

TRIAL SCHEDULE:

Thursday, September 24

Open for crating 3:00 to 5:30 for anyone volunteering to help with set-up. Opens for crating for all others from 5:30 to 6:30 PM.

Friday-Sunday, September 23-25

7:00 a.m. - Arena opens

7:30 a.m. - Check-in and measurement.

7:45 a.m. - Judge's briefing and walk-throughs

8:00 a.m. - First dog on the line

Height running order generally is: Friday and Sunday small to tall; Saturday tall to small

IMPORTANT RUNNING ORDER CHANGES AFFECTING MASTER/EXCELLENT JWW - IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE HEIGHT CONFLICTS, THE HEIGHT RUN ORDER WILL BE ADJUSTED. SEE THE TIMELINE FOR CHANGES. THE MAIN CHANGE IS THAT ON SUNDAY, MASTER JWW WILL RUN 20-24, 4-12, 16. EACH GROUP WILL HAVE A SEPARATE WALK/RUN.

NOVICE/OPEN FAST WILL WALK TOGETHER, THEN RUN ALL NOVICE AND THEN ALL OPEN.

If it looks like you might have a walk conflict, please walk with an earlier group. I have tried to move handlers with multiple dogs to give you time between dogs. However, if you don't have enough room, please work with the gate stewards. Just remember, you can't move one dog below another of your dogs. They must stay in the same order in which they appear.

A preliminary running order, trial information and an estimated timeline will be posted at www.earlyagility.com. This will help you gauge when you will need to be available to walk your course or carry out your volunteer assignment. Please note that the timeline is only an ESTIMATE and the trial may run considerably faster (or slower), so please allow for this. The time-line and running order do not reflect move-ups after closing.

At the time of this email, we are still looking into whether we will be able to use Agility Gate. If we are, an additional email will be sent out notifying everyone. Either way, course maps will be posted, and we encourage exhibitors to take a photo.

CHECK-IN and MEASURING

We will have three VMOs, Nancy Davis, Ben Gibbs and our judge, Leslie Gregory. If your dog needs to be measured, please be sure to get this done prior to your first run. Nancy will be available to measure from 7:30 to 9:00 am, and at other times as time allows. Ben will be available when he is not running his dog. Leslie will be able to measure as time allows between judging. Also, given the close proximity of VMO's and owners during measurement, MASKS ARE REQUIRED at the measuring area.

Effective August 1, 2022, all dogs that do not have a height card must be measured by a VMO or by the judge of record prior to the dog's first run that day per Chapter 2, Section 5, Paragraph 5.

As a reminder, leashes can be worn or put in pockets - now part of Chapter 4, section 10. This has been effective since January 1, 2022. Insert is available in the references section.

Crating: To maintain handicap accessibility, no crating will be allowed on any concrete sidewalks.

This trial will be held at the Smokey Mountain Event Center, f/k/a Haywood County Fairgrounds, 758 Crabtree Rd., Waynesville, NC 28785.

Delicious food options for breakfast and lunch will once again be provided by Lenoir Creek Beef & Bakery.

When exercising your dogs, please remember that all dogs must be on leash while on show grounds. Please help us keep this wonderful site! Any competitor failing to pick up after their dog(s) will be excused from this event without refund. Please no flexi (retractable leashes) when under the arena cover.

VOLUNTEERS

We need your help! We will have snacks for our helpers, and you will receive volunteer vouchers as a special thank you, which can be used toward future entries and/or spent same as cash at our vendor booths. You can now sign-up online at: <https://tinyurl.com/ygpvjzv6>
Please consider signing up to help out. No experience necessary! We promise to show you the ropes as needed, and you'll have the best seat in the house!

Score Table Help: If you can help at the score table, please sign up on the worker sheet. This doesn't mean you need to work the computer. We can especially use help with scoring the FAST classes and will show you how to hand score.

"No Whining" Raffle: No Q? No Whining! Drop your name into a bin for a chance to win a bottle of wine plus a beautiful pottery wine cooler made by Susan Coe. One drawing each afternoon.

Worker Raffle: each day we will hold raffles for the following: Two \$10.00 entry vouchers toward a future run, a custom water bucket made by Nancy Davis and pottery bowls by Susan Coe Plus, we hope to have other surprise goodies available in the worker raffle!

Handlers' Responsibilities:

We will need everyone's cooperation to keep things moving. To make sure that this trial runs as smoothly and efficiently as possible, we will use the following procedures:

1. You are responsible for checking in with the gate steward before or after your walk-through.
2. While each dog is running, we will have one dog on the line, one dog on deck, and one dog in the hole. Be sure that you are at the gate, ready to take your place in line. We will not look for you---if you

are not there, you may lose your turn to run. If you are running two dogs and we haven't given you enough room between your dogs, you may work with the gate steward to move your dogs, but they must stay in the same order as they appear on the gate, in other words, whichever dog is supposed to run first must still run first.

3. The dog on the line should be ready to run before the dog on course finishes the last obstacle. When the timer tells you to go, begin your run!

The trial is held in a dirt-floored under cover arena. There is ample room for crating (however, any crated dog(s) (or person) who causes a disturbance on the arena floor will be asked to move).

Haywood Animal Emergency @ Junaluska Animal Hospital

3248 Asheville Rd. (Bus. US 23), Waynesville, NC (828) 452-1478 (1.4 miles from show site)

6:00 pm – 10:00 PM M-F, 8:30 am 10:00 PM Sat/Sun

From show site: left onto Crabtree Rd., continue under US19/74 overpass, road becomes Business US 23/Asheville Rd., go past Lowes, clinic on left

After 10:00 PM: Med-Vet Asheville

677 Brevard Road, Asheville, NC 28806 (828) 665-4399

From I-40, take Exit 47 and go south on 191 for 0.9 miles; clinic on your right

VENDORS: Vendor spots are available. If interested, please contact Connie Sovie, conniesovie@gmail.com, 954-999-7143.

Below is a list of our current vendors:

The Dog House - Felisha Yon & Hunter Wyman

- Treats, toys, leashes, lots of goodies

In Motion Photos - Gary Depp

- Beautiful photos

Canine Chiropractic Care - Dr John Faherty

- chiropractic care

Lenoir Creek Beef & Bakery

- breakfast & lunch options

Beverly Adams

- Blue Ridge Therapeutic Massage

Lenoir Creek Beef & Bakery

- Breakfast and lunch options

Please note: Our vendors will accept volunteer vouchers same as cash!!

HOTELS/RV PARKING: Please pick up after your dog(s) and respect all hotel rules.

Please see the premium for additional information on hotels, RV parking and tent camping. Please note that RV dry camping in the upper meadow is available at a cost of \$10/day. Campers who have paid the fee will have a windshield permit available for pickup at the gate near the small building behind the arena. There are no spots remaining with electric.

For sites in the Meadow, please complete RV Reservation form and return with payment by check payable to WCDFA to Nancy Davis, WCDFA 720 Woodbine Road, Waynesville, NC 28785. Windshield tags for paid parking will be available at the arena on Thursday afternoon after 2pm, and at the Awards table on Friday. Deadline for reservations 9/16/22.

COVID:

Covid Rules will follow State of NC regulations, please follow these regulations for mask wearing and distance. Regulations may change by the time this trial starts. Stayed informed. In any event, UNVACCINATED exhibitors should wear a mask.

Ribbons will NOT BE MAILED to you after the trial; you must pick them up by the end of the trial on Sunday or they will be recycled.

Dogs may not be left at the facility overnight.

We look forward to seeing you soon! Travel safely.