

# AGILITY TRIAL SAFETY PROCEDURES

## Argus Ranch

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*The following set of rules and guidelines were constructed using CDC, Washington State and AKC guidelines for the safety of our officials, volunteers and exhibitors.*

As requirements of authorities and/or clubs change in response to new information, then these guidelines may be modified. Please make sure you download the latest version so you know what to expect on your trial day.

Participants must be responsible for their personal hygiene and health. **If you are not feeling well, please stay home.**

Hand sanitizing stations will be available inside the Arena building and near the entrance doors. Individuals must be responsible for maintaining social distancing for themselves and their dogs in the building, in the dog walking areas, crating areas and parking lots. **Participant will be asked to leave if they do not follow club listed procedures or requests from trial officials while on the property.**

No outside spectators are allowed at these trials. Only Exhibitors plus one additional person (spouse, significant other, friend, family member) are allowed at this event. Be aware that you will be expected to show your dog and then exit the building. Please do not remain in the arena after you have run your dog.

At the arena Sign-In entrances you will have your temperature taken and recorded. You will be given a wristband to be worn that will indicate to the gate stewards that your team has been cleared to be in the building and run your dog. This is also the indication that you may be in the arena. Those without wristbands will be asked to leave.

Additional safety precautions are listed below:

1. Crating
  - No crating allowed inside the arena building
  - All crating must be done outside or in your vehicles.
2. Course Maps will **not** be printed for exhibitors
  - Course maps will be posted in multiple locations for exhibitors to take a photo
  - We will also email course maps each night after 6pm for the next day.
  - We will be using the Agility Gate app and maps will also be posted there.
3. Ring Areas
  - Sanitation stations will be provided at strategic locations with hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies
  - No spectator chairs allowed inside the arena building.
  - Participants must maintain 6' social distancing as much as possible.

- The center aisle way will NOT be accessible by exhibitors. This space will be reserved for equipment storage and judge space.
  - The Agility Gate App will be used at these trials. Please check in using this free app. Additional info regarding this app will be sent with trial confirmation letters. The Gate Steward will check you in if you have not been able to use the app. You can follow the ring progress on the App to help you know when to come into the ring. Monitors will also be set up outside the arena building so if you don't have reception on your phone you can follow the progress on the monitors.
  - The Check In entrance to the arena will be from the front center area of the building,
4. Dog Measuring – measuring will only be completed by a VMO, if one is available.
    - No measurements will be done by the judge of record.
    - VMOs may choose to not measure dogs. If the VMO does decide to conduct measuring, the measuring devices and table will be sprayed/wiped down between each dog.
    - VMO will sanitize hands between each dog.
    - The VMO will be wearing a face covering, so please practice with your dog having a person wearing mask around them.
  5. Award area
    - Results will be posted on a wall/fence or other easily accessible location – participants may take a photo of their results. Remember to keep social distancing while you wait your turn.
    - Ribbons will be available for pickup in the designated award area.
    - A hanging pocket organizer will be mounted in the award area where your results sticker will be placed. Each exhibitor will have their own designated pocket with your name on it. Take your sticker at your convenience but remember the 6 foot distancing.
  6. Walk-Thrus
    - Walk-thru – Again, it is now Mandatory that exhibitors wear cloth face coverings inside the building, which includes the walk-thrus.
    - To maintain 6' distance we will have smaller walk thru groups of no more than 20 exhibitors in the ring at a time.
  7. Running the Course
    - To help exhibitors maintain 6 ft distance when preparing to run, markers will be placed outside the ring near the in-gate to designate the proper spacing.
    - Only the next THREE teams to run will be allowed in the building.
      - #1 is in the ring
      - #2 is at the in-gate
      - #3 is at the next social distance marker
      - #4 is just outside the building ready to come in
    - Exhibitors are now **REQUIRED** to wear a cloth face covering at all times, even when running.
    - LEASH - exhibitor can choose to carry the leash in their pocket, but it must fit fully inside the pocket. It is also allowed for the exhibitor to “wear” the leash around your waist or crossbody. Note that should the dog take hold of the leash at any time while on the course, the result will be an “E”.
  8. Brutus Hall and Hospitality Area
    - Brutus Hall and the sink in the hospitality area are NOT available. Please use the porta potties and the hand-washing station located in front of the competition building and throughout the property.
  9. Hospitality
    - Currently NO food will be available on site. Please plan to bring your own food.
    - Sorry, we will not be providing hospitality food items and also ask that you do NOT bring MACH/PACH cakes at this time.

## 10. Workers

- It is Mandatory that all ring workers wear a cloth face covering
- Leash runners must use “grab it tool” to pick up leashes. Grab it tool to be wiped down after each worker.
- There will be cleaning supplies for chairs, tables and leash grabber. Wipe these items down when you are going to use them.
- Scribe and Timer should sit at the ends of the table providing 6 ft between them.
- Scribe sheets will only be touched by scribe who will place them in a special container and scorers will be their own scribe runners so there is minimal number of people handling trial paperwork.
- We will have two containers for Gate & Scribe pens, one labeled clean and one labeled used. Used ones will be cleaned throughout the day for reuse.
- Tables and chairs will be wiped down between change of workers.

## 11. Judge Table

- Judges will each have a table near the secretary table in the center aisle way between the rings and will be spaced to give at least 6’ between each judge. For safety, NO EXHIBITOR is allowed in this location.
- Judges must wear a cloth face covering when inside the building.