

# COVID Precautions and Guidelines

Please read carefully, sign the COVID-19 Waiver (included with this premium) and include signed waiver with your entry.

**Only entries with a signed COVID-19 waiver will be accepted and processed into the trial.**

With the safety of exhibitors, volunteers and staff, and adherence to State and CDC requirements and guidelines, the Blue Ridge Agility Club (BRAC) has put in place the following procedures for our agility trial at the T. Ed Garrison Arena, Pendleton, SC on December 11 - 13, 2020.

**If you do not feel you can comply with any of these requirements please do not enter our trial, we will look forward to seeing you at a future BRAC trial.**

1. You are required to sign the COVID-19 waiver, included with this premium, and enclose it with your entry. Entries received without a waiver will not be processed into the trial.
2. Rules and guidelines provided here are subject to change. Updates will be provided prior to closing. Competitors wishing to withdraw prior to closing due to procedures required for participation can withdraw their entry at any time prior to closing. After closing, competitors may withdraw due to illness or under quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure. Other competitor (or family) illness or injury is excluded from this policy.
3. Social distancing of 6ft or more will be in practice at all times. At no time should there be any congregating in aisles. There should be no groups sitting together in the stands other than those in the same household or traveling together. We need to limit the number of people in the building. If you have completed your runs and are not working, please exit the building to reduce the number of people in the building at one time.
4. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES IN THE BUILDING AND WITHIN 10 FT OF THE BUILDING. PROPER MASK PROTOCOL CALLS FOR THE MASK TO COMPLETELY COVER BOTH MOUTH AND NOSE.** Practice social distancing at all times, indoors and outdoors. Once you are outside and 10 feet away from the building you may lower your mask as long as you maintain 6ft social distancing. If you fail to abide by this rule, you will be asked to leave the trial without a refund. You may lower your mask for your run but it must be put back on upon exiting the ring.
5. Walkthroughs will be reduced in numbers to allow for social distancing, and MASKS MUST BE WORN while walking. While walking, please be considerate and follow a minimum of 6 ft social distancing. The exact number and size of walkthroughs will be determined after closing based on current guidelines. We hope to assign you to a walkthrough group (like NAC or Invitationals) and this will be marked on the running order sent to you with the final confirmation, so you know when you are walking. Groups will enter only through the ring entry and exit only through the ring exit.
6. There will be NO SPECTATORS ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING. Please do not ask family or friends to come watch. Please keep bleacher seats for watching the ring before your run, not socializing. Sit in a socially distanced manner and use your best judgement.
7. We will allow crating in the building. We do encourage you to crate out of your car, set up EZ-Up's, etc. You may crate together as a family but please keep 6 feet between setups, and MASKS MUST BE WORN INDOORS. Please do not make us have to police crating.
8. Follow all posted signs for One Way traffic at doors, stairs and concessions (if open).

**Please bring with you the following:**

- Hand sanitizer/Wipes – we will provide as well.
- Lunch, Snack & Drinks (concessions may not be available and no MACH/PACH cakes are allowed 😞)
- Gloves if you wish to wear them.
- A leash that fits in your pocket or around your waist or crossbody during your run. Per AKC guidelines: “exhibitors may choose to place leashes in their pockets or wear them (around waist, crossbody, etc.) during their runs. If the dog grabs the leash this will be scored as "E". If the leash falls out of the handler's pocket, or off of their body, there is no call unless the dog were to grab it.” A leash-runner, using a bucket to transport your leash, will be available for exhibitors who do not wish to carry their leash while on course.
- Use your phone/Ipad camera, or bring a digital camera, for taking pictures of the results, course maps etc.
- Personal pen for recording your results, etc.
- BRAC will sanitize equipment and BRAC will disinfect all surfaces, before the event and after each day of the event using EPA-registered disinfectants. BRAC will provide disposable masks, if you need one.

The gate will be managed through the AgilityGate app. Running orders will be posted for each ring in a visible area for those not on the app. The gate steward can check in anyone not able to check in themselves using the AgilityGate app. See below for additional information on the apps.

**Course Maps** for each day will be posted on Tina Eastman’s website as well as on the AgilityGate app when they are available from the judges, generally after 9:00pm each evening and before 6:00am the morning of the trial day. You will receive an email to let you know that the course-maps have been posted, along with a link to the website location. Daily course maps will be hung in various places around the arena as well. Competitor course copies will NOT be available onsite.

**Ribbons** will be available, self serve. Results stickers will be made available when results are posted. We ask that you maintain social distancing when collecting your ribbons and stickers, and no lingering. Results will be emailed to you as soon as possible and posted on a wall with plenty of spacing for viewing after the class is over. THERE WILL BE NO MONITORS AVAILABLE with scrolling results while a class is running. Please maintain social distancing when looking at results and bring a camera to record results. Additionally, all results for each day will be posted on the Tina Eastman’s website at the end of each trial day. [www.sunriseagility.com](http://www.sunriseagility.com)

Only ring crew and our designated course builders will touch the equipment.

**Judge Briefings:** There will be no Master/Excellent briefings prior to running. Briefings **WILL** be held for Novice/Open. Please be considerate, wear a mask and exercise social distancing during these briefings.

**Measuring dogs** – Only entered dogs will be measured. Michele Fletcher is a VMO and will measure. The final confirmation will include information on measuring as well as additional VMO if one is available.

**EXHIBITOR COMMUNICATION:** We will be using two apps to keep exhibitors informed.

- The **REMIND app** will be used to let you know when courses are being built, walkthroughs, course times, call on volunteers and other announcements as needed. Announcements will be sent as a text to your phone. We will send the link to sign up to receive notifications in the Final Confirmation letter.
- The **AGILITYGATE app** will be used in place of paper gate check-in sheets and will also provide access to course maps. To use the AgilityGate app, download the app for free **ON YOUR PHONE** from the App Store or Google Play store. After the trial closes, we'll provide exhibitors with a unique code to access the running order for our trial. Agility gate allows you to:
  - \* Check in your dog
  - \* Mark your dog ABSENT
  - \* Mark a CONFLICT
  - \* Mark your dog as FEO (for FAST and T2B Only)
  - \* During the day you can follow in real time to see who is running. Using the App, you can see on your phone as the gate steward marks each dog on the line exactly as you would see if you were looking at paper gate sheets over other people's shoulders. Visit [www.agilitygate.com](http://www.agilitygate.com) to watch a video to see how it works. Gate sheets will be available for check-in each evening for the next days competition. Course copies will also be uploaded to the app sometime between 9:00pm and 6:00am each evening.

BRAC is looking forward to helping restart AKC agility, and we are prepared to make this a safe and fun trial. We realize this is a "no frills" trial and is different to what we are used to pre COVID. However, the health and safety of everyone is paramount if we wish to run agility. If during the trial you are unable to follow these procedures, we will ask you to leave and your entry fees will not be refunded. We want everyone to be safe.