



Fond du Lac County Kennel Club

Agility Trials—Best Practices August 7, 8, & 9, 2020

As the Fond du Lac County Kennel Club members prepare our grounds and ourselves to begin the process of hosting an agility trial during this uncertain time of Covid 19, we would like to list some “best practices” that will be adhered to. We are doing our very best to provide our exhibitors, volunteers/workers, and our judge with a sanctioned event that is safe and enjoyable. Please, if at any time before closing you do not feel comfortable with any of the new requirements and you wish to withdraw your entry, we will refund or shred your check. Please let the secretary know by e-mail. Also, please wear a face mask if physical distancing becomes difficult. Please be proactive and bring your own hand sanitizer and face masks. As information is continuously changing, these guidelines may be adjusted, if necessary for improvement.

Entry Limits: Trial Limited to 200 runs on Friday and 350 runs on Saturday and Sunday.

Crating and Building Use:

There will be absolutely no crating or use of the building.

Please be prepared to crate and work out of your vehicle. Please be cognizant of social distancing while at your vehicles.

There will be NO access to the building.

If you need to talk to the secretary, you may contact her thru the window on the north side of the building.

Restrooms:

There will be portable restrooms available. There will be bottles of disinfectant by the porta-potty to use before and after use.

Washing stations will be provided. Please follow the CDC guidelines on washing your hands. Please be cognizant of social distancing while waiting for the porta-potty use.

Grounds: There will be bottles of disinfectant stationed at each gate and throughout the entire grounds for sanitization use. If you have skin sensitivities, please plan accordingly and wear gloves if necessary. Disinfectant will be used to maintain safety of our grounds, equipment, exhibitors and members. E-Z-ups will be allowed in the fenced area by the rings. **Please be cognizant of social distancing while on the grounds.**

Trial Logistics

Masks: The CDC recommends that masks are worn when in close proximity to others. Please be sure to adhere to the CDC recommendations. We will require exhibitors to mask during their walk-thru. Exhibitors will not be required to wear a mask during their run. Please be cognizant of social distancing, and wear a face mask if physical distancing is difficult.

Check-In: The gate sheets will be posted on an easel outside the ring. Only the gate steward may check your dog in. If necessary, form a line with proper social distancing in order to check your dog(s) in for their run(s). Please do not touch the easel or the marking pen.

Posting/Results Sheets: Results will be posted on the classroom windows on the north side of the building. Please be cognizant of social distancing while checking results. Please wear a face mask if physical distancing will be difficult.

Course Maps: Course maps will be posted on the Fond du Lac County Kennel Club website after 6:00pm the day prior to each days trial. <https://fdlckc.org/events> Maps will also be posted on the classroom windows on the north side of the building. You may take a photo of the map to have a personal copy. There will not be any paper copies of maps available. Please be cognizant of social distancing while looking/taking photos of the maps. Please wear a face mask if physical distancing will be difficult.

Walk-Throughs/Running order: The exhibitors in the Excellent/Master class will be divided into two groups based on jump height. Beginning with tall dog exhibitors on Friday and Sunday and small dog exhibitors on Saturday. Each group will be assigned a time slot to attend the trial, which will be outlined in the final judging program. Walk-thrus and runs will NOT begin before your assigned time. Each of those two groups will be divided into two walk-thru groups. Each of the two groups will then walk and run E/M JWW and then walk and run E/M STD at their assigned time. We strongly encourage you to leave the grounds when you have finished running and have your awards to minimize the number of people on the grounds. All groups and times will be published in the judging program. Please refrain from being in the fenced area where the rings are unless it is your group that is walking/running. You may have a person video your run from inside the fenced area, but please exit the fenced area when finished. I understand there will be some overlap with exhibitors that run dogs in multiple heights or have dogs in other classes, but we are diligently trying to minimize the number of people in our fenced ring area. Open and Novice will have their own scheduled time. Our day will run longer, however, minimizing the number of exhibitors in our trial ring area will help us maintain social distancing.

Entry/Exit Gates: The ring gates (as well as the chain link gates) will be sprayed throughout the day with 24 hour disinfectant. When lining up to go into the ring for your run, please remember to social distance from the other exhibitors.

Leashes: There are two options:

Option 1: The Leash runner will use a “grabber” to move your leash to the end of the course. The “grabber” will be dipped in disinfectant after each use.

Option 2: You can place your leash in your pocket, around your neck, or around your waist per AKC.

If the dog grabs the leash while running, this will be scored as an “E”
The next dog will not enter the ring until the previous dog is leashed up.

Ribbons/Awards Ribbons and awards will be available at the front of the building (the parking lot side) as soon as they are available after your group has completed running. They will be fastened (with a clothes pin) to a snow fenced gate. Please only touch your ribbons. Please be cognizant of social distancing while checking for your ribbons and awards. Please wear a face mask if physical distancing will be difficult. The secretary **WILL NOT** distribute ribbons from inside the building. No ribbons will be mailed at the conclusion of the trial weekend.

Food: Unfortunately, no food will be served at the trial. Please plan accordingly. As Per AKC guidelines, no MACH/PACH cakes are allowed at the trial. There will be a cooler with bottled water available.

Volunteers: We will have a designated gate steward, timer and scribe for the entire weekend. If you are willing to help with bar setting or leash/sheet running please volunteer at the trial. We will have hand sanitizer available at the ring for your use.

If you are able to help course build, there will be hand sanitizer to use before and after entering the ring and touching the equipment. Please see Ronda prior to handling ANY equipment prior to course building.

Measuring: Lisa Dempsey is a VMO and has agreed to measure dogs for jump height cards. A measuring table and wicket will be set up outside. Lisa will measure prior to judging on Friday and when time allows during the weekend. As per AKC Covid Best Practices, the table will be wiped down and Lisa will sanitize her hands in between dogs. Please be prepared to wear a face mask while your dog is being measured. Please DO NOT sit on the table or “practice” measuring your dog.

Please, if at any time before closing you do not feel comfortable with any of the new requirements and you wish to withdraw your entry, we will refund or shred your check. Please let the secretary know by e-mail. We look forward to seeing you! Ronda FdLCKC Trial Chair