

Judge's Briefing For The

Haute Dawgs Trial

July 24 - 26, 2020

- **Welcome and thank you for entering. I am really looking forward to seeing all of you play and hope you enjoy the courses I have brought.**
- As you're aware, COVID-19 is still prevalent in California. To mitigate any spread at the trial, CPE requires all competitors to wear a mask anytime you enter the ring – NO EXCEPTIONS. This includes all inside ring activities such as course building, walking courses, leash running, score running, bar setting, timing and scribing. I will also wear a mask. If you are unable to comply with the mask rule, you should not come to the trial. In addition, all folks entering the ring should do their best to maintain social distancing. Hand washing and use of hand sanitizers is encouraged before and after working and/or running in the ring.
- **CPE, the trial committee, and I also ask that you do your best to maintain social distancing when not in the ring and, out of courtesy to your fellow competitors, to wear a mask whenever interacting with folks that are not from your immediate household.**
- Bear in mind during your interactions with other folks, we all have friends and relatives that are in risk groups.
- **The weather will be warm. Please do not leave your dog(s) unattended in a car or setup that is not shaded or does not have adequate ventilation. Please make sure that you provide water to your dog(s), as well.**
- Avoid letting your dog interact with any dogs from different households. Please keep your dogs close to you when you're not in the ring and maintain proper social distancing from other teams.
- **The next day's course maps will be emailed to you each evening prior to the trial day. We're doing this to help with social distancing and to avoid congregating at a common table during the trial. If you have not received the course maps for the next day by 7:00 pm, you could download them from the Haute Dawgs website: '<https://www.hautedawgs.org/cpe/>'. You may print and bring the course maps with you. If you don't print them out, a copy of the maps will be posted that you can take photos of. Please maintain social distancing if you plan to photograph the courses at the trial.**

- The club is permitting declared training at the trial. Per the CPE COVID-19 rules, you will not be able to bring any toys into the ring if you choose this option.
- **No dogs will be measured at the trial. CPE will assume the dog height you entered is correct. The intent is, again, to avoid situations where social distancing cannot be maintained.**
- CPE prefers that you carry your leash while running your dog. The leash should either be in your pocket, around your waist or around your neck in a fashion that prevents it from being a distraction to your dog. If that is not possible, the leash runner will pick up the leash on an as needed basis.
- **Please follow the guidelines provided by the club for class and run order. Please be ready to enter the ring when it's your turn. There should only be one competitor in the ring at a time. Be sure to wait for the dog and handler ahead of you to exit the ring before entering.**
- There will only be one ring active at the trial, so no one should have any conflicts. If you have multiple dogs in the same jump height of a class that have not been separated in the run order, please work with the gate steward to make adjustments. If needed, we will either hold the ring while you swap dogs or adjust the jump heights to accommodate you.
- **There will not be a judge's briefing at the trial as we're trying to avoid gathering in groups. Briefing information for individual classes will be on the course maps. If you have any questions/concerns about any of this information, please send your questions to the trial chairperson. We'll do our best to answer them ahead of the trial**
- Unless otherwise noted, all the CPE rules for 2020 will be in effect. You may download a copy of the rules from the CPE website – k9cpe.org. The 2020 member letter (contained on the Membership Services page) should also be reviewed as it contains additional rule updates.
- **HAVE FUN. BE SAFE AND BE KIND TO YOUR DOG(S)!**