

DALLAS AGILITY WORKING GROUP

AKC AGILITY TRIAL JUDGING PROGRAM

Friday thru Sunday, January 26, 27, 28, 2024

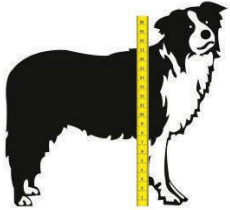
EVENT NUMBERS: 2024526901 (TRIAL 1 FRI), 2024526908 (TRIAL 2 FRI),
2024526909 (TRIAL 3 FRI), 2024526903 (SAT), 2024526904 (SUN)



INDOORS, PACKED DIRT SURFACE,
BUILDING IS HEATED

Longhorn Arena and Event Center,
301 Interstate Highway 30, Greenville, TX

EVENT COMMITTEE EMERGENCY CONTACT Sangie Brooks, Chairperson – (214) 502-3573



Measuring

All agility dogs are required to have an Official Jump Height Card and must be able to present it if asked. Don't forget to bring your height

card in case someone asks for it.

Neither judge is a Volunteer Measuring Official (VMO). Unless an AKC Rep is present (not expected), there will not be a Measuring Official at this trial. Measurements will not be official -- it is only to make sure you are in the correct jump height for this weekend. All exhibitors who do not have a permanent height card or temporary (yellow) measurement form must be measured before running (unless you're jumping 24"). Measurements will be taken all day between classes. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to have their dog measured prior to running.

Check-In

ARMBANDS NOT REQUIRED

Chapter 1, Section 19 of the Regulations for Agility Trials has been amended to eliminate the mandatory use of identifying stickers/armbands worn by agility exhibitors. The Club is not requiring armband stickers.

Traditional check-in is not necessary. Please check in on the Agility Gate App at any time prior to your class.

Veterinarians (On Call)

Greenville Animal Hospital

2809 East I-30 at Lamar Street Exit.
Greenville Texas 75402
903.455.8588
Mon-Fri 7:30am-5:30pm
Saturday 8am - 12pm

Rockwall County Veterinary Clinic

2897 State Highway 66, Rockwall, TX, 75087
(972) 722-9422
Fri 7:30am - 6:00pm
Sat 8:00am - 1:00pm



Want to Help?

Agility trials run smoothly and efficiently with help from the exhibitors. Agility trials cannot exist without help from the exhibitors.

Volunteering will not

conflict with your runs! You pick the classes you want to work!

Volunteers get a \$1 voucher for every 10 dogs in the class they work good toward use at the food vendor or for a future DAWG event.

If you have questions about volunteering, please contact: Kathryn Cockerham at kick343@yahoo.com or Vonda Spinks at vspinks511@yahoo.com

GO HERE TO FILL YOUR NAME IN SLOTS TO VOLUNTEER:

<https://tinyurl.com/DAWG-VOLUNTEERS>

There's a tab at the bottom for each day.

Arrival/Setup

There will be no early exhibitor setup on Thursday, January 25. We could use some help unloading the trailer at 1:00 pm on Thursday. If you come up and help, you will be able to set up... but **ONLY** if you help unload the trailer. Crates set up by people not helping unload the trailer on Thursday will be removed. Please use the Honor System.

The building opens at 7:30 am on Friday and 6:30 am Sat & Sun.



CONCESSIONS!

THERE WILL BE A FOOD TRUCK ON SITE EACH DAY FOR LUNCH.

Move-Ups:

The pretrial move-up deadline for the Sunday Trial Only is Monday, January 22 at 6:00 pm. Please email the trial secretary on or before that date/time for a move up for the trial.

tralsecretary@ntxagility.com

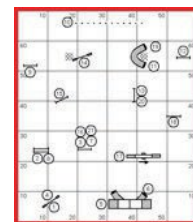


CRATING AND PARKING

NO crating on the concrete.

- Crating is allowed in the south part of the arena on dirt, or
- In the separate arena behind the main arena, or
- 10x10 Stalls are available for rent at \$25/day. If after arrival you decide you want a stall, there will be a QR code near trial secretary. Scan the code and pay online and claim an empty stall. Pre-purchased stalls are not assigned. Please select any available stall upon arrival. Please call 903-287-9501 to pre-purchase a stall.

PLEASE PARK SMART... Parking is on dirt. There are no lines. Please park straight and in rows to leave plenty of room for everyone.



RUNNING ORDERS AND COURSE MAPS IMPORTANT!

Course maps will be posted per AKC Agility Regulations. There will be no printed copies of course maps for exhibitors. Exhibitors may take a picture of the posted course maps. Also, maps will be posted on the Agility Gate App each morning.

A preliminary running order will be posted on the www.ntxagility.com website on or before Wednesday prior to the first day of the trial. No paper check-in will be required.

VERY, VERY IMPORTANT! EVERYONE PLEASE READ THIS:

Every competitor is required to fill out the LONGHORN ARENA AND EVENT CENTER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK form **at the back of this judging program**. It is **MANDATORY** for **every competitor**. There will be a turn-in basket for the completed forms. Extra forms will be available if needed.

We will be utilizing the AGILITY GATE APP

Agility Gate is a free-to-download app that allows competitors to check-in their dogs via their mobile phone or tablet at an agility show and keep track of the current state of the run orders remotely. It helps prevent crowding around the gate and allows competitors to keep tabs on things while crating away from the ring.

The access code is 1010

Course maps will be posted on the Agility Gate App each morning prior to the trial.

In the meantime, go here for more information about how to download and use it.

http://dogagility.info/agility_gate/

ISC RULE REMINDERS

Prizes (for ISC Cup Only):

- To be eligible for the overall ISC cup podium awards, you must be entered in all 6 ISC runs on Friday.
- Runs will be scored time plus faults. All faults are 5 secs and elimination is 100 secs.
- The top 3 combined winners per height will be on the podium and receive prizes.

WORLD TEAM TRYOUT QUALIFYING RULES:

This event is also a World Team Qualifying Event, so the following will apply to those who would like to be eligible for the World Team Tryouts for the 2024 Team:

- ISC Combined Class Winners Combined **scores from Trial 3 Trial 3 STD (A3) and ISC JWW (J3) classes** at this event will be used to award the Combined ISC Class Award.
- To be eligible for the Combined ISC Class Award, the team must have a minimum of one clean ISC run and a run that has a maximum of 5 course faults (no time faults allowed) for those scores to be used to compute the Combined Score.
- The Combined Class winner from the 12, 16, 20 and 24 inch heights in Trial 2 will receive an automatic invite to attend Team Tryouts. They do not need to fulfill the requirement of the 6/6 scores.
- The team must also send in all the required information with the fees and the entry form and meet all the other basic eligibility as noted in the World Team Tryout Rules that can be found at <https://www.akc.org/sports/agility/events/usa-world-agility-team/>.
- The handler at tryouts must be the same handler that won the combined award.
- Dogs running in the 12", 16" and 20" class that meet the FCI/ISC measuring cutoff (different than regular AKC cutoffs) or any dog entering the 24" jump height will be eligible for the direct invitation to World Team Tryouts. The FCI/ISC cutoffs for those heights are as follows:
 - ▶ **Small (12" jump height) - for dogs 13-3/4" and under at the withers**
 - ▶ **Medium (16" jump height) - for dogs 16-7/8" and under at the withers**
 - ▶ **Intermediate (20" jump height) - for dogs 18-7/8" and under at the withers**
 - ▶ **Large (24" jump height) - for dogs over 18-7/8" at the withers**

BE SURE TO VISIT OUR VENDORS



Julianne Booth Canine Care of North Texas

Certified Canine Therapeutic Massage Therapist, CTMT
Certified Canine Trigger Point Massage Therapist, CTrPMT

Link to Scheduler:

<https://caninecareofnorthtexas.fullslate.com>
if you'd like to pre-register for an appointment.

By Texas law, you must have a supervision form from your veterinarian. Get one here...

VET ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM



Stacy Bols Trigger Point Therapy

[Appointments | Stacy Bols Trigger Point Therapy \(square.site\)](#)

Mandatory release form attached at the back of this Judging Program

Stacy Bols is a Certified Canine Trigger Point Massage Therapist trained by Ken Bain who is a Licensed Massage Therapy Instructor in the state of Texas. Stacy has over 100 hours of training in animal massage. Stacy can be contacted at 817-999-0305 or Stacybols@gmail.com

Stacy will also be offering neurobalancing treatments during massages if requested. More information on that modality can be found here. <https://switplus.com/neurobalance-system/>



PHOTOGRAPHY BY SARAH FORDE

Offering private outdoor agility photos, plus trial coverage.

OUTDOOR AGILITY SESSIONS

Sign up THIS WEEK for outdoor agility photos to receive \$100 off your session fee. These will be on Thursday, January 25th from 10-5:30pm at the agility field in

Greenville, TX. Many of the spots have already been booked, but a handful of spots are still available! Sign up here: <https://dogdefined.as.me/agilityphotos>

PREPURCHASE TRIAL PHOTOS

Prepurchase your full album of trial photos to receive the best available price! Sarah will be photographing every dog regardless of prepurchase (but will work to get extra shots if she knows you've ordered!) and photos will be available to view on her gallery website within 5 days of the end of the trial. <https://form.jotform.com/dogdefined/prepurchase-trial-photos>

Previous pictures [Pixpup Photography | PNW Dog Photographer](#)



DALLAS AGILITY WORKING GROUP

PLEASE CHECK THE CLASS ORDER AND YOUR RUNNING ORDER CAREFULLY

Please mark conflicts on the Agility Gate App. Conflicts will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Class Counts Are Contingent On Move-Up Changes Not Yet Received. Rings will run alternately on Friday only.

ALL TIMES (except for the starting times each day) ARE ESTIMATES.

TIMES ARE LISTED AS A COURTESY ONLY TO GIVE COMPETITORS AN IDEA OF WHEN THE CLASS WALK-THRU COULD BEGIN.

Neither the Club nor the Judges will be responsible for the start times. Please plan your arrival accordingly.

Running Order, Friday, January 26, 2024 – 318 RUNS TOTAL (111 Total Runs in Trial 1; 110 Total Runs in Trial 2; 97 Total Runs in Trial 3)

Judge Bill Pinder

APPROX. WALK TIME	RING #	FIRST BRIEFING AND WALK THRU STARTS AT 8:40 AM; Judging starts at 9:00 AM
9:00 AM (Run Time)	1	TRIAL 1 - ISC STD (A2); Run 54 dogs: 8"(1), 12"(10), 16"(7), 20"(16), 24"(20)
10:10 AM	2	TRIAL 1 - ISC JWW (J2); WALK/RUN 57 dogs; 8"(1), 12"(10), 16"(8), 20"(18), 24"(20)
11:30 AM	1	TRIAL 2 - ISC STD (A2); WALK/RUN 55 dogs; 4"(1), 8"(1), 12"(9), 16"(7), 20"(16), 24"(21)
1:00 PM	2	TRIAL 2 - ISC JWW (J2); WALK/RUN 55 dogs; 4"(1), 8"(1), 12"(9), 16"(6), 20"(17), 24"(21)
2:15 PM	1	TRIAL 3 - ISC STD (A3); WALK/RUN 48 dogs; 4"(2), 8"(1), 12"(8), 16"(6), 20"(11), 24"(20)
3:40 PM	2	TRIAL 4 - ISC JWW (J3); WALK/RUN 49 dogs; 4"(2), 8"(1), 12"(8), 16"(7), 20"(11), 24"(20)

BRIEFINGS WILL BE HELD PRIOR TO EACH CLASS

ALL RESULTS WILL BE POSTED EACH EVENING AT:
WWW.NTXAGILITY.COM

ALL TIMES (except for the starting times each day) ARE ESTIMATES.

TIMES ARE LISTED AS A COURTESY ONLY TO GIVE COMPETITORS AN IDEA OF WHEN THE CLASS WALK-THRU COULD BEGIN.

Neither the Club nor the Judges will be responsible for the start times. Please plan your arrival accordingly.

WALK-THRUS CAN BE SPLIT FURTHER AT JUDGES' DISCRETION. LUNCH BREAK MAY BE TAKEN AT JUDGES' DISCRETION.

Please mark conflicts on the Agility Gate App. Conflicts will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Class Counts Are Contingent On Move-Up Changes Not Yet Received. Rings will run concurrently.

Running Order, Saturday, January 27, 2024 (452 Total Runs)

RING 1 - Judge: Bill Pinder SMALL-TO-TALL		RING 2 – Judge: Heather Dickinson TALL-TO-SMALL (Except ISC Runs)	
APPROX. WALK TIME	BRIEFING AND WALK THRU STARTS AT 7:40 AM; Judging starts at 8:00 AM	APPROX. WALK TIME	BRIEFING AND WALK THRU STARTS AT 7:40 AM; Judging starts at 8:45 AM
8:00 AM (Run Time)	ISC STD (A2); Run 51 dogs: 4"(1), 8"(2), 12"(10), 16"(7), 20"(11), 24"(20) (Course Change)	8:45 AM (Run Time)	ISC JWW (J2); Run 55 dogs: 4"(1), 8"(2), 12"(11), 16"(8), 20"(13), 24"(20) (Course Change) Small-to-Tall
9:30 AM	PREMIER STD – Briefing/Walk/Run 38 dogs; 8"(3), 12"(7), 16"(8), 20"(12), 24"(4), 24C(4) (Course Change)	10:00 AM	JWW EXC/MAS – Walk/Run 38 dogs; dogs: 24C(8), 24"(7), 20"(23)
10:45 AM	STD EXC/MAS – Briefing/Walk/Run 31 dogs; 4"(6), 8"(7), 12"(18)	11:00 AM	JWW EXC/MAS – Walk/Run 22 dogs; 16"
11:45 AM	STD EXC/MAS – Walk/Run 21 dogs; 16"	11:40 AM	JWW EXC/MAS – Briefing/Walk/Run 30 dogs: 12"(17), 8"(7), 4"(6) (Course Change)
12:25 AM	STD EXC/MAS – Walk/Run 39 dogs; 20"(25), 24"(6), 24C(8) (Course Change)	12:40 PM	PREMIER JWW - Briefing/Walk/Run 37 dogs; 24C(4), 24"(2), 20"(15), 16"(7), 12"(6), 8"(3) (Course Change)
1:45 AM	STD OPEN - Briefing/Walk/Run 17 dogs; 4"(1), 8"(2), 12"(3), 16"(4), 20"(7) (Course Change)	1:55 PM	JWW OPEN - Briefing/Walk/Run 27 dogs; 24C(1), 24"(0), 20"(12), 16"(6), 12"(4), 8"(4) (Course Change)
2:45 AM	STD NOVICE – Briefing/Walk/Run 25 dogs; 8"(5), 12"(5), 16"(5), 20"(9), 24"(0), 24C(1)	3:00 PM	JWW NOVICE – Briefing/Walk/Run 21 dogs; 20"(8), 16"(4), 12"(5), 8"(4)

ALL RESULTS WILL BE POSTED EACH EVENING AT: WWW.NTXAGILITY.COM

Please mark conflicts on the Agility Gate App. Conflicts will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
 Class Counts Are Contingent On Move-Up Changes Not Yet Received. Rings will run concurrently.

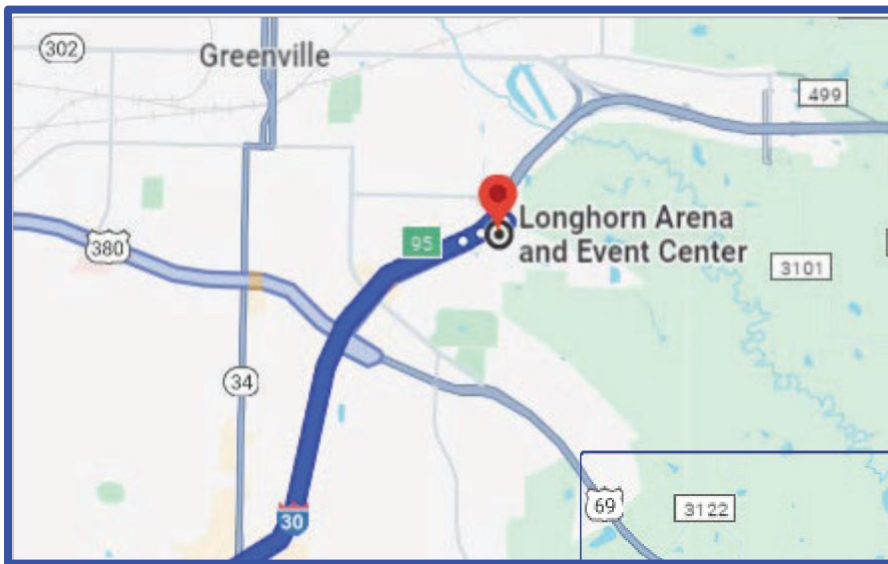
Running Order, Sunday, January 28, 2024 (361 Total Runs)

RING 1 - Judge: Heather Dickinson SMALL-TO-TALL		RING 2 – Judge: Bill Pinder TALL-TO-SMALL (Except ISC Runs)	
APPROX. WALK TIME	BRIEFING AND WALK THRU STARTS AT 7:40 AM; Judging starts at 8:00 AM	APPROX. WALK TIME	BRIEFING AND WALK THRU STARTS AT 7:40 AM; Judging starts at 8:45 AM
8:00 AM (Run Time)	ISC STD (A2); Run 35 dogs: 4”(1), 8”(1), 12”(9), 16”(6), 20”(6), 24”(12) (Course Change)	8:45 AM (Run Time)	ISC JWW (J2); Run 36 dogs: 4”(1), 8”(1), 12”(10), 16”(5), 20”(7), 24”(12) Small-to-Tall
9:05 AM	PREMIER STD – Briefing/Walk/Run 36 dogs; 8”(3), 12”(6), 16”(7), 20”(15), 24”(2), 24C(3) (Course Change)	9:45 AM	JWW EXC/MAS – Walk/Run 32 dogs; 24C(3), 24”(6), 20”(23)
10:15 AM	STD EXC/MAS – Briefing/Walk/Run 25 dogs; 4”(4), 8”(7), 12”(14)	10:35 AM	JWW EXC/MAS – Walk/Run 19 dogs; 16”
11:05 AM	STD EXC/MAS – Walk/Run 18 dogs; 16”	11:10 AM	JWW EXC/MAS – Briefing/Walk/Run 25 dogs; 12”(14), 8”(7), 4”(4) (Course Change)
11:45 AM	STD EXC/MAS – Walk/Run 34 dogs; 20”(25), 24”(6), 24C(3) (Course Change)	12:05 PM	PREMIER JWW - Briefing/Walk/Run 31 dogs; 24”(3), 20”(1), 16”(13), 12”(6), 8”(5), 4”(3)
1:00 PM	STD OPEN - Briefing/Walk/Run 14 dogs; 8”(1), 12”(3), 16”(4), 20”(6) (Course Change)	1:10 PM	JWW OPEN - Briefing/Walk/Run 20 dogs; 20”(11), 16”(5), 12”(3), 8”(1) (Course Change)
1:55 PM	STD NOVICE – Briefing/Walk/Run 18 dogs; 8”(6), 12”(4), 16”(4), 20”(4)	2:10 PM	JWW NOVICE – Briefing/Walk/Run 18 dogs; 20”(3), 16”(4), 12”(5), 8”(6)

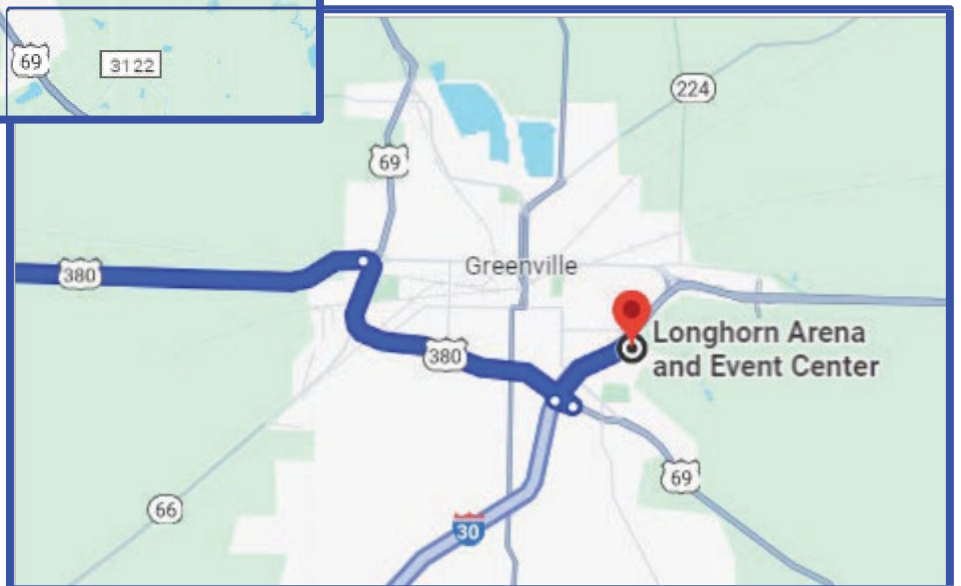
ALL RESULTS WILL BE POSTED EACH EVENING AT: WWW.NTXAGILITY.COM

THE TRIAL SITE

FROM DALLAS VIA I-30, take Exit 95. The show site is .3 miles on the right down the Frontage Road.



FROM MCKINNEY VIA 380, take 380 E. to Greenville. Stay on 380 and go through downtown Greenville to the I-30 Frontage Road. Go East on the I-30 Frontage Road 1.6 miles to the show site on the right.



Motel/RV Park Information

NOTE: The club cannot guarantee that the hotels/motels listed below accept dogs. Please check regarding rates and dog acceptance policy when making reservations.

Please inform management of your dogs when you book reservations and when you register. Motel dog regulations and fees may change without notice. The club cannot be responsible for any changes.



Motel 6 Greenville #4141

5109 I-30 Greenville, TX
(800) 466-8356; (903) 455-0515

LaQuinta Inn & Suites-Greenville

3001 Mustang Crossing Greenville, TX
(866) 725-1661; (903) 454-3700

Super 8 Motel-Greenville

5010 Hwy 69 South Greenville, TX
(800) 800-8000; (903) 454-3736

Comfort Inn & Suites

2005 Centerpoint Ln Greenville, TX
(903) 259-6343

Hampton Inn & Suites Greenville

3001 Kari Ln Greenville, TX
(903) 457-9200

One-time cleaning fee of \$75, plus \$25 per night

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Greenville

2901 Mustang Crossing Greenville, TX
(903) 454-8680

\$50 pet fee per dog per stay

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Royce City - Rockwall

1001 Pullen St Royce City, TX
(972) 635-6560

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Rockwall

689 E Interstate 30 Rockwall, TX
(972) 771-1685

RV HOOKUPS

are available at the show site directly in front of the arena.

Please call 903-287-9501 for RV reservations



PLEASE REMEMBER: Hotels do not have to allow us to keep our dogs in the rooms. We are all responsible for insuring future pet acceptance at our favorite hotels. Please clean up after your dogs (inside and outside), keep them quiet so as not to disturb other guests, and generally be considerate of others. We all want to continue to have nice places to stay when we travel with our dogs.

Exhibitors are expected to maintain hotel premises and their dogs in a quiet, clean and well-kept manner and for cleaning up after their dogs immediately on hotel/motel and show grounds. Motels/hotels require that dogs be crated when unattended; no bathing or grooming of dogs in guest rooms. Exhibitors/handlers are responsible for any damages to motels/hotels or the event site and may result in disciplinary action by the Trial Committee. Entries may be refused in the future for previous misuse of the motel facilities.

Complaints lodged against any exhibitor will be under the auspices of our Trial Committee and reported to the AKC. This is an AKC-supported measure.



**LONGHORN ARENA AND EVENT CENTER
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK
ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

**READ THIS FORM IN ITS ENTIRETY. HORSES (Farm Animals) CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS.
YOU ARE TAKING A RISK AND YOU ARE ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ACTIONS.**

Please read, fill in the blanks, sign, and date this Acceptance of Responsibility and Release of Liability (“*Release*”) below. Fill out one Release per participant. You, the undersigned participant (“*You*” or “*Participant*”) herby acknowledges that You have voluntarily applied to engage in an activity of **riding, spectating, or otherwise engaging with horses at the Longhorn Arena and Event Center (“Events”)**. You and/or your family further understand that an animal, irrespective of its training and usual past behavior and characteristics, may act or react unexpectedly or unpredictably at times.

LIABILITY RELEASE: UNDER TEXAS LAW (CHAPTER 87, CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE), A FARM ANIMAL PROFESSIONAL OR FARM OWNER OR LESSEE IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING AN EMPLOYEE OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR, RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES.

In consideration for participating in one or more of the Events, Participant and/or Participant’s legal guardian agree to indemnify, release and hold harmless the Longhorn Arena and Event Center (“LAEC”) along with Elite Longhorn Management Inc, TRRW Investments, Inc., TRW Solutions , Inc., and their owners, officers, members, shareholders, staff, employees, associates and agents (collectively, “LAEC Indemnitees”) from and against any liability, claim, accident, injury, negligent act, loss or illness that may occur during any of the Events pursuant to this Release. Participant acknowledges that activities involving horses are dangerous and carry inherent risks of injury or even loss of life, as well as damage to Participant’s horse, property, and/or Participant. Participant knowingly assumes all risks, whether known or unknown – including but not limited to watching, grooming, handling, or riding Participant’s horse or horse(s) provided for Participant. Participant further agrees not to participate in any of the Events unless an officer of the LAEC is present and has given express and specific consent for such activity. Participant acknowledges that if Participant leaves their group and rides on their own, Participant has forfeited participation in the class or group for that day and Participant is liable for their own actions. This Release is binding as to any other persons, including but not limited to Participant’s family members, guardians, heirs, executors and assigns.

Participant recognizes the hazards and risks involved in an Event and Participant regardless is willing to partake in the Events. Participant acknowledges there will be no on-site medical care available at the LAEC. Participant agrees to be personally responsible for Participant’s own medical expenses. **Participant hereby grants permission to LAEC use Participant’s likeness in a photograph, video, or other digital media in any and all of LAEC’s publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration.** Participant has read and agrees to the LAEC Safety Guidelines attached hereto.

Helmet Release: Participant is aware that protective head gear which meets or exceeds the quality standards of the SEI certified and ASTM standard F 1163 equestrian helmet, should be purchased and worn by Participant and Participant’s child while riding and being near horses, and the wearing of such helmet may reduce the severity of some head injuries and may prevent serious injury or death as a result of a fall or other occurrence. If Participant or Participant’s child does not wear a helmet, it is because Participant has so chosen. **Participant acknowledges that the LAEC does not provide helmets or other protective gear to the riders. Riders must provide their own protective gear.**

APPLICABLE LAW: This Release shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Texas. The state courts of the State of Texas in Hunt County and, if the jurisdictional prerequisites exist at the time, the United States District Court, shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine any dispute or controversy arising under or concerning this Release.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE: By execution below, Participant and/or Participant’s guardian acknowledge that Participant is least 18 years old, (or Participant’s guardian) and has the right and ability to consent to the terms herein, and further, that such signer has and is authorized and able to sign as indicated below. The signer below has read, understood, and agrees to the terms and conditions of this Release. In the event that any provision of this Release conflicts with the law under which this Release is to be construed or if any such provision(s) is held invalid, such provision(s) will be deemed to be restated to reflect as nearly as possible the original intentions of the parties in accordance with applicable law, and the remainder of this Release will remain in full force and effect. Participant is aware that Participant is releasing certain legal rights that Participant otherwise may have and enters into this Release of Participant’s own free will.

THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY. DO NOT SIGN THIS RELEASE IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND OR DO NOT AGREE WITH ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Participant *Name* (printed)

Date Signed

Participant *Signature* or Guardian Signature if Under 18 years

Email or Phone Number

LAEC SAFETY GUIDELINES

All equine and animal programs emphasize creativity and responsiveness in relating to such animals. The LAEC stresses safety rules. Anyone who knowingly or maliciously breaks these rules is a safety risk for the entire group and, as such, will not be allowed to participate in the program. Horses and other animals can be startled into a flight or fight mode. The following guidelines may prevent serious mishaps and make the experience more enjoyable for everyone involved, including the horses.

1. Do not touch or feed horses and other animals you have not been introduced to.
2. When holding the lead rope, never wrap it around your hand, or lay it over your neck or shoulder.
3. Avoid standing directly in front of or directly behind a horse or other animals. When going around behind the horse, put your hand on the horse's hindquarters and keep your body very close to his body. This allows the horse to know where you are. A person who cannot easily reach the top of the hindquarters should always ask for assistance in walking around the horse. When two people are working with the same horse, they should stand on the same side of the horse.
4. Do not hit the horse or other animals. Physical violence only escalates the animal's impulses.
5. If the instructor calls a "Time Out," stop what you are doing, step away from your horse or animal or return to the neutral leading position and wait for further instructions.
6. If an animal begins to panic, give him some space. Do not try to restrain him. If the situation escalates, LET THE ANIMAL GO! Call "Time Out", "Loose Horse!" or "Loose Animal!"
7. Horses are very sensitive to the feelings of their herd members as well as the human beings who interact with them. Feelings are a primary source of information to this species. Pay attention to your feelings and how these feelings are changing. If you get frustrated, fearful, or angry, call your own "Time Out" and reassess the situation. Do not hesitate to ask for help.
8. Do not hold your breath. Horses give and receive information through the quality and frequency of their breathing. Holding your breath or producing quick, shallow breaths convey feelings of stress and fear to the horses and can cause them to become stressed or fearful.

I have read these LAEC Safety Guidelines and will watch the accompanying demonstration. I agree to follow these rules and ask for help if I am having trouble with any of the activities. I agree to be responsible for my own safety and thus contribute to the safety of the group.

Signature of participant

Date

Signature of Parent or guardian (for under 18 yrs.)

Date

