

Trial Instructions and Guidelines

Please read carefully, sign the COVID-19 Waiver (included with this premium) and include signed waiver with your entry. **Only entries with a signed COVID-19 waiver will be accepted and processed into the trial.**

With the safety of exhibitors, volunteers and staff, and adherence to State and CDC requirements and guidelines, the Blue Ridge Agility Club (BRAC) has put in place the following procedures for our agility trial at the Smokey Mountain Event Center in Waynesville, NC; on October 2, 3 & 4, 2020.

If you do not feel you can comply with any of these requirements please do not enter our trial, we will look forward to seeing you at a future BRAC trial.

1. You are required to sign the COVID-19 waiver, included with this premium, and enclose it with your entry. Entries received without a waiver will not be processed into the trial.
2. Rules and guidelines provided here are subject to change. Updates will be provided prior to closing. Competitors wishing to withdraw prior to closing due to procedures required for participation can withdraw their entry at any time prior to closing. After closing, competitors may withdraw only due to illness or under quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure.
3. Social distancing of 6ft or more will be in practice at all times. At no time should there be any congregating in aisles. There should be no groups sitting together in the stands other than those in the same household or traveling together.
4. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES WHEN UNDER COVERED ARENA**, and outside of the covered arena when social distancing cannot be maintained. We encourage MASKS to be worn during your run. We plan to provide access to disposable masks, which are more breathable, for use in the ring. If you choose to run without a mask, your mask must immediately be put back on BEFORE leaving the ring.
5. Walkthroughs will be reduced in numbers to allow for social distancing, and MASKS MUST BE WORN while walking. While walking, please be considerate and follow a minimum of 6 ft social distancing. The exact number and size of walkthroughs will be determined after closing, but in no instance will be over 25 handlers per walk. We hope to assign you to a walkthrough group (like NAC or Invitationals) and this will be marked on the running order sent to you with the final confirmation, so you know when you are walking. Groups will enter only through the ring entry and exit only through the ring exit.

Please bring with you the following:

- Hand sanitizer/Wipes – we will provide as well.
- Lunch, Snack & Drinks (no food will be available and no MACH/PACH cakes are allowed 😞)
- Mask(s) – You must wear a mask at all times under the covered arena. **AT PRESENT WE ARE NOT REQUIRING BUT ENCOURAGING THAT YOU WEAR A MASK WHEN RUNNING YOUR DOG** – if this changes we will announce the change before closing. (workers will wear masks at all times) The judge may at their discretion wear a mask/faceguard.
- Gloves if you wish to wear them.
- **A leash** that fits in your pocket or around your waist or crossbody during your run. Per AKC guidelines: “exhibitors may choose to place leashes in their pockets or wear them (around waist, crossbody, etc.) during their runs. If the dog grabs the leash this will be scored as "E". If the leash falls out of the handler's pocket, or off of their body, there is no call unless the dog were to grab it.” A leash-runner, using a bucket to transport your leash, will be available for exhibitors who do not wish to carry their leash while on course.
- Use your phone/Ipad camera, or bring a digital camera, for taking pictures of the results, course maps etc.
- Pen for recording your results, marking gate sheets, etc.

BRAC will sanitize equipment and BRAC will disinfect all surfaces, before the event and after each day of the event using EPA-registered disinfectants. BRAC will not provide PPE.

Gate sheets will be posted where individuals can check in, with sheets moved to the gate when walk starts; after movement, check-in will only be by gate steward.

Crating – under cover crating will be available, on a limited basis and 6 ft distance must be maintained. There is plenty of parking with ample space for pop up tents, and weather is generally good that time of year for crating out of your car.

Course Maps for each day will be posted on Tina Eastman's trial secretary's website after 6 p.m. Thursday evening, Friday evening and Saturday evening. You will receive an email to let you know that the course-maps have been posted, along with a link to the website location. Daily course maps will be hung in various places around the arena as well.

Ribbons will be available, self serve. Results stickers will be made available when results are posted. We ask that you maintain social distancing when collecting your ribbons and stickers, and no lingering. Results will be emailed to you as soon as possible and posted in two places on a wall with plenty of spacing for viewing after the class is over. THERE WILL BE NO MONITORS AVAILABLE with scrolling results while a class is running. Please maintain social distancing when looking at results and bring a camera to record results. Additionally, all results for each day will be posted on the Tina Eastman's trial secretary's website at the end of each trial day. www.sunriseagility.com

Only ring crew and our designated course builders will touch the equipment.

There will be no Master/Excellent briefings prior to running. We will provide a general master/excellent briefing on our website and provide in your judging schedule with your final confirmation. Copies will also be posted in a couple of areas at the trial site. Briefings **will** be held for Novice/Open. Please be considerate, wear a mask and exercise social distancing during these briefings.

Measuring dogs – Only entered dogs will be measured. Karen Wloldarski is a VMO and will measure.

The final confirmation will include information on measuring. BRAC is looking forward to helping restart AKC agility in Western North Carolina, and we are prepared to make this a safe and fun trial.

We realize this is a “no frills” trial and is different to what we are used to pre COVID. However, the health and safety of everyone is paramount if we wish to run agility at this time. If during the trial you are unable to follow these procedures, we will ask you to leave and your entry fees will not be refunded. We want everyone to be safe.