

Thank you WAG for putting together these guidelines for trials at WAG

During this COVID 19 pandemic, we have organized a variety of normal trial operations in different manners in order to best provide social distancing. We ask that you read through all this information to be best prepared for the trial when you arrive. Some show details may be duplicated, from other show resources, but please read these details – Thanks!

➤ **Arrival** - When you arrive and are setup, **please check-in**. You will find a “self-check-in” table near the front of the arena on the side by the WAG sign. If your entry has **any issues** you will see a note on the check-in list to remind you to take care of them. Please put a check next to your name by taking a pen from the table and then keep that pen to utilize throughout the trial. Only use that pen for yourself and be sure to have it when you plan to check-in as pens will not be available at the gate.

➤ **CPE Waiver for Covid**. Each person attending every CPE event will need to fill out and sign the waiver. This waiver is required for “everyone” attending and for each show. You may NOT run at the trial without having this form signed and returned to the trial secretary. You will receive an email back confirming your form was received for this show.

➤ **THE WEBPAGE** – Many of the items you are used to being posted at locations for viewing and many show details will all be on a webpage to avoid congestion at posting locations. Maps, Scores, Running Order, etc. If you are unable to access the page or have a friend look at it for you, the office can help you with info, you need. The website link will be sent to you via email in a final show note. When you receive that email – be sure to bookmark the website page address in your phone/tablet to have it available. Please read through the info. on the webpage. Info. will be posted there as available with most details on the webpage before the trial starts.

➤ **Layout Map** - Please Review the “Map of Agility Rings” to see how the flow through the arena and outside lawn will work. Whenever you are going through aisles – **always stay right**. Note there can be no chairs setup ring side. In the arena chairs will only be allowed by crating areas and cannot merge into the aisles. **If you’re wanting to have a chat with a friend, please take it outdoors and remember to mask up if you are not maintaining 6+ foot distance.**

➤ **Crating/Setups** - Crating is allowed in stalls and in the arena. Please follow all our rules with this. Maintain 6+ foot distance or mask up. Chairs are only allowed directly in front of stalls or setups on the other side. The main lawn area can have canopies set-up on it. Please allow an extra 2-3 feet between canopies to give adequate distance. Canopies are also allowed in the RV row – where there are no campers. You can park and setup your crating area behind in those areas. During the winter shows if weather allows – canopies can be setup and utilized on the adjacent lawn area. Again, keep some room between setups. Please do not crate in an area with a lot of foot traffic if your dog is likely to be unhappy with folks walking by or may bark incessantly.

➤ **Hand Washing and Sanitizer** - There are 3 sinks available for hand washing – including 1 near each set of Porta Potty’s. We will also have hand-sanitizer available at many locations for quick convenient sanitizing. Please let us know if something needs attention at these locations and please remember to wash hands frequently. We intermittently throughout the day spray sanitizer in high traffic spots.

➤ **Masks for this show** – Per California mandate and CPE rules. Masks **MUST** be worn by all people “in the agility ring” and for the winter within the arena – with minor exceptions. Please also wear your mask outdoors when you cannot maintain 6+ foot social distance. You do not have to wear them all the time if you are outdoors and can maintain social distance.

➤ **Potty for dogs** – Place poop bags in appropriate small garbage cans only. Don’t let your dog’s potty anywhere on the buildings, gates, etc.

➤ **No Food or Drinks** – please remember to bring ALL that you will need while attending the trial. Food and water will not be available during the COVID pandemic.

➤ **Course maps** – will be on the web page for everyone to review for the trial. Per CPE guidelines – we can only post them prior to each show day, and they should be up by around noon the day before.

➤ **Questions for the Office** – In order to keep office interactions down if there is no one in the office – you will be able to fill in a form on the table in front of the office to ask questions, or request move-ups. Be sure to bring your pen with you!

➤ **Workers** –There will be our usual worker sign up board outside the ring. Please sign up to work by using the “dry erase” marker at each board. There will be a table with hand sanitizer at each location for you to utilize after signing up. Please maintain space by observing the “cone zone” or marked off area around the board and allow the person in front of you to finish at a distance – before you sign up.

NEW – GATE ASSISTANT – We have added a new job – someone will be at the entrance area for dogs to line up with the run order and will send you in – in order. This will cut down on people heading in to look for where we are and avoid social distance issue. We will not have our usual “worker raffle”. However, everyone that works will be put into a daily drawing for some certificates and other gift cards. The drawing will be pulled each day and you must be present to win. We thank you in advance for helping. The more help the more efficient the show will run.

➤ **Walk thrus** – Masks required. Most walk thrus except for the first one of the day will be separated into smaller groupings. Be sure to check what grouping you are in so you walk at the correct time. If there are more than 10 people walking – please wait on the sidelines for someone to exit. The lower level classes should mostly be able to walk all heights as one group.

➤ **Leashes/Treats** – During COVID you will have some options to work with your dog's leash in the ring. You can drop it as usual for our leash runner to move for you. It will be picked up with a sanitized leash grabber and moved to the ground near the finish area. Also, you will be allowed to put your leash in a pocket. You can also wrap it around you, so long as you can run without it hanging loose and being a distraction/hazard to you or your dog. We will have a treat bucket available for you to put your treats or treat bags in to pick up after your run. **No open or loose treats are allowed in the buckets.**

➤ **Gate/checking in/waiting to go into the ring** – We would request that you check yourself in on the gate with the pen you picked up when you arrived. If you arrive at the gate area after the Gate Steward is on duty – stay back out of the “cone zone – area marked” and nicely request that the gate mark you in. Any conflicts can also be managed then by the Gate Steward. **No crowding this area!** Each ring will have a set system for dogs/handlers to line up to go into the ring. On the outside lawn there are canopies on the far left and right. Exhibitors will line up under the canopies at one of 5 spots that will allow for 8-foot distancing between each team. The Gate Steward will let you know where to be in the lineup. In the inside ring – the area behind the entrance to the main ring gate will be only for handlers/dogs to wait to go in. The Gate Steward will again let you know where to be to maintain distance and when to move forward and how the flow into and out of the ring will occur.

➤ **Running order** – To help folks keep track of the running order without crowding at the gates, everyone can access the actual run order for each day on the webpage. However, since some things may change each day, due to move-ups or conflicts please be aware the running order on the web page could be different than the actual run order listed on the web page. No one should be stressed about potentially being a bit out of order if they did not arrive on time – but please try and be as diligent as you can to help the trial still run smoothly and timely.

➤ **Scores** – The scores will be posted on the web page. Please be patient as this takes more time to convert to a web format, upload and allow the web server to have the data available. You will still be sent after the trial is over an email with your individual results as well.

➤ **Final thoughts** – We are thankful you entered this trial with us. Since COVID struck hosting events has become considerably more challenging. However, we have tried to think through as many things as possible to help things go smoothly and allow people to feel at ease and enjoy themselves.

That was our top priority. We believe with all your help that this will be a success. Please remember to be patient, aware of your distance for you and your fellow exhibitors and to utilize a mask properly worn. Please be kind to each other. Our world has a lot of stressors for all of us right now, let's keep in mind why we go to agility shows – to have fun with our dogs and see our friends – even if at a distance!

PLEASE STAY SAFE – HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE SHOW!