

COVID-19 Information for WSOTC Spring Trials

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. By attending these events, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

Adherence to all protocols written herein and/or requested verbally or in writing day of trial must be abided to by all exhibitors and event staff. Failure to follow any protocols asked of will result in refusal of building admittance and request to leave show grounds with forfeiture of entry fees.

Completed COVID-19 Waiver forms are required prior to grounds admittance both days.

MASKS THAT COVER BOTH THE NOSE AND MOUTH MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES BY EVERYONE IN THE BUILDING. NO EXCEPTIONS. If you are not able to do this, please do not enter the trials, as you will not be allowed to show your dog.

Please adhere to the **MINIMUM 6-foot** distance between yourself and other people.

The number of stewards and volunteers planned will be kept at a number below or at COVID event requirements.

To limit the number of people in the building, we will be following the below ring protocols.

ARRIVAL: All exhibitors will check-in at the designated check-in door (marked on map and marked by cones and signs day of). Each day exhibitors will check their name off on the exhibitor check-in sheet, submit their waiver form, and have a non-contact temperature check. Once completed and cleared of fever, exhibitors will receive a colored tape to tie around wrist or clothing indicating they have submitted all information and no fever detected. Exhibitors will need to wear tape for duration of the day to receive re-admittance into the building. **Please do not bring your dog to the arrival check-in table.**

ARMBAND: Exhibitors will notify individual ring check-in steward(s) of their arrival. Exhibitor will be directed to a coordinating ring table that will have their armband and rubber band for pick up. **Please notify ring steward of any scratches as soon as possible.**

WARM-UP RING: At this time, the club plans to offer a warm-up ring inside the building. Access to the ring will begin for each block of exhibitors 30 minutes before their ring run begins. There will be no more than two exhibitors allowed in the ring at the time. There will be ring protocols listed and they must be adhered to at all times. **The club reserves the right to close access to the warm-up ring if adherences to the rules are not followed.**

OBEDIENCE EXHIBITORS

NOVICE: Big cones for Figure 8. Only handlers touch the leash. Judge will sanitize hands between dogs.

OPEN: Big cones for Figure 8. Only handlers touch the leash. Dumbbells will be placed by the exhibitor into a sanitized container placed on a chair.

UTILITY: Scent articles and gloves will be placed by the exhibitor in separate, sanitized containers. Steward will utilize tongs for placements of articles and gloves. Judge will place scented articles from a clipboard.

CLASS ORDER: At this time, Versatility then the Utility A class will run first thing in the morning. That way, the Utility A handlers and dogs will be able to leave the trial site and those who are entered for UDX legs will be able to show in Utility B followed by Open B without waiting too long.

RALLY EXHIBITORS

RALLY: Walk-throughs will be limited in numbers. Depending on class size, this may affect ring times.

RIBBONS/ROSETTES: At the conclusion of each class, a designated ribbon/rosette table will be accessible with instructions for picking up a ribbon/rosette. Depending on size of class qualifiers, and number of people in the building, all qualifiers and/or placement qualifiers will be called back into the ring for a brief recognition. With the exception of higher awards (e.g., High in Trial) no ribbons/rosettes or trophies will be given in the ring.

FACILITY ACCESS

There will be separate doors, clearly marked, for entering and exiting the building. There will be no crating in the building, **with the exception of those exhibitors stewarding or volunteering**, so please be prepared to wait in your car until your class is called. All personal belongings must be removed within 15 minutes following the completion of your class. We realize that the weather can vary at this time of the year. Please plan accordingly for the weather. We are not planning to heat the building for these trials this year, so please be prepared for cold temperatures.

A limited number of handlers will be allowed in the building at a time for briefings. Run order for each class will be posted outside and it will be your responsibility to be ready with your dog. Only handlers will be allowed into the building with their dog no more than 30 minutes prior to their exhibit section time (this is different than class start time). The number of exhibitors and event staff allowed in the building will not exceed current (at time of show) state, county, local health department, and venue mandated maximum limits. The club reserves the right to keep total building occupancy lower than mandated maximum limits.

No hospitality for exhibitors will be provided during these trials. Limited hospitality will be provided to stewards, volunteers, and judges per current (at time of event) COVID guidelines and mandates.

Please bring your own food and beverages. All Washington State, Skagit County and Department of Health COVID-19 guidelines in place at the time of these trials must be followed. If you are asked to comply with a guideline, please adhere to the request. Failing to do so at any point during the trials may result in removal from the show and show grounds with forfeiture of all fees. These protocols may change as the event date approaches and may appear in writing and/or be verbally communicated at the trials.

