

Haute Dawgs Agility Group



January 21,22,23,2022
General Briefing



ARRIVALS – Please no arrivals on Fri before 12:00 PM.

Friday Walk Throughs (First Class) 1:30 PM, First Dog on Line at 2:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday Walk Throughs (First Class) 7:30 AM, First Dog on Line 8:00 am

WELCOME TO OUR JUDGE– Please welcome Dan Roy (back again to play with us).

Masks – WAG has done an outstanding job preparing the facility to accommodate physical distancing. Amid the upturn of Omicron cases within the county and state, County of Sacramento issued another Health Order on January 6, 2022. This order did not change the masking requirements within the county.

Masks for this show – Per California/CDC guidelines:

OUTDOORS - masks are optional. They will not be required.

UNDER THE COVERED ARENA - Although the covered arena is open outdoor air – we are requesting in all areas where you congregate and physical distancing is not possible to mitigate risks for all, consider wearing a mask. Handlers while running are not being asked to wear a mask in the covered arena. We encourage anyone to wear a mask if they have any concerning issues even though we are outdoors.”

Haute Dawgs Agility Group will request that because of the increase in Covid numbers due to the Omicron outbreak that competitors mask while walking the courses and anytime under arena cover when 6 feet social distance cannot be maintained. Individuals who agree to be within 6 feet of each other without masking may do so but please be cognizant of other competitors.

The Web Page – To avoid congregation in areas and allow for social distancing, course maps, running orders, scores, etc. are available on our trial web page at <https://hautedawgs.org/cpe/>. Bookmark this page in your phone/tablet to have it available.

Please read through the info on the web page. Along with a copy of this briefing and the judges’ briefing you will find a comprehensive list of show details that you will need to know. Information will be added throughout the weekend – running orders and course maps will not be posted until the afternoon/evening before each trial day, and scores as we complete each class.

Weekend Run order – See above link for Official Run Order

Workers – Haute Dawgs loves providing the opportunity for you to have fun with your dogs, regardless of your level of experience. Please volunteer to work, to help make this trial run smoothly. No one will ever miss their walkthrough or the run because of volunteering.

Walk thrus/Running Courses – As stated above, there will be at least 30 minutes to walk the first course of the day. The remainder of each day – walk-thrus once open will be announced. The walk-thrus will be 5 minutes in length and then 5 minutes to get the first dog to the line. For the lower levels we will announce each walk-thru as soon as the judge approves the course. There will be a detailed run order by class with all dogs listed on the webpage as they will be shown on the gate, as well as an overview run order for the entire show posted on the website. Please utilize those pages to help you with the running orders.

Getting ready to go into the ring - In the Arena you will find a long area you will travel through prior to your run and the gate steward will indicate for you to move up as appropriate. You can maintain 6+ foot distance in these areas – so long as others do not come into these spaces. Please remember to “Check In” at the Gate. However, if you are looking to check-in while the Gate steward is on duty – please ask them to check you in and allow them to maintain 6+ foot distance. Utilize the Run Orders that are posted online as well as a paper copy posted a short distance from the gate queue area to help you know when to get ready to come to the ring to line up. Please avoid excessive congestion around the gate boards themselves. **Remember to come into the ring when the judge has indicated that it is safe for you. That information will be either on your course map or on the Gate Sheet.**

Facility Rules – Please drive slow coming in and out of WAG, especially near the buildings where people and dogs are likely to be walking and you may need to stop quickly. Pick up after your dogs in all areas and please do NOT let them pee anywhere on the buildings. Dispose of all trash in appropriate cans (recycle empty plastic and aluminum only).

Parking and setups – Parking is being utilized as usual in either the front or back parking areas. However, along with those parking areas – people can park in unused spaces in the long back RV row to either work from your car or setup a canopy behind you. The goal is of course to spread everyone out to maintain better physical distance.

Porta Potties/Sinks/Sanitizer –After you use the porta potty please be sure that the toilet lid is down. There are 3 sinks for handwashing and multiple locations with hand sanitizer. Please wash or sanitize frequently to be safer.

Please check-in -You will find the check-in list outside on a table near the South-East corner of the arena. We'll provide pens – take one and keep it with you during the trial. Check your name off the check-in list so we know you're here. If your dog needs to be measured it will indicate that on the check-in list.

Measuring – Measuring for this show will be on the pause table near the office. Only one dog/handler team at a time should be near the table. Please bring your mask and your dog if you need to measure and wait your turn at a distance if the judge is measuring another dog.

Leashes - CPE is allowing you to carry your leash with you if you can fully fit it in a pocket or safely loop it around your neck or waist. It does not have to be out of the dog's sight but should not be a distraction to you or your dog. A leash runner will be available if you prefer not to carry your leash. Also, when finishing your run, please get your dog on leash as quickly as possible so we can start the next dog.

Collars – Handlers now have a choice – you can now run your dog with or without a collar. They should preferably be quick release style, and may have a flat buckle, rolled leather, or a Seresto type collar. **No attachments of any kind are allowed on the collar.** If you have a Seresto type collar, there cannot be an additional collar.

DTIR – Training in the ring is allowed. If you wish to utilize a toy while running with your dog, please see the judge to have your toy approved prior to the run. You will find more details on what is allowed to train in the ring on the webpage.

Results – Scores will be posted to the website as soon as possible after each class is completed. You may need to refresh the web page on your phone to make sure you see them. Scores are listed by day and then in alphabetical order by class. After the show has completed you will also receive your personal results sent to you via email.

Ribbons - are self-serve – near the office on the green table. Please only take them if you plan to keep them. I know some folks like to take them for pictures and return – we'd prefer not to do so during COVID. There will be no ribbon labels at this time.

Questions – if you have a question on a score – please utilize our Question form outside the office. Fill out your form with your pen and leave in the box just inside the window at the office and the appropriate parties will take care of your request. Print clearly please.

Food-Water – we are sorry we cannot have our usual hospitality for trials during COVID. Please remember to bring along everything you will need for you and your dog during the event. We cannot maintain our worker water ice chest either – but will have water available if you forget – it just won't be chilled. There will also be a few self-contained snacks available

Thanks to our chief helpers this weekend. Trial Secretary – Sue Horn; Chief Course Builders Seiss Wagner, George Calderon, Kim Robinson, and Terri Rehdorf; Chief Ring Stewards – Beth Samford and Gail Gomes; Scoring –Susan Rappillus; Awards & Hospitality – Diane Adams; Grounds – Dave Scheuner.

PLEASE STAY SAFE – HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE SHOW! REMEMBER – TEAMWORK IS DREAMWORK. If you see anything that needs attention – please let the office or any of the crew know. Thanks, and have a fabulous trial – best of Luck to all!