

Trial Instructions and Guidelines

Gloucester Kennel Club (GKC) has put in place the following procedures for our agility trial at Level Up Dogs Sports (LUDS) in Mechanicsville, VA, on September 26 AND 27, 2020, with the safety of our exhibitors and adherence to State and CDC requirements and guidelines being our main priority.

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 GKC trial.

You are required to sign the waiver included with this premium and include it with your entry. Entry will not be processed without a signed waiver.

Rules and guidelines are subject to change and we will keep you updated with any changes that occur prior to closing should you wish to withdraw your entry.

Face Masks/Face Coverings are required anytime you are in the building, including when running your dog. Please note the Judge will be wearing a mask the entire day; your cooperation and understanding are appreciated. There are no exceptions. Masks are mandatory while inside the building. Non-compliance will result in the forfeiture of your entry and excusal from the trial. When arriving at the trial, please park so social distancing is adhered to.

We have reduced the number of runs to **300 runs each day** and limited the classes to Regular Standard and JWW classes only (No premier/FAST or T2B)

We have a different running order than normal. All of one height group (e.g. 4-16 inch dogs) will run their Standard and JWW courses. They will then be able to leave. Then the next height group will run their classes. They can then leave. Open and Novice classes will be run at the end of the day. We have included a draft timeline for your review with this premium. This is a guide and is based on estimated entries and is **NOT** a final timeline. We plan not to start the second group's walk throughs until a designated time e.g. the 20-24" dogs would not start their walkthroughs until say 11am. This will help you plan when to arrive. AGAIN, this is an example and a final time line, and guidance on walkthrough times will be issued once we have closed.

Walkthroughs will be reduced in numbers to allow for social distancing. While walking, please be considerate and follow 6' social distancing rules. **(WEAR YOUR MASK AT ALL TIMES)** The exact number and size of walkthroughs will be determined after closing. 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. A GKC member will let each group into the building to walk, through the Entry door, once the previous group has completed their walkthrough and exited using the Exit door.

Please bring with you the following:

- Hand sanitizer/Wipes
- 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 in the building.
- 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 will be available for exhibitors who do not wish to carry their leash while on course.
- Phone/Ipad with a camera, or a camera, for taking pictures of the results, course maps etc.

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

We will have a designated Gate who will mark in exhibitors as they enter the ring for their walk-through— there will be no self-check in.

There will be an Entry Only door (which will be propped open) into the building (this is on the side where you normally park) you will only exit through the door on the opposite side of the building. There will be fenced off walkways to the ring and leaving the ring. Only 5 dogs can be inside the building waiting to run. A minimum of 6 feet is to be maintained between each handler while waiting to run. You will be called into the building by the gate.

Inside crating is restricted and is ONLY for Designated workers/Club members who have been given permission to crate inside by the Trial Chair. Anyone trying to crate inside without permission will be asked to leave. If crating out of your car please be aware of the weather – this is Virginia so we could have all 4 seasons in one day!

Course Maps for each day will be posted on the trial secretary's website after 6 p.m. 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.

Ribbons will be available for pick-up at the trial. We ask that you maintain social distancing when collecting your ribbons. Results will be emailed to you as soon as possible and posted outside. Additionally, all results for each day will be posted on the trial secretary’s website at the end of each trial day.

<https://sunriseagility.com/2020/02/15/september-26-27-gloucester-kennel-club/>

We cannot allow general spectators in the building, so sadly there is no viewing/standing to watch the dog running in the Agility ring. We plan to have runs livestreamed to either You Tube or Facebook courtesy of LUDS.

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

There will be no Master/Excellent briefings. Briefings **will** be held for Novice/Open. Please be considerate and exercise social distancing during these briefings.

Measuring dogs – Only entered dogs will be measured. The judge is a VMO and we will have at least one other VMO in attendance.

GKC is looking forward to helping restart AKC agility in the Richmond area, and we are partnering with LUDS to make this a safe and fun event. 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.

