

WCOTC September 2021 Covid-19 Guidelines

By signing your Entry Form you agree to comply with the current COVID-19 procedures and with any modifications that may be in effect at the time of the event. Any modifications that change the protocol in the WCOTC September 2021 Covid-19 Guidelines will be posted on <https://sites.google.com/view/wcotcagilitytrial/home>

WCOTC is delighted to hold its September 2021 agility trials at B&D Creekside Activity Center in Latrobe PA.. We hope to have a safe and fun agility weekend and know that we can count on you to make sure the guidelines, as recently relaxed by the PA Governor, are followed to safeguard the safety of everyone attending our trials.

Please do NOT attend this trial: (a) if you were exposed to Covid-19 within 10 days preceding the trial and do not have a confirmed negative result from testing done 5+ days after the exposure. (b) if you have COVID-19 or its symptoms at the time of the trial. If any of these conditions apply to you or if you feel ill in any way during the trials, please contact the Trial Secretary if you wish to request a full refund for any runs not yet completed.

We have revised the following guidelines, which are based on updates to the AKC Best Practices for the Well-Being of Dog Sport Participants, and the latest PA and CDC guidelines.. Any changes will be communicated as soon as possible before the trial weekend. If you can't comply with any of the changes, please contact the Trial Secretary prior to the trial to withdraw and request a re-fund.

These guidelines also apply to anyone attending with you to assist at the trials and may be asked to leave if not complying.

1. **MASKS:** Masks are **NOT** required in the building, outside the building, or while running; however, masks may be worn as desired. If you desire to wear a mask, please bring your own face mask.
2. **GLOVES:** If you want gloves, please bring your own gloves.
3. **CHAIRS:** Bring your own chairs. B & D chairs will not be available for general use. The normal bleachers are folded and put away. They will not be in use.
4. **FOOD:** Please do not bring food. The on-site restaurant will be open on a limited basis with a simplified lunch menu.. ***Per the AKC guidelines for Covid-19 you may NOT bring in shared food, potlucks, and NO MACH CAKES unless they are individually portioned and/or will be served by a single server who will take appropriate sanitary and PPE measures. *****
5. **WASH HANDS:** Practice personal hygiene frequently and thoroughly. Use hand sanitizers positioned throughout the building and try to bring your own. Avoid touching dogs that are not your responsibility. We will clean commonly touched surfaces regularly throughout the trial and again at the end of the day.
6. **SANITIZATION:** All equipment and surfaces have been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. Please bring your own cleaning and sanitizing supplies. There will be a limited amount available at the trial.
7. **TRAFFIC FLOW:** Please respect social distancing when entering and exiting the building.
8. **COURSE BUILDERS/RING CREW WORKERS:** Anyone setting up rings and changing bar heights **can** wear gloves, use sanitizing wipes, and/or hand sanitizer before and after setting up and while working in the ring. (Gloves, wipes, and hand sanitizer provided on scribe table)..
9. **CHECK IN BOARDS/GATE STEWARD:** Please check in on the gate boards located on the tables next to the rings prior to judging.. The gate steward will move the check in board to the ring and continue to check in individuals who haven't already checked in. Please ask the Gate Steward to check you in and/or move any of your dogs if needed to avoid conflicts. Please remember to maintain social distancing from these workers.
10. **LEASHES/LEASH RUNNER:** We encourage exhibitors to tuck their leash into a pocket or wear it securely on their person (i.e. clip it like a belt around your waist so no part is hanging) when running the course. If you opt to drop your leash, the leash runner may wear gloves and pick the leash up with a paper towel to transport it to the exit location.
11. **ENTERING AND EXITING RING:** We encourage you to use your hip to push the gates to enter/exit the ring. The gate tops will be wiped off after each run. Hand sanitizer will be available after your run.
12. **COURSE MAPS, BRIEFINGS, RUN ORDERS, AND RESULTS:** Limited printed copies of the course maps will be available. Copies will be posted in several areas to help with social distancing. You may snap camera/phone pictures of the maps and results. ONLINE MAPS, BRIEFINGS, and RUN ORDERS, will be posted by the Trial Secretary each evening for the next day, hopefully between 7 and 9 PM. The URL: <https://sites.google.com/view/wcotcagilitytrial/home>

13. **WALK THROUGHS/BRIEFINGS:** Per AKC guidelines, walkthroughs may be limited to 25 people at most. Additional walk throughs will be added as needed to keep numbers and crowding down. We encourage everyone to be mindful of others, take turns, and maintain personal distance. There will be NO obsessive walk throughs and NO Mas/Ex briefings.
14. **RIBBONS, TOYS, AND AWARDS:** There will be no self-serve ribbons. Stickered ribbons may be placed on a table for you to pick up. There will be a volunteer in this area to place your sticker on the Q ribbon (or give the sticker to you to put in your book if you prefer) and give you any ribbons you are to be awarded. *(So sorry, but you cannot take a ribbon for pictures and then return it.)*
TOYS: Every dog entered in the trial will receive one complimentary gift for the weekend as stated in the premium. Please do not dig through the bins when selecting the items you want. Please pick the item you want for your dog and touch that one item only...no exchanges. Toys **will not** be given for placements.
15. **CRATING:** Indoor crating has not been a problem during the last few trials. But crating in the building or the ability to sit with your crated dogs **may be limited** if stricter occupancy limits are mandated or if the trial were to fill Six-foot social distancing will apply inside and outside for the entire weekend (including 6' spacing between "household crating groups"). You may not always be able to sit with your dog if it is crated in the building. Please be aware that every night the equipment in the ring area will be misted with a disinfectant of water and bleach. This will be done with a handheld misting machine that will be kept pointed away from the crating area. It is your responsibility to decide whether to leave your crates and water bowls in the building overnight!
16. **TENT/EZ-Up OUTDOOR CRATING:** If weather permits, "tent crating" will be allowed **anywhere** on the grass, but not in the immediate potty area at the end of the building and not in the parking lots or concrete pad next to the equipment garage door! (Please not too close to the garage doors!) They may be left overnight at your own risk – neither B&D nor WCOTC will be responsible for theft or damage due to weather.
17. **BUILDING OCCUPANCY CONTROL:** As PA guidelines have been relaxed, we encourage you to respect those exhibitors who prefer to maintain social distancing for their safety. To help with space to allow anyone who wants to maintain social distancing the opportunity to do so, we encourage you to leave additional family and friends at home unless necessary to help you during the trials.
18. **COMPLETED RUNS:** Once your runs are over for the day, Once your runs are over for the day, if extra space is needed and you are not scheduled to work, you may want to take your dog/dogs and exit the building.
19. **VOLUNTEERS:** We are all in this together. We look forward to returning to this agility sport, and hope you will continue to "work together" and help our trial run smoothly. We **NEED** and **WELCOME** your help and thank everyone who will volunteer to assist us!