

# AAC Sanctioned Agility Trial March 16-17, 2024

to be held at the

# Drummond Building, 22 Ryan Street, Spencerville, ON

Judges: Marianne Poirier (Starters/Advanced)

**Antoine Pelletier** (Masters)

Opening Date: February 1, 2024 — Closing Date: March 8, 2024, or when full

Trial entries are accepted online only at: <a href="https://form.jotform.com/232727974583268">https://form.jotform.com/232727974583268</a>

\$21 per run – \$2 early bird discount through February 7 – \$2 surcharge after closing date FEO \$11 – all prices now include HST

Payment is required at time of registration – please note that any discounts/late fees will be applied from date of payment Payment to be sent to <a href="mailto:kandydumm@hotmail.com">kandydumm@hotmail.com</a> – if required, password should be "outback"

Please include in e-transfer comments dog's name and date of trial being entered.

Questions? E-mail trial secretary at <a href="mailto:outbacktrials@gmail.com">outbacktrials@gmail.com</a>

Saturday, March 16, 2024	Sunday, March 17, 2024
Starters Gamblers – MP	Masters Gamblers – AP
Advanced Gamblers – MP	Masters Standard 1 – AP
Starters Standard 1 – MP	Masters Standard 2 – AP
Starters Standard 2 – MP	Steeplechase – AP
Advanced Standard 1 – MP	Masters Snooker – AP
Advanced Standard 2 – MP	Masters Jumpers – AP
Starters Snooker – MP	
Advanced Snooker – MP	
Starters Jumpers – MP	
Advanced Jumpers – MP	

# **Start Times**

First dog on the line at 9 a.m. Doors will open at 8:15 a.m. Please do not arrive before then. Be aware that masks may be required at all times except when running — this requirement will be determined by the COVID risk at the time of the trial.

#### **General Information**

This is an Agility Association of Canada (AAC) sanctioned trial that will be held under AAC rules and regulations. Note that the Out Back Agility and Dog Sports (Out Back) Trials Organizing Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry. All entries are to be submitted via the indicated JotForm URL.

#### **Refunds and Credits:**

Non-refundable credits will be issued for withdrawn entries received prior to the closing date (see first page of this premium). All such credits will expire after three months, and credits will not be transferable to other handlers. There shall be no credits for acts of God, inclement weather, missed runs, entries withdrawn after the closing date, dogs and/or handlers dismissed from competition, regardless of the reason for such dismissal, or absence on the day of the trial.

Refunds may be requested for injured dogs or bitches in season, however, all such refunds will be subject to a \$25 administration fee, and Out Back reserves the right to require a veterinarian's note. Alternatively, handlers may opt for non-refundable credits if they so desire.

# **Run Order and Trial Schedule:**

Please check your confirmation carefully to ensure that all details and event entries are correct. Please forward any necessary changes to the Trial Secretary prior to the trial – including issues with the run order, as this order will not be changed after the start of the trial – this will help the trial to run smoothly. Although a provisional time schedule will be provided to competitors prior to the trial, be aware that events may begin up to one hour prior to their scheduled start at the discretion of Out Back. No event will start more than one hour prior to the scheduled time, unless all competitors are present.

#### **Trial Obstacles:**

All obstacles conform to AAC specifications, and include: A-frame, Dog Walk, See-Saw, Weave Poles, Flexible Tunnels, Self-Healing Tire Jump, Ascending Spread Jump, Wall Jump, Broad Jump, Double Jump, and Winged Jumps. All contacts are rubberized. An electronic timing system will normally be used. The trial will be held indoors on a dirt surface. A portapotty will be available inside the arena building. Competitors are responsible for providing their own seating, drinking water and dog crates.

#### **Trial categories:**

Dogs will be divided into 6 height groups in 4 categories (Regular, Special, Veteran and Double Drop Veteran). Masters Standard is open to dogs that have an AADC title. Masters Games are open to dogs who have 3 corresponding Advanced Games qualifying scores (Q's) under 2 different judges.

Advanced Standard is open to dogs that have an ADC title. Advanced Games are open to dogs who have 2 corresponding Starters Games Q's under 2 different judges.

Starters Standard is open to dogs that do not have an ADC title (3 qualifying scores under 2 different judges).

Starters Games are open to dogs who have not earned two Q's in that particular Starters Game under 2 different judges.

Team Relay and Steeplechase are open to all levels.

#### Move-ups, FEOs, Senior/Disabled/Junior Handlers:

Move-ups will be allowed during the trial, provided space and time allow. FEO runs are to be indicated in the entry form. Senior/Disabled status and/or Junior Handler status is to be indicated in the entry form.

#### **Course Maps:**

Course maps will be made available on the Out Back website (www.outbackagilityanddogsports.ca) under the Events heading two hours before the first event of the day.

#### Titles:

Please advise the Scorekeeper if your dog completes a title:

- -Qualifying Rosettes for all event qualifiers.
- -Placement Ribbons awarded for 1st through 4th place.
- -Title Rosettes for any dog completing an AAC title.

#### **Bitches in Season:**

Bitches in season (BIS) are allowed to compete at Out Back under the following conditions:

1—Handlers must notify the trial secretary she is in season as soon as is known.

2—All BIS must crate out of the car and park close to the BIS toileting area.

3–All BIS will run at the end of each class no matter what their regular jump height is.

4–There will be a mat at the start line provided by Out Back Agility for the dog to do her sit stay on.

5–BIS must run in protective panties (no frills or other decorations).

6–No loitering around the ringside. Bring your dog in in time for the run then return to your car.

# **Trial Volunteering:**

Competitors will be assigned to assist with ring crew and/or course building. These trials cannot be held without your assistance and we expect that all competitors will help to the best of their abilities around their entries. Competitors will be emailed a volunteer schedule prior to the trial – please check this schedule and communicate any conflicts or other difficulties as soon as possible.

#### **Ring Etiquette:**

Competitors not entered in a specific event are NOT permitted in the ring during the walk-through. If you are entered in an event and you are coaching others (or being coached by others), please show consideration for the rest of the competitors by doing your coaching OUTSIDE the ring and do not block other competitors, or hold strategy discussions in the ring during the walk through. Thank you for showing respect for all competitors. Food is not allowed in the ring at any time. Non-audible toys in good condition are allowed in the ring only during FEO runs and may be thrown up to ten feet. Dogs must enter and exit the ring on leash — the leash may be dropped at the start line, or carried in the handler's pocket.

# **Dog Control and Aggression Issues:**

All dogs must be kept in an X-pen, crate, in your car, or on leash when not in the ring (this includes the grounds and parking lot). In order to prevent incidents of dog aggression towards other dogs and/or people, please give all dogs lots of room and be aware of your dog's behaviour at all times. Any dog engaging in aggressive behaviour at any time may be required to leave the grounds at the sole discretion of the trial host and/or judge. In such cases, NO refunds will be issued. If your dog requires space we can provide you with a yellow bandana. Please be aware of the yellow bandanas when on the property and give these dogs extra space.

# **Directions to Drummond Building:**

Take Exit 12 from Highway 416 on to Leeds Grenville Road 21 and turn left. At the stop sign, turn right onto Leeds Grenville Road 44. In the centre of Spencerville turn left on to Leeds Grenville Road 21. Turn right at Ryan Street and proceed past the hockey arena to your right. Turn left before the brickfronted Drummond Building and proceed to the rear of the building (west side).

# **Motels Accepting Guests with Dogs:**

(information subject to change – please check with venue) The following motels have indicated that they will accept guests with dogs under certain conditions.

Johnstown: Bridgewaters Inn 613-340-0330,

pet rooms available

Kemptville: SureStay Hotel by Best Western 844-684-9427,

dogs permitted

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pet rooms available

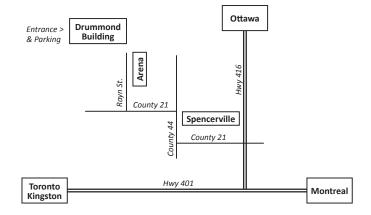
# **Campgrounds Accepting Guests with Dogs:**

Kemptville: Rideau River Provincial Park 613-258-2740 Oxford Station: Wildwoods Campgrounds 613-258-2940

Cardinal: KOA campgrounds 1-800-562-3643

# Veterinarian on Call:

Prescott Animal Hospital 2725 Edward Street North, Prescott, ON K0E 1T0 (613) 925-5909



All Out Back competitors will be required to agree to the following conditions as part of their JotForm entry. The text of these conditions as they appear there has been repeated below for your convenience.

# **COVID-19 Screening Questions**

- (1) Are you currently experiencing any of these symptoms? Fever and/or chills; cough or barking cough (croup); shortness of breath; sore throat; difficulty swallowing; runny or stuffy/congested nose; decrease or loss of taste or smell; pink eye; headache; digestive issues like nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain; muscle aches; extreme tiredness; or falling down.
- (2) Is anyone you live with currently experiencing any new COVID-19 symptoms and/or waiting for test results after experiencing symptoms?
- (3) In the last 14 days, have you been identified as a "close contact" of someone who currently has COVID-19?
- (4) Has a doctor, health care provider, or public health unit told you that you should currently be isolating (staying home)?
- (5) In the last 14 days, have you received a COVID Alert exposure notification on your cell phone? If in the last 14 days, you or anyone you live with travelled outside of Canada, please see the Trial Secretary when you arrive at the trial.

I agree that I will not attend the Trial if on the day of the Trial, I answer "yes" to any of the above questions.

#### **AAC Participant Waiver & Release**

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry by AAC and Out Back Agility and Dog Sports (the "Organizing Club") and the opportunity to have the Dog participate, compete in and/or be judged at this event or trial (the "Event"), I, the undersigned, agree as follows:

I certify that I am the actual owner of the Dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner of the Dog and that the Dog is not a hazard to persons, property or other dogs.

I agree that AAC or the Organizing Club for the Event may refuse my entry for any reason that it deems to be sufficient.

I understand and acknowledge that participation in the Event carries certain risks, including, but not limited to injuries (including serious injuries and death) to myself, the Dog, another dog under my control or persons attending as my guests (my "Related Parties"), damage to property and other losses. I waive any and all claims that I have or may have in the future against, and release from all liability and agree not to sue AAC, the Organizing Club or any of the directors, executives, committees, representatives, employees, volunteers or agents of either AAC or the Organizing Club (the "Personnel") for any injury, death, property damage or other loss that I or my Related Parties sustain due to any cause whatsoever, including negligence, breach of contract, breach of duty, statutory or otherwise, or mistakes or errors of judgment of any kind.

I assume full responsibility for the conduct of myself and my Related Parties during the entirety of the Event. I agree to indemnify and save harmless AAC, the Organizing Club and the Personnel from and against any and all claims that may be made against them or costs, fees, expenses or liability (including, without limitation, lawyers' fees on a solicitor and own client basis) incurred by AAC, the Organizing Club or the Personnel that may arise due to:

(a) any act or omission of myself, my Related Parties or any party for whom I am liable at law; or

(b) aggressive behaviour by the Dog or any other dog under my control. I have read, and do understand the rules of competition and the additional rules (if any) appearing in the trial schedule for the Event, as well as the policies of AAC pertaining to discipline (collectively, the "Rules"). I agree to abide by the Rules and to conduct myself and the Dog in accordance with the Rules. I understand that myself and/or the Dog may be subject to disciplinary procedures or sanctions for breach of the Rules and agree to respect and be bound by any disciplinary decision made by AAC.

I understand that AAC and/or the Organizing Club may, in the course of administering the Event or conducting its activities generally, collect, use or disclose my personal information and that any personal information collected, used or disclosed by AAC and/or the Organizing Club will be treated in accordance with AAC policy and applicable privacy and personal information laws. I hereby consent to the collection, use and disclosure by AAC and/or the Organizing Club of my personal information.

#### Media Release & Rights of Privacy Waiver

I Hereby Grant to AAC and its affiliated companies, representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permission to use or appropriate his/her and their dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia of identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media known now or in the future.

# Waiver of Rights to Privacy, Publicity & Personality

Further, I hereby release Agility Association of Canada Inc, and its affiliates, representatives, agents and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of publicity, right of personality, or any similar rights.

I have been given the opportunity to read and understand the terms of this Agreement before signing it, and have in fact done so. I understand that by signing this Agreement, I am restricting my legal rights and I sign this Agreement voluntarily and of my own free will.