

## COVID Guidelines for Haute Dawgs July 24-26, 2020 CPE Trial

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We are committed to following the guidelines from our local, state and national authorities to help protect our exhibitors, crew and judges from the spread of the coronavirus. That primarily means we will employ physical distancing as much as possible, and wear masks as outlined below. We know that means creating some new habits for most of us, so we will all be patient with each other and issue gentle reminders if necessary.

Many in our agility community are in categories considered at higher risk in this pandemic, so please be respectful of others by following these measures so we can all enjoy the sport we love.

Below are the measures we will be implementing at the July 24-26, 2020 CPE Trial (subject to change as new guidelines, restrictions and/or orders are given by county and state authorities.)

### Masks

CPE Requirements: CPE requires that masks be worn in the ring At All Times. This includes:

- Walking courses – masks must be worn at all times.
- Running courses – masks must be worn at all times.
- Ring Crew –all workers/judges in the ring must wear a mask at all times, including when course building.

In addition, masks should be worn when you are not able to maintain the 6-foot distancing, such as:

- When you want to have a close one-on-one conversation with others outside your household
- When you start chatting with someone while waiting your turn and don't maintain the 6-foot distance – especially if you're laughing
- If you have allergies that are causing regular coughing and sneezing, please wear your mask at all times as 6 feet may not be enough distancing in that case

Please keep your mask handy at all times. Should you forget your mask, we will have disposable ones available.

### General Guidelines

Please maintain a 6-foot distance from others. This applies to dogs also – please keep your dog at your side and don't allow them to interact with other dogs.

- **Crating space:** Setting up outside and spreading out is strongly encouraged. Spots along RV row that are not in use may also be utilized to set up canopies and crates. Also available is the front picnic area (NOT the gazebo lawn) towards the front of the property (across from the exercise pens.)

- **Check-in:** be sure to check in when you arrive (self-check in will be available). Make sure you have provided us with your signed COVID Waiver form. Also, pick up a pen at check-in and keep it with you throughout the trial. You can use this pen for checking in at the Gate.
- **Maps:** Course maps will be emailed to exhibitors each evening prior to that trial day. No individual course maps will be available at the trial. You can also find them on our trial page ([hautedawgs.org/cpe](https://hautedawgs.org/cpe)) and we will post them on an outside wall for you to take a photo of for reference.
- **Worker board:** We will utilize our usual worker sign up boards. The markers for these boards must be dry erase markers. There will be hand sanitizer near the sign-up boards for your convenience. To avoid having folks yelling for people to take their place in jobs, if you sign up to work a job, please be available timely to avoid issues/delays.
- **Ribbons:** will be self-serve. One person at the ribbon area at a time please. Hand sanitizer will be available near the ribbons. C-ATCH/C-ATE ribbons will be available and awarded with distance and a smile!
- **Raffle:** We will not have our usual “worker raffle”. However, everyone that works will be put into a daily drawing for a variety of gift certificates. The drawing will be pulled Saturday and Sunday.
- **At the gate:**
  - In order to facilitate dogs moving into and out of the ring, we will have markers to help you identify where to wait outside the rings and how to enter and exit the ring. Please follow the instructions given to you by the gate steward.
  - Use your own pen to check-in at the Gate. Or, if the Gate Steward is there, that person will check in dogs while handlers maintain their distance.
  - Please utilize the run order posted on our trial website ([hautedawgs.org/cpe](https://hautedawgs.org/cpe)) as we do not have space to post multiple run orders, and we want to avoid people clumping around the gate.
- **Course Builders and other ring crew:** Please utilize sinks for hand washing often or utilize hand sanitizer after touching equipment. There will be tables with hand sanitizer for crew at the ring. Workers will maintain physical distance at all times. Scribe and timer will have 6 feet space between them at the scribe table.
- **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. Leash runners will be given a leash grabber to move the leash for those folks that choose not to carry their leash.
- **Scores:** Scoring will be posted online to avoid congestion on checking your results. We have set up a page at [hautedawgs.org/cpe](https://hautedawgs.org/cpe) where you can find your results, as well as course maps and briefings.
- **Briefings:** There will be no in-person briefings. A general briefing and judge’s briefing will be emailed to you prior to the trial and will also be posted at [hautedawgs.org/cpe](https://hautedawgs.org/cpe).
- **Liability Waiver:** CPE is requiring that all participants at a CPE trial sign a waiver during these times. You should have received an email with the liability form attached. Sign it,

scan it and return via email or bring with you. If possible, emailing beforehand is preferable.

- **Spectators:** We would prefer during these times that folks do not invite guests to visit and watch the trial. Otherwise they will have to sign a separate waiver.

### Food and drink at the trial

Our normal morning hospitality and typical lunch potlucks will NOT be hosted during COVID. We are sorry for the inconvenience and not being able to offer food and drinks.

Please plan on bringing along everything you will need for you and your dog including food and drinks. We will have small water bottles available if you forget your own water. However, they will not be chilled as we cannot use an ice chest during these times.

### Hand sanitizer/ Hand washing/ Porta potties

We will have hand sanitizer available and spread around the trial area.

WAG has added a new sink near the gazebo area. Hand washing is more effective than hand sanitizer if done correctly, so please remember this option is available (and let us know if soap or paper towel supplies are low).

Porta potties are available: **\*Note\* two in back near the gazebo, and one in front.** Sinks and porta potties will be sanitized daily. Please wash your hands frequently.

### Handling equipment at the trial

CDC guidance is now indicating that contracting the virus from touching surfaces is less likely than initially feared, so we will allow folks to help set bars, move equipment and open and close gates entering and exiting the ring. But please remain vigilant and try to wash hands or use sanitizer before touching your face.

### Trial website – [hautedawgs.org/cpe](https://hautedawgs.org/cpe)

To limit the amount of paper that must be touched, posted and congregated around, we will be utilizing the Haute Dawgs website to post briefings, course maps, run orders and scores – as quickly as we can after scoring finishes for each class. Be sure to visit <https://hautedawgs.org/cpe/> using the device that you plan to bring to the trial and bookmark it so you can quickly refer to it for information.

### Thank you

We are confident that these measures, when conscientiously followed by all of us, will work as intended to help prevent spread of the virus. We also ask that you make sure you are feeling well before you come to an event. If you have a temperature, or any sign of flu-like symptoms, please stay home.

If you've read this far, You Rock! We know it is a lot to absorb, but working together we can all make this a successful and fun trial. Good luck and have fun!