

# Forest City Dog Training Club

## COVID-19 Rules & Waiver

**Please read this carefully. Your entry to this trial is contingent upon you agreeing to abide by these rules and indicating your agreement by signing the attached waiver.**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the following rules will be in place during the trial.

**IF YOU ARE ILL, DO NOT COME!** If you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days – **DO NOT COME!**

We realize these are changes to activities and habits we have had for a long time. We would all be happier to go back to what we knew as “normal” agility. Hopefully in the future, we can do that.

In the meantime, to hold this trial, these are the compromises we must make, based on State of Illinois, local and facility guidelines and following consultation with the AKC. **Please be aware** that infractions of these rules will be dealt with according to AKC regulations, up to and including requiring you to leave the trial site and bench committee hearings.

We will be adhering to these rules beginning on the first day of setup on Thursday and continuing through all 3 days of the trial and tear down on Sunday. While we are doing the best we can to make this event as safe as possible, there may still be risk of infection/exposure that we don't know about or cannot control. If you are concerned about the possibility of exposure to the coronavirus OR if you are unwilling to follow the stated rules, it would be best if you did not enter this trial.

**Entry/Exits:** There are designated entrance and exit doors please use them. The entrance door is the door that opens into the part of the building where the agility ring is. The exit door is in the part of the building where the crate area is.

**Masks:** Solid masks will always be required to be worn over the nose and mouth when in the building and when not able to social distance outside. Please bring at least one mask with you for your personal use.

**Hand sanitizers:** are placed though out the building and in the bathrooms please use when appropriate

**COVID-19 Etiquette:** please do the following to help reduce the chance of spreading the virus:

- Wash hands frequently
- Avoid shaking hands or hugging
- Avoid touching and giving treats to dogs that are not your responsibility
- Bring a pencil/pen for check-in as none will be available to you
- Use hand sanitizer when coming into the building from outside
- Practice social distancing consistent with current guidelines
- Avoid congregating.

**Exhibitors:** We are limiting this trial to exhibitors only. The public will not be allowed to come watch. Current state guidelines are that no more than 100 people can be in the building at the same time. No one will be allowed to congregate ringside while dogs are running. All runs will be shown using the video-only projection screen in the creating area.

**Measuring:** We will have a VMO available for measuring so you will need to get your dog measured before they run. Dogs not entered in the trial will not be measured as they are not allowed in the building.

**Crating:** Crating will be allowed in the building. A 6' area will be mapped out on the floor indicating whether the spot is for a small dog or a big dog. Please use a spot that is appropriate for the size of your dog so that we can maintain social distancing while in the building. Only dogs who are entered in the trial are allowed in the building. If you must bring an unentered dog to the trial, please leave them crated in your car. The run order will accommodate this crating arrangement as we will be running the Ex/Mas big dogs(24" & 20") first then the EX/MAS small dogs (16" – 4") next then all heights of the Open & Novice classes. Exhibitors will be asked to leave the building once their runs have been completed and the ribbons have been handed out. Please check with the Crate Monitor if you are running both Tall & Small dogs as they will tell you where to crate.

**Handwashing:** Please wash your hands as often as possible with soap and water.

**Concessions:** As usual food will not be available to exhibitors but unfortunately food will not be available for workers either.

**Walkthroughs:** Walkthroughs will be limited to 25 exhibitors at a time. Masks will be required to be worn during the walkthrough.

**Notification:** We will be using an Open Facebook Group to post scores, run orders and updates during the trial. The name of the group is [FCDTC Agility Trial Info Center](#).

**Workers:** We appreciate our volunteers as that is the only way as trial can be run. We are striving to make sure they are safe while helping us. Please only volunteer for the height where you know you will be in the building. For example, if you run in the 24" class then volunteer for a spot on the 20" class.

We will be doing the following to ensure your safety:

- **Bar-setter:** Can use their own chairs if they want. If they do not have a chair one will be provided. The chair will be wiped down between uses. The bars will be wiped down between classes, but the bar-setter can request a baggy with wipes to wipe down the bar during the class.
- **Gate:** Check in with our own pen before you walk. The gate sheets will be available while the course is being set. Gate Steward will bring their own pen.
- **Ribbon table:** Ribbons will be put out by the ribbon handler once the catalog has been approved by the judge and the ribbon labels have been printed. The labels will only be handled by the trial secretary and the ribbon handler.
- **Worker coordinator's station:** The spreadsheets will be posted at the station. Only the worker coordinator will be marking on the sheets. Please check in with the coordinator. If you need to make changes to your assignment, please discuss with the coordinator and they will make changes to the sheets.
- **Course Builders:** Do not share course maps with others. Hand sanitizer will be available for use after course building. Only designated course builders will be allowed to build the course.
- **Timer/Scribe:** Will sit on opposite ends of the table. Pens will be provided if the scribe did not bring their own pen. Pens will be wiped down between each use. The table, timer console and chairs will be wiped down after each shift.
- **Leash runner:** Can either use a paper towel to handle the leash then dispose of the towel after each use or apply hand sanitizer after each use or use a "grabber" that will be wiped down after each use. The exhibitor may choose to either wear the leash or place the leash completely in their pocket.
- **Scribe Sheets:** Will only be handled by the scribe and trial secretary.
- **Sheet Runner:** The scribe will place the scribe sheets in a basket, the sheet runner will bring the sheets to the trial secretary then take the basket back to the scribe. The sheet runner should not touch the scribe sheets.

**Treat tables:** To limit the number of folks congregating around the rings, we will ask you to come down to run 5-6 dogs before your turn. If you place treats on the treat table, please remove them right after your run. We will be cleaning off these tables regularly.

**MACH/PACH parties:** Unfortunately, for everyone's safety, there will be no MACH/PACH or other celebratory events at this trial. There will not be a central communal table or pens available for MACH/PACH bars to be signed.

**Ringside Etiquette:** Please stay in the ring area only long enough to complete what you are doing. Do not stay to chat with friends and be sure to wear your mask:

- Hand sanitizer will be provided ringside.
- Gate Steward should be given a 6' buffer. Please do not crowd the gate area.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to place their leashes in their pockets when running. The leach must fit completely into the pocket. They may also wear them in the ring.
- Exhibitors do not have to be in the ring for the briefing. They may stay outside the ring. Briefings will not be required for Excellent/Masters classes.

Please remember to not cluster around the gate or in the ring area. You will be able to speak to the people you need to speak to, check in and run your dog when the time comes. The video will be broadcasting on the projection screen in the crate for all runs so you will be able to see what is going on in the ring.

**Trial secretary's office:** The trial secretary and the judge will be sequestered in the office as usual. If you should have a question, please come to the door of the office to ask your question. The judge and secretary will be masked and willing to help. If you have a question about your score only the trial secretary and judge will handle the scribe sheet.

**Changes to rules** – We may make changes to these rules prior to the start of the trial. BE SURE to read your confirmation letter to see what changes have been instated.

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For further information:

CDC - How to Protect Yourself and Others:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

Thanks for your time and compliance. We hope to see you at this trial and at many future ones!

## COVID-19 Liability Waiver

The novel coronavirus which causes COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal, state, and local health agencies recommend social distancing and limiting the number of persons allowed to gather. Forest City Dog Training Club has put preventative measures in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19, however, the club cannot guarantee that you will not contract COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected with COVID-19 by attending this event and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected with COVID-19 at the Forest City Dog Training Club's agility trial may result from my own actions, omissions, or negligence or those of others, including, but not limited to, Forest City Dog Training Club members, volunteers, contract workers, and program participants and their families. I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense of any kind that I may experience or incur in connection with my attendance or participation in this Forest City Dog Training Club event.

On my behalf, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Forest City Dog training Club, their members, agents, and representatives, of and from claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs, or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omission, or negligence of Forest City Dog Training Club, their members, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Forest City Dog training Club event.

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them including but not limited to the **Forest City Dog Training Club – COVID-19 Rules & Waiver**.

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_