

Dartmouth Kennel Club - COVID-19 Scent Event Protocols & Waiver

Competitor Trial Checklist (beyond the Usual)

- Face Mask – all Competitors must provide their own
- Hand Sanitizer

Prior to the Trial

- Socialize dog to people in Face Masks & and the scent of Hand Sanitizer.
- All entries are to be done electronically, as much as possible. You can enter via DogShow.ca, or if unable to do an electronic entry, Cash Entry fees are to be placed in a plastic bag and attached to the Entry Form for presentation to the Trial Secretary.

Upon Arrival at the Trial

- Call the Trial Secretary to let them know you have arrived. You can get your armbands & elastics (in a plastic bag) delivered to your vehicle, or you will be asked to line up outside (without your dog) & wait to enter the building while maintaining social distancing of 2m in the designated line up area. No more than 2 competitors will be allowed inside the Lobby at a time.
- In the Lobby area, the Trial Secretary will be masked & using Hand Sanitizer.
- Scheduling will be done to ensure that there will be no more than the government mandated number limit of people on the trial site at any time. To that end, there should only be **one person per dog on site.**
- Competitors have the option of receiving either an electronic or hard copy of their scoresheet – please inform the Trial Secretary when you arrive at the event which option you would prefer and provide an email.
- If doing a day of entry or move-up, please contact Trial Secretary as soon as possible to complete the paperwork needed. Day of entries can be done any time after the closing date and will be dependent on current registrations.
- While on site, competitors will remain in their vehicles or maintain 2m distance outside & work out of their vehicles. Competitors entered in the trial must park as far away from the outdoor areas as much as possible as the outdoor area will be used for the trial. Trial Officials will park their vehicles away from the Trial site to allow more spaces for competitors in their designated area. There will be no indoor crating available.

Within the Building

- There will be multiple Hand Sanitizer stations on-site. Although hand washing is preferable, Hand Sanitizer can be used if hands are not visually dirty. Hand Sanitizer will be at the entrance to building and at the Secretary's table. It will be expected that whenever entering or exiting the building, people will hand sanitize as per facility protocols.

- The “Door Steward” will be the only person opening/closing the manual door into the venue & should wipe off high touch areas, such as washroom doorknobs, taps and toilet flush between classes.
- Disinfectant wipes are to be used to clean door handles, seats, etc in the washroom facilities after use.
- The interior search component area will be designed with at least 3 meters (10 feet) between Interior Rooms for all classes. It is also possible to consider setting up the Container search area outside.
- Once all entries are received and the event entry deadline has passed, the Trial Secretary will create a schedule for each class. In the event that a class runs past the scheduled time, competitors for the next class will be asked to wait outside the facility building.
- If everyone in the class stays for their ribbons, social distancing of 2 meters will be maintained.

Walk-Through - All Classes: 1 Ring Steward controlling the door (Mask)

- Competitors enter the test area at this time without dogs. The Ring Steward at the outer door will apply Sanitizer to each individual entering the building. Competitors will be asked not to touch the door/handles of the building, if possible and to wear masks as 2 meter social distancing may be difficult to maintain during this time. The Ring Steward for doors should also wipe off high touch areas, such as washroom doorknobs, taps and toilet flush between classes. All competitors are asked to wash hands frequently, as suggested.
- Competitors will enter through the main door and exit through the back door.
- Only the judge will be in the event area with the competitors during the walk-through, to allow the maximum number of competitors (while maintaining COVID-19 Restrictions) to view each search area. Walk-throughs may be split if number of competitors exceeds current gathering limits.

When Entering the Ring:

- 1) The stewards will be masked.
- 2) The judge may or may not be masked.
- 3) Any judge’s briefing will be done with social distancing enforced.
- 4) Videotaping may or may not be allowed depending on current situation.

Prizes, Awards & Announcements

- One at a time, competitors will pick up their ribbons outdoors from a masked Event Official following all COVID-19 restrictions. Competitors have the option of having their scoresheets sent to them electronically instead of receiving the hard copy.

This is a self-clean show. Please pick up after your dog! Poop bags and garbage cans will be provided.

Dogs should arrive in adequate time for their class (allowing for absentees). The club requests that competitors vacate the trial grounds when class is complete and awards are presented. Competitors can opt to leave as soon as finished if they prefer. Ribbons will not be mailed out.

Masks **must** be worn correctly when social distancing cannot be maintained. This will be at a minimum, during walk-throughs and potentially during ribbon presentation. All participants are to provide their own face masks, the Dartmouth Kennel Club **will not** have masks available for participants.

Anyone who is not following the COVID-19 protocols as laid out, and is unwilling to follow those rules, even after being reminded, can be asked to leave the premises without refund. The Dartmouth Kennel Club is trying to be responsible and ensure individuals' safety and those risking others health will not be tolerated.

Anyone entering with DogShow.ca will have to sign the Waiver (below) either when arriving at the venue, OR bring with them the Waiver that will be included in the Judging Schedule. The Dartmouth Kennel Club will have some Waivers for competitors who forget to bring the Waiver with them.

Waiver

The Dartmouth Kennel Club will use due care and diligence for the welfare of dogs and participants, but will not be responsible, or assume liability, in the event of accident, or other misfortunes, to either dogs or participants. **The participant shall absolve the Dartmouth Kennel Club and its members of any liability thereof. In particular, participants acknowledge that they are taking part in this event with full knowledge of the existence of the coronavirus pandemic and understand and accept that while the Dartmouth Kennel Club will make all reasonable effort to run a safe event, and will adhere to all Nova Scotia Government coronavirus requirements and restrictions in force on the date of the event in doing so, it is impossible to eliminate all risk and by entering and attending the event, the participant accepts the risk of contracting COVID-19 and will absolve the Dartmouth Kennel Club and its members and the Henry G Bauld Center of any liability in the event that they test positive for COVID-19 after this event.**

Date: _____

Signed: _____