

COVID GUIDELINES

- We will be following all state, local and facility guidelines. (Keep in mind, these are constantly changing)
- Continue to practice social distancing consistent with current guidelines
- Everyone is required to wear masks at all times (except when running your dog.) Masks will be provided for anyone wanting one.
- Disposable gloves will be available for course builders, ring crew, & any other worker that desires them.
- Hand sanitizer and disinfecting spray bottles will be available throughout the arena.
- Bathrooms will be stocked with plenty of soap, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting spray bottles
- There will be no common use writing utensils. Please bring your own. The running orders will be on poster board. You will be allowed to check in before the board is placed at ringside, but you will have to use your own pen.
- We will be designating more crating room than in past years, so please try to keep crating spaces 6 ft apart
- There will be no MACH cakes or community-shared food items at the trial. There will be water & soft drinks provided for workers
- There will be no self-serve ribbons. We will have a volunteer putting the sticker on the ribbons for you. If you only want your sticker, you will be asked to take the ribbons, peel your sticker off, and then put the ribbons in a designated "return box". PLEASE NOTE: If you do not pick up your ribbon (stickers) each day, they will be put away. No ribbons from the previous days will be left out on the table. You will have to ask the ribbon volunteer to find yours for you.
- There will be a 6ft area marked off around the gate steward. Please do not go into this area! Once the running order is placed at the ring entrance, and the gate steward is in their designated space, he/she will be the only one to mark on the board. The gate steward needs to have their own pen to mark on the board. The gate steward will be in charge of getting the dogs in the correct order to enter the ring AND will open the gate for you. There will be a designated area for "on deck", in-the-hole", & "3rd in line."
- Leash runner will use a "grabber" to pick up leashes. Both the "grabber" and chair where the leash is placed will be disinfected after each run. Note: exhibitors may put their leash in their pocket or "wear" them (i.e. clip like a belt around the waist) during their run. Leash must fully fit in their pocket. Please be aware that if the dog grabs the leash while running this will be scored as an "E".
- There will be a person designated to open the EXIT gate for you. They will not open the gate until your dog is securely on leash or fully harnessed.
- Course builders will be provided disposable gloves. They should make sure and wipe down the measuring wheel before and after use. They should not share course building maps with others.
- The scribe will place the score sheets in a basket. The score sheet runner will take the basket over to the trial secretaries, rather than handling each individual sheet
- Timer and scribe will sit at opposite ends of the table. Scribe should use their own pen for marking the scribe sheets. The table, chairs, and timing console will be wiped down with disinfectant after each group of workers.
- Briefings will be done over the PA system. Exhibitors do not have to come into the ring for briefing. Briefings will not be required for Excellent/Master level classes.
- There will be no measuring of dogs. If an AKC rep happens to come to the trial, they can choose to either measure dogs or not. If they do, the devices and table will be wiped down between dogs and they must sanitize their hands between dogs
- Walk-thru group sizes will be reduced. There will be a maximum of 25 people per walk-thru.
- Results will be posted on the walls (rather than in a single notebook). Please do not crowd around the results area! Daily results will also be posted each evening at www.ntxagility.com.
- 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. In addition to the course maps that are posted at the trial site, the trial secretary will post the maps each day to her website and email a link to everyone.