

## Trial Instructions and Guidelines

Please note that these rules have been updated to reflect the new COVID restrictions from the Governor's Executive Order Number 67 and Order of Public Health Emergency Seven. We will send out any updates if they change before our trial.

Central Virginia Agility Club (CVAC) has put in place the following procedures for our agility trial at Level Up Dogs Sports (LUDS) in Mechanicsville, VA, on February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 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 CVAC trial.**

You are required to sign the waiver included with this premium and include it with your entry, otherwise your entry will not be processed. 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.

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.

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 will assign walkthrough groups (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 CVAC 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

- 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 inside **and outside**. **YOU MUST 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 will wear a mask. A mask must fully cover your nose and mouth, be snug to the sides of the face with no opening; **i.e. no mesh, valves, etc.** If you wear a face shield you must also wear a mask. The updated mask policy means there is **NO EATING OR DRINKING INSIDE LUDS**.
- 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 walk ways 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. As you enter you may take your coat and treats for your dogs and leave them on a table by the exit door. You must exit immediately after your run and **reward your dog outside the building. Do not stop in the exit walkway.**

**Health Screening.** A health screen may be done before entering the building for the first time. This may include a temperature check. **A COVID Overseer** will be in charge of COVID procedure inside and outside of the building. Anyone not complying at any time will be asked to leave with no refund

**Inside crating is restricted** and is ONLY for designated key 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. Maps will also be available for each class on the Agility Gate App.

**PLEASE NOTE : The Agility Gate and Remind apps are aids only – it is still the responsibility of the handler to make sure they are at their walkthroughs and are at the gate when it is their turn to run – CVAC is not responsible for any delays in communications due to delays with wireless networks.**

**Ribbons** will be available on a table inside the building and you can help yourself – they will not be in the usual containers. You will be allowed in by the door volunteer. Please collect your labels and ribbons and exit out of the Exit door. We ask that you maintain social distancing when collecting your ribbons. Results will be posted at the end of each class by the ribbons, they will also be posted on the trial secretary's website at the conclusion of each class.

<https://sunriseagility.com/2019/12/10/feb-6-7-central-virginia-agility-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 You Tube courtesy of LUDS. Please subscribe to the Level Up Dogs Sports' You Tube channel.

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. We will have at least one VMO in attendance.

CVAC is 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.

