

Rocky Mountain Dog Stars Club COVID-19 Requirements:
General Required Practices

Risk mitigation is our primary concern. State of Montana COVID-19 requirements as well as those of the Carbon County Health Department **MUST** be followed. The COVID-19 Event Plan for exhibitors and workers has been provided with the premium. A signed waiver of liability for COVID-19 must be submitted for each exhibitor.

Availability and desired work assignments will be on a limited basis. Workers will be selected in an effort to minimize the number of persons going in and out of the ring and the building. No worker signups or sign up board will be available at the trial.

Pre-packaged food may be made available by Yellowstone Dog Sports. No self-service coffee or drinks will be available. Exhibitors should plan their own food and drink.

Crating space inside the arena may not be available for all entered exhibitors. COVID-19 requirements require masking and maintenance of a 6-foot social distance space between crating spots. Crating spots will be assigned with workers receiving first priority. Exhibitors may be required to crate in their RV, rented room, or in their car for this event.

RMDS members, judges and exhibitors are required to follow state, local and facility guidelines as presented below.

- Social distancing **must** be practiced. Maintain a distance of 6 feet or more unless individuals are part of a family unit.
- RING CREW: We will need help setting bars for jumping classes. RMDS will select and limit the number of timers, scribes, leash runners, and course builders. Hand sanitize going in and coming out of ring. WASH HANDS afterwards!
- Masks must be worn at all times while in the arena unless running a dog. Masks are provided by exhibitors for personal use. Masks may be cloth and must cover the nose and mouth.
- There will be plenty of hand sanitizer around the arena for personal use and soap will be provided in the restrooms. Exhibitors may wish to have individual hand sanitizers located in crating areas.
- Wash hands as frequently as possible. Disinfect door handles, table surfaces, counters if touched. Leave doors open, if possible.
- No handshakes or hugging.
- Do not touch dogs that are not your own.
- Crating spaces will be marked and are at least six feet apart. A single crating space should be used for each exhibitor or "family" of exhibitors. Do not extend beyond the boundary marked for each crating space.
- Pre-packaged food items may be available from YDS. There will be no sharing of food, potlucks, evening meals, NATCH cakes or other celebratory food or drink except within a family unit.
- As you park at YDS, leave sufficient space between vehicles to allow effective social distancing.

Information applicable to all participants

The trial has been limited to 50 humans on the Yellowstone Dog Sports (YDS) grounds at any one time. The 50 human limit applies to entrants, judges, YDS staff, RMDS members and all persons present (including spouse, significant other, children over the age of 12 traveling with exhibitors) **No children under 12 years of age will be allowed in the arena area unless they are running a dog.**

1. CRATING: There is adequate crating space in the arena. 6' apart with priority given to RMDS workers and people with multiple dogs IN THE SAME class level (2 dogs in Elite for instance). IF POSSIBLE, please crate in your car, RV (can be moved closer to arena) or Room or you can bring EZ up to set up outside (near door on east side). We would prefer you aren't in the arena unless your class is running – dogs can stay – but limited number of 50 people in the arena at one time.
2. Course maps will be posted on the wall next to the East entrance to the building and exhibitors may take snapshots (one exhibitor at a time maintaining social distancing). DO NOT SHARE ELECTRONIC DEVICES except within a family unit.
3. Results for each event will be sent to the email address provided by exhibitors each evening and posted on the YDS Trial Group page. There will be NO STICKERS and you can SELF-SERVE placement and Q ribbons. To reduce multiple people in ribbon box, ribbons will be spread out on a table instead of a box. Please sanitize your hands before and after picking up your ribbons
4. Ring gating will be set up using a six-foot perimeter to protect the trial secretary. Please respect the 6-foot barrier around the Trial Secretary and do not enter into this area.
5. Each exhibitor will provide a completed waiver of liability for YDS and RMDS. Waivers will be given to the trial chair at the time of crating space setup, sent in with the exhibitor's entries, or given to the Trial Chair on the first morning of the trials. No one will be allowed to participate who has not completed and signed the required waivers.
6. All exhibitors must wear a mask at all times while in the arena. Masks may be removed for eating and drinking only if the required 6-foot social distancing is maintained. Masks may also be removed while the exhibitor runs his/her dog or while waiting to run. Designated waiting boxes for "on deck, on the line and in the whole" competitors will be marked that are 6 feet apart. Masks should be replaced as soon as possible after running your dog. .
7. A six-foot buffer will be marked around the gate steward. Once the gate board is at the ring entrance, the gate steward is the only person allowed to touch the board. Please check in with the gate steward to let him/her know that you will be running in the class. Changes in running order must only be made by the gate steward.
8. If possible, do not touch any part of the ring gating or barriers while entering or exiting the ring.
9. We are required by NADAC to have leash runners but we cannot HAND you the leash with the "picker upper" tool. The leash will be placed near the finish line. You are still permitted to "self-leash run" with leash in your pocket. Exhibitors can place the leash in a pocket or wear it while running the course.
10. Briefings may be done on a limited basis, Exhibitors in the arena must spread out to maintain the required 6-foot distance during any briefings.
11. Walk through group size will be limited to 25 exhibitors per walk through. Separation of walk through group by dog height will be announced to make sure this requirement is met.
12. No dog measurements will be performed during the trial.