

## Action Dog Sports, GLASWC, VCSWC, WWDAT - Agility Trial Best Practices

*As we navigate and celebrate the safe reopening together, We want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to all our incredibly supportive students, exhibitors, clubs and volunteers. The following set of rules and guidelines were constructed using CDC and AKC guidelines for the safety of our officials, volunteers, students and exhibitors.*

*We will be adhering to them at Action Dog Sports for all classes, facility rentals and events.*

*Thank you in advance for your cooperation and stay well– Julie & Daneen*

**GENERAL:** Exhibitors entering Agility trials held at Action Dog Sports/Stone Pony Ranch must comply with all Federal, State and Local laws. Anyone who is ill or not feeling well for any reason **must stay home**. Entering an agility trial at any time is done entirely at your own risk. If a Club suspects an exhibitor is ill, they will ask for that exhibitor to leave trial grounds immediately. Exhibitors should expect longer days at events due to some of the extra steps Clubs and Judges must take to make sure events are safe for all.

**PARKING:** Parking will be spread out (depending on type of vehicle, back door or side door). We will need to use our best responsible judgement.

**CRATING:** Outdoor crating from your car will continue to be our primary means of crating. Suggestions for outdoor crating: Bring a shade tent or screens to go over your car, if you'll be crating out of your car. E-Z ups are allowed as long as there is 6' between each. Also stock up on batteries for crate fans.

**SPECTATING:** No spectators permitted. Only the exhibitors entered in the trial are allowed on site. We are trying to keep numbers down.

**MASKS:** All exhibitors must supply their own masks and must take ALL PPE items home with them. Do NOT use site trash cans for PPE items.

**IN THE (Trial Secretary Room):** NOBODY but the Trial Secretary and judges are allowed in the trial secretary building and a 6 foot distance from the door will be maintained.

**OUTSIDE ON TRIAL GROUNDS:** Masks are required if physical distancing of 6' or more feet is not possible. Exhibitors will need to bring enough masks for the duration of the trial and dispose of single use masks properly. The Clubs and/or Action Dog Sports will not be supplying masks. Exhibitors are not required to wear a mask while they are running their dog.

**GLOVES:** Gloves are an individual choice. We are only requiring the course builders to wear them while in the ring during course builds. Disposable gloves will be provided for the course builders and must be properly disposed of immediately upon exiting the ring. Please be very aware of not touching anything else during that time. If as an exhibitor, you prefer to wear gloves, you will need to bring enough for the times you will need to wear them. **Please take all PPE items home with you and DO NOT use site trash cans to dispose of them.**

### **RING CREW:**

**BAR SETTERS:** Disinfecting wipe in hand will be used to change the bars. You may use your own chair in the ring. If using an ADS provided chair in the ring, then please wipe it down after your volunteer session is complete.

**LEASH RUNNER:** Per AKC rules, for the rest of 2020 exhibitors may place leashes in their pockets or wear them when running the course. Leash must fully fit in the pocket. If an exhibitor chooses not to run with their leash, they have the choice to place a second leash on the fence by the exit gate and take their dog in the ring with another leash, the handler will remove the leash and hang it over the fence by the entry gate. **WE WILL NOT HAVE LEASH RUNNERS.** Handler must collect the leash at the entry gate in a reasonable time.

**TIMER / SCRIBE:** The scribe will be the only person handling the scribe sheets between themselves and the secretary. Scribe will check the order of the scribe sheets against the running order prior to the start of the class. It is recommended to bring your own pen. All completed scribe sheets will be placed in the basket for the secretary to retrieve. There will be appropriate physical distance at the score table between the Timer and Scribe. At the completion of the class, the Timer will wipe down the timer box.

**GATE STEWARD:** There will be tape / markers indicating the safe space around the gate steward. Exhibitors should not enter this space. . If any additional markings on the run order sheets are required after the gate sheets are up, only the gate steward may write on them. Gate steward will dispose of run order sheets when the class is complete and wipe down the plastic gate board.

**ENTER / EXIT TO THE RING:** Cones will be placed at the entry of the ring indicating the line-up for the next 5 dog/handler teams in the run order. We will be implementing a chute style gate area. You are asked to immediately leave the ring area after your run is complete. Please reward your dog (treats / toys) at your crate / car area.

#### **OTHER ITEMS:**

**GATE BOARDS / CHECK-IN:** Run orders will be displayed on gate boards as usual.

We will be staggering the check-in and running of the different heights.

So for example we will run small to tall and the 4, 8, 12 & 16 will check-in in the morning and then the 20 & 24 will check-in in the afternoon. We will alternate small to tall and tall to small run orders on multiple day trials. Exhibitors will walk, Run Standard and Jumpers and leave so that we have only the very minimum amount of people at one time.

**BRIEFINGS:** Excellent / Master level classes will not have briefings. During briefings for all other class levels exhibitors are not required to be inside the ring for the briefing. They may spread out to maintain appropriate physical distancing.

**COURSE MAPS:** Course maps will be posted as per AKC regulations. There will be two posting areas of all courses to enable appropriate distancing of exhibitors when viewing the map. Paper copies will not be provided. It is recommended that exhibitors take photos of the maps with their phone / iPad etc. If available from the judge, the course maps will be emailed to the exhibitors the morning of each trial day. If you absolutely cannot take a photo of the map with your phone, please see a Club member or Trial Secretary for assistance.

**WALK-THRU GROUPS:** The size of the walk-thru groups will be reduced, we will walk in a safe manner. No obsessive walk-thru. Reminder: masks are required at all times during the walk-thru's.

**GATES:** We will have chute style gates. Gates will stay open for competitors to exit the ring after their run, and during the walk-thru's.

**TRIAL RESULTS:** Results will be posted on the wall for viewing. Two copies of all results will be posted in two different areas for viewing. Please do not gather in groups around the results, maintain a line to approach them, take pictures of results and then please move on. Reminder: your individual results are emailed to you after the trial.

**RIBBONS:** Qualifying stickers / ribbons will not be self-serve. We will have an award volunteer. The award person will be the only person distributing the ribbons to exhibitors. Be prepared to tell the award person what ribbons you need or if you want the stickers only. Being prepared with this information will expedite this process. Reminder, please maintain appropriate physical distance while in line for your awards.

**FOOD:** There will not be a lunch buffet nor snacks, water or beverages provided.

Please plan and pack accordingly for yourself and your dog/s.  
Per AKC, no MACH cakes allowed.

**SANITIZATION:**

**HAND WASHING:** Not only now, but always, washing hands and not touching your face decreases the spread of germs. Continual hand-washing throughout the day is encouraged. . The restroom area will provide a wash station, hand sanitizer and paper towels for drying. It has also been suggested that you can keep a supply of sanitizing wipes in a Ziploc bag on your person. That way, you always have a wipe with you, can be used a few times, and it stays moist!

**OVERALL CLEANING:** The facility will be disinfected prior to the start of the trial weekend. All public surfaces (gates, door handles, tables etc.) all these areas will be wiped down periodically throughout the trial day. Hand sanitizer will be available for officials and volunteers and workers, exhibitors are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer and wipes.

**These guidelines may be adjusted / updated during the weekend, if necessary, for improvement.**

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*Thank you for your support. Keep in mind the trial days may run longer due to current safe practices and physical distancing requirements and your patience and understanding is appreciated. Please keep in mind that we are doing our best to keep everyone safe, we want to see everyone enjoy this time with their dogs. Be sure that you are comfortable with these guidelines. If anyone does not abide by these, they will be asked to leave the trial with no refund. With everyone's cooperation and help, the trial day can run smoothly and we can continue to participate in a dog sport we all love!*

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If you are entering this trial, be sure that you are comfortable with these guidelines and are willing to comply with wearing a mask as outlined above and the physical distancing requirements, for everyone's safety. Exhibitors not abiding by these guidelines will be asked to leave the trial (no refunds will be issued).

**We have opted to keep our WWDAT trial entry fees the same low prices as our Pre-Pandemic prices to help everyone who has been impacted by COVID 19. We will happily accept any donations to help defray the cost of added expenses on our end such as extra PPE, Sanitation supplies etc. Thank you all for your continued support.**

**Please print out and sign this acknowledgment and enclose with your trial entry form or  
Esign when submitting with online entry.**

I have read the Best Practices above, understand them, and I am willing to abide by them.

**Print Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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