancing requirements, for everyone's safety.

By signing your entry form, you are agreeing to these Spokane Agility Club Safety Procedures and you are willing to abide by them. This will constitute your agreement and compliance.

If you do not agree, we will see you at another trial.