

We are SO THRILLED to again be able to thank you for your entry and welcome you to our upcoming agility trial.

Listed immediately below are the classes you have entered with your dog. PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK THE CATALOG ENTRY carefully and contact me with any discrepancies immediately. I can be reached at (919) 414-2973, and my e-mail address is firstdobe@gmail.com. Move-ups due to titles earned will be accepted until 6pm on Monday, January 3rd, and may also be submitted day-to-day at the trial.

Below that PLEASE REVIEW THE TRIAL SCHEDULE & PROCEDURES and contact Greg with any questions. He can be reached by texting (828) 275-8010 or emailing gregfontaine@hotmail.com.

Event Running Order

Friday - 24/20/16/12/8/4

Master/Excellent JWW

Premier JWW

Master/Excellent Standard

Premier Standard

Saturday - 24/20/16/12/8/4

Master/Excellent JWW

Premier JWW

Combined FAST

Master/Excellent Standard

Premier Standard

Open Standard

Novice Standard

Open JWW

Novice JWW

Sunday - 24/20/16/12/8/4

Master/Excellent JWW

Premier JWW

Time2Beat

Master/Excellent Standard

Premier Standard

Open Standard

Novice Standard

Open JWW

Novice JWW

TRIAL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY: Building opens at 4:00pm for setup help. Please join us. Many hands make much much much lighter effort for all. First ME JWW judge's briefing and first walkthrough will begin at 5:00pm for those that can make it. An additional ME JWW walkthrough will not begin by 6:00pm to guarantee the opportunity to run as long as you arrive by 6:00pm. All additional classes will only have 1 walkthrough.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY: Building opens at 7:00am. Check-in at 8:20am, judge's briefing and walk-thru 8:30am, judging begins at 8:45am. Jump height order for each class each day will be tall to small. Our judge for all classes will be Susan Bankauf.

A preliminary running order is attached to this email. This run order does not include move ups. All attempts will be made to split dogs handled by the same person. A projected timeline for the trial to help you gauge when you will need to be available to walk your course or carry out your volunteer assignments will be uploaded to the CPA website late Wednesday or early Thursday. Remember, this is only an estimate... For Master/Excellent classes, walkthroughs/runs will be separated so that 20" & 24" height classes (i.e. "tall dogs") will walk together then run followed by 8" 12" & 16" height classes (i.e. "small dogs") walking together then running. For Time2Beat & FAST, again the walk throughs will be split, with the large dogs walking, followed by the small dogs walking, followed by all dogs then running. Both Premier Standard and Jumpers with Weaves as well as Open and Novice Standard and Jumpers With Weaves classes will each have only one walkthrough for all jump heights followed by all jump heights running.

The Agility Gate App will be used for check in and course maps will be available there as well as posted on the CPA website and daily at the trial site for photographing. The Agility Gate trial code is 1416.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

Thankfully, we can now come together, responsibly and cooperatively, within our dog agility community to host these events.

(1) WAKE COUNTY MAINTAINS AN INDOOR MASK POLICY.

We conduct these events within a broader community. Through their elected representatives, the people of Wake County, at the heart of one of the state's most densely populated regions, continue to maintain an indoor mask policy, emphasizing the need for care in spaces that remain congested over prolonged periods of time. That said, the policy also has provisions providing flexibility for competitive athletics as well as for dining/drinking.

(2) COMPETITORS MAY REMOVE THEIR MASKS DURING THEIR RUNS.

Activity inside the ring, literally inside the ring gating, during dog agility runs most closely involves athletic competition. Therefore, we can allow removal of masks inside the ring gating during competition for entrants (as well as judges and ring crew when not interacting in close proximity to others).

(3) ENTRANTS MUST WEAR MASKS OVER MOUTHS & NOSES AT ALL TIMES ON THE ARENA FLOOR OUTSIDE THE RING (REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION OR TESTING STATUS).

Unlike inside the competition ring, the arena floor beyond, literally anywhere on the dirt outside the ring gating, is perpetually subject to prolonged bouts of crowding where social distancing is difficult, if not impossible, to ensure. Therefore, we will require entrants to wear masks over mouths and noses at all times on the arena floor outside the ring.

(4) ENTRANTS MUST SIMILARLY WEAR MASKS DURING WALKTHROUGHS.

Walk throughs, even more so, are wholly and intrinsically antithetical to effective social distancing. Therefore, masking will similarly be required.

(5) ENTRANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO UTILIZE THE EXPANSIVE UPPER CONCOURSE AREA WHEN SEEKING GREATER MASKING FLEXIBILITY FOR DINING/DRINKING.

The upper concourse area is the largest space available within the facility. Entrants easily can, and typically do, spread out about the broader perimeter. Therefore, this is the most appropriate area to allow dining/drinking and other similar masking flexibility unrelated to the competitive athletics purpose.

(6) ENTRANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CARRY MASKS WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES.

Finally, we encourage everyone to have masks with them throughout their time at the event. In this context, no one can reliably predict any and all the potential moments where donning a mask might be a most appropriately and responsibly mindful way to appreciate our potential impacts on others.

(7) DON? WORRY, WE?L HAVE THEM, IF YOU NEED ONE.

We will also be sure to have a supply of masks (as well as hand sanitizer) available on the arena floor where needs are likely to be greatest.

MEASURING

We will have Volunteer Measuring Officials (VMO's) available to measure dogs. All dogs without a valid jump height card must be measured PRIOR to their first run. If your dog needs to be measured, please arrive at the trial site early enough before your first run to arrange for one of the VMO's to do so. This needs to be done before your first run of the weekend, so you do not have to arrive first thing if you are not running in the first class of the day.

DIRECTIONS

The trials are being held at the Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. Horse Complex 4601 Trinity Road, Raleigh NC 27607 <https://www.ncstatefair.org/HuntHorseComplex/>. If you need directions, please contact me and I will help you out.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Ultimately, having an enjoyable event depends on everyone coming together. Please sign up and help.

The worker schedule will be posted on the CPA website and inside arena during the event.

WE WILL BE DRAWING RAFFLE PRIZES (gift cards worth between \$5 & \$100) after each class for those who worked the class.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help out at the trial -- if you haven't volunteered yet, please consider it. If you could help by volunteering at just one class per day, we'd really appreciate it!

GOOD LUCK! Thanks for supporting our trial; we look forward to seeing you soon!