

## Murrelet's NADAC Judge's General Briefing

### First and foremost – Have fun with your dogs!

1. Once in the ring, wait for me to tell you “Good Luck” before removing your dog’s leash
2. Please make sure your dog is leashed and under control before exiting the ring.
3. You can have the gates closed with no penalty
4. You can run with food or toys, but they must be in a secure container and in a pocket until you are 10’ outside of the ring after your run
5. Training in the ring is permitted. If you chose to train, it will be an elimination. You will have 1 minute total of course time then I’ll ask you to exit the ring. Examples of training in the ring could be: redoing a contact obstacle, or crossing the plane of the start obstacle after leading out past it. If at any point during your 60 seconds I feel you or your dog are acting in an unsafe manner, I will ask you to exit the ring immediately.
6. Handlers at all levels may bring a toy in the ring for training. This must be declared at the start of your run. This is an automatic “E”, but it can be an “E”xcellent training choice!
7. Dogs are allowed to hold or tug on their leash at the end of their run. If it is disruptive and noisy, I might have a word with you about that. Please leash your dog quickly at the end of your run.
8. There are multiple leash options. You can have it placed on the ground, or a chair or leash holder. You can also carry your leash. Your dog cannot target the leash like a toy during your run, and it can’t interfere with your ability to safely navigate the course. Here’s some options:
  - a. You can have it in your pocket or a fanny pack
  - b. Safely tied around your waist (not dangling)
  - c. Clipped to itself and slung across your shoulders

Thank you to everyone volunteering today! Without your help with ring crew and course building we couldn’t run the trial. You are all important and so appreciated! Thank you!

**Let’s have some fun!!**