

Dear Agility Trial Participants, Judges, and Volunteers:

Cleveland All-Breed Training Club and its Partner Clubs welcome you to agility competition in 2021. We are happy and thankful that we are able to continue agility with our dogs.

While agility is not a contact sport, we believe this fluid Covid-19 environment demands heightened and consistent care even beyond governmental and AKC guidelines. We'll need volunteers more than ever and so we have figured out ways for our workers to stay apart and reduce the need to touch papers or surfaces.

TRIAL FORMAT: We are allowing more time for smaller groups to do walkthroughs and avoid ring congestion.

CLASS STRATEGY: We have clustered Novice/Open classes at the end of the day to help everyone spend less time waiting.

We invite you to participate in our trials and will require you to follow these rules to best protect everyone present:

- **MASKS:** Masks will be worn over the nose and mouth at all times while in the building. This includes while walking and running in the ring. The judge will also be wearing a mask. Please bring your own mask. Should you forget, masks can be purchased on site.
- **SOCIAL DISTANCING:** Practice social distancing at all times and to every extent possible.
- **SANITIZATION:** Wash hands frequently and thoroughly. Use hand sanitizers positioned liberally throughout the building. Avoid touching dogs that are not your responsibility.
- **CRATING:** Maintain social distancing from other exhibitors. Family units may crate together. Chairs can be left with your crate as usual. Exhibitors have the option to crate in their cars if that is preferred.
- **PARKING:** Be considerate when loading and unloading your car to allow for appropriate social distancing. If crating from your car please allow for social distancing.
- **FOOD:** Please pack your own food and beverages. There will be no food service on site but many take-out or quick serve restaurants are available nearby. Also, please do not bring food to share, such as MACH cakes or pastry. If this changes we will inform you in the judge's letter for each trial.
- **SPECTATORS:** Only workers or exhibitors entered in the trial are allowed in the building. We encourage your family members to stay home but if there is a reason a family member needs to accompany you, we trust your judgment.
- **COURSE MAPS/RESULTS:** Course maps and results will be posted in several areas to help with social distancing. Snap pictures to reference maps and results because paper handouts will not be available. Ribbons will not be self-serve.

- **LEASHES:** Exhibitors may tuck their leash into a pocket when running the course or wear it on their person (i.e. clip it like a belt around your waist.) Note: If the dog grabs the leash while running, this will be scored as an “E.” The leash runner will pick up your leash with a paper towel or grabber if you prefer.
- **WALKTHROUGHS:** Based on entries, we will limit the number of people on the floor at one time. We encourage everyone to be mindful of others, take turns, and maintain personal distance.
- **RING CREW: “We are all in this together!”**

How often have we heard that phrase in the last months? We hope you will continue to “work together” and help our trial run smoothly. We welcome your help and thank everyone who will be volunteering to assist!

 - *Worker Herders:* All trial participants will practice social distancing from the worker herder. The worker herder will be the only one to write on the volunteer board. The board is large so anyone can read it from a distance.

REFUNDS: If at any time before the trial you do not feel comfortable with any of the Covid requirements, let the trial secretary know and she will shred your check. Please think carefully before entering the trial because no Q, QQ, or title is worth risking your health or the wellbeing of others. Please stay home if you feel ill or if you have been exposed to someone with the virus. We actively encourage you to stay home until you have had no Covid-19 symptoms (fever, cough, etc.) for 14 days or more. If you experience illness, you may contact the trial secretary for a 100% refund.

In the meantime, please study these rules carefully before you enter our trial to make sure you understand the Covid requirements and are willing to abide by them. To ensure your understanding and commitment to follow our requirements, **we ask you to sign the last page of this document and return only the last page with your entry. (The signature page is also available in the premium list.) Yes, it’s that important! A valid entry requires a signed “CABTC and Partner Clubs Covid-19 Protocol Pledge.”**

Thank you for your understanding and adaptability. By staying alert and working together we can continue to have agility fun. We are really looking forward to seeing you at the trial! If you have any other questions, concerns or ideas for improvements in general, please contact Fran at fdacek@gmail.com. Fran will direct your inquiry or suggestion to the proper person.

The Agility Committee

“CABTC and Partner Clubs Covid-19 Protocol Pledge”

I pledge to promote my own safety as well as that of the other exhibitors, judges, and volunteers at agility trials by agreeing to these requirements:

I have read, understand, and agree to follow the rules and procedures set forth in the November 20, 2020 CABTC and Partner Clubs Agility Trial Covid-19 document.

- To the best of my knowledge, I do not have Covid-19, I have not been exposed to it within the last three weeks, and I have had no symptoms (fever, cough, etc.) for 14 days or more.
- Should I feel ill before the trial or if I find I have become exposed to the virus, I may contact the trial secretary who will refund my entry fee at 100%.
- If I become ill at the trial I will notify the Trial Chair. Then I will leave and my remaining entry for the weekend will be refunded.
- I agree to wear a mask over nose and mouth in the building at all times, even when running my dog.
- I agree to practice social distancing and frequent hand washing/sanitizing.
- I understand that if I am not in compliance with these guidelines, and I refuse to comply, I will be asked to leave the trial and entry fees will be forfeited.
- I am entering this trial at my own volition and am responsible for my own health. Cleveland All-Breed Training Club and its Partner Clubs are in no way liable for any present or future COVID-19 infection incurred at any time by any person, in attendance or not in attendance, before, during or after this Event.
- I understand the COVID-19 virus situation is continually changing which means that these guidelines may be adjusted as needed.
- I understand that a valid entry requires my signature verifying my agreement with this document.

Please print, sign, and return with your entry.

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Email: _____