

4 Apr Rally Trial Running Order		
Start Time	Trial # & Class	Armband # & Handler
	Trial 1 (51 total dogs)	
9:00	Master (7)	Walk-through 105, 112, 129, 101, 130, 121, 122
9:45	Excellent A (1)	<i>Walk-through</i> 116
	Excellent B (5)	129, 121, 126, 134, 145
10:20	Advanced A (6)	<i>Walk-through</i> 113, 140, 106, 125, 138, 141
	Advanced B (4)	103, 126, 104, 134
11:30	Rally Intermediate (8)	<i>Walk-through</i> 107, 109, 110, 118, <i>Walk-through</i> 119, 124, 135, 139
LUNCH		
1:00	Novice A (11)	<i>Walk-through</i> 142, 100, 115, 117, 120, 127 <i>Walk-through</i> 128, 137, 143, 144, 146
	Novice B (9)	133, 102 <i>Walk-through</i> 108, 111, 114, 123, 131, 132, 136

Rally Obedience Judging is based on 15 dogs/hour plus 10 minute walk-through time

Masks WILL be correctly worn (covering nose & mouth) during all exercises & at all times within the building by all Trial Participants.

**Please be sure to bring the completed Questionnaire/Waiver with you to the trial.
Thank you.**

The Cobequid Dog Club will follow all Federal, Provincial and local health rules when holding a trial.

The following are **allowable temporary changes** to the Obedience Rules and Regulations applicable while operating under COVID restrictions.

- The chair where the leash and other equipment is to be placed should be located at a convenient place determined by the judge but can be located in the ring or if not appropriate, just outside of the ring such that the handler can obtain the item without leaving the ring. The chair will be cleaned between exhibitors.
- If a re-throw of the dumbbell is required, the handler should be allowed to ask the dog to stay and the handler will go and pick up the dumbbell and return to where the dog was left. If the dog moves during this process, it will not be judged unless it is out of control
- For the article exercise in Utility, the handler can retrieve the articles to be scented from the article bag and put them on the 'article' chair
- In the Rally Advanced Class, the handler can put the leash in their pocket or hang it around the neck as in the Pre-Novice recall
- The exhibitor may either leave the dog on a sit stay or heel with the dog to the location of the chair to both obtain and return their leash and articles used during the exercises.
- Only those dogs earning a qualifying score will receive ribbons. No awards will be presented in the ring, but will be available at a separate location & be awarded observing COVID restrictions. The Cobequid Dog Club will NOT mail ribbons or awards to exhibitors.

Ring Procedure: In the Novice Intermediate, Open and Utility classes, before the handler enters the ring they shall place the dumbbell, glove and articles on a chair/table in a place designated by the judge until required and upon completion of their routine the handler shall retrieve the dumbbell, glove and articles before exiting the ring. The leash shall be placed by the handler in the same location as the dumbbell, glove and articles once they enter the ring. The handler shall retrieve the leash from the location designated by the judge before leaving the ring.

Exercises and Scores: The judge will post the choice of a Group Sit or Down at least 30 minutes before the start of the class and not more than one hour before the start of the trial in a location available for viewing by all competitors. This location may be inside or outside if the trial is held indoors.

Figure 8: Pylons/Chairs will be used for this exercise instead of Ring Stewards.

Examination: The judge will approach the dog (from the side) and touch its head only.

Group Exercises: A dog who fails any of the individual exercises is not eligible to compete.

Jumps: The high jump in all classes will be set according to Rally jump heights. There will not be any additional accommodation made for veteran jump height given the lowered levels. The Broad Jump will be spaced to cover a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump.

Routines: to be used will be Routine #1 only i.e., the routine used in the A class. "Change Of Positions" In the 18B class sequence (a) will be used

Articles: for the 'Seek Back' & "Scent Discrimination" will be visually approved by the judge.

Rally Walk-Throughs: A & B classes of each level may be combined and given a 10 minute walk-through in small groups of exhibitors & then each group will be judged. The next group will then have their walk-through, be judged, etc. until the level is completed. Social Distancing **MUST** be maintained during the walk-through & masks **WILL** be worn by the exhibitors.

Move-ups must be completed by the end of the Saturday's trial.

Cobequid Dog Club – COVID-19 Protocols

Competitor Trial Checklist (beyond the Usual)

- Face Mask - all Competitors must provide, & use, their own
- Hand Sanitizer

Prior to the Trial

- Socialize dog to people in Face Mask & the scent of Hand Sanitizer
- All entries are to be done electronically, as much as possible. You can enter via EntryLine, 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 Show Secretary.

Upon Arrival at the Trial

- Call (or Text) the Show Secretary to let them know you have arrived. You can get your armbands & elastics delivered to your vehicle, or you will be asked to line up outside (without your dog & wait to come into 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 Show Secretary will be masked, may be gloved & will be behind a barrier
- Scheduling will be done to ensure that there will be no more than the government mandated limit number of people on the show 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 you would prefer and provide an email.
- While on site, Competitors will remain in & work out of their vehicles; no indoor crating will be available unless physical distancing & crowd restrictions are lifted by the NS Government.
- Hand Sanitizer is to be used on entering & exiting the building in addition to when necessary, on the show site.

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 ring 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 Inside Arena & should also wipe off high touch areas, such as washroom door knobs, taps and toilet flush between classes.
- Disinfectant wipes are to be used to clean door handles, seats, etc in the washroom facilities after use.

When entering the ring

1. The stewards will be masked.
2. The judge will be masked.
3. Any judges briefing will be done with social distancing enforced.
4. For Walk-throughs in Rally, competitors will be required to wear a face mask as social distancing cannot be guaranteed. It must be worn properly covering both nose and mouth. Walk-throughs may also be split depending on class size. If split, order will be based on ring order.
5. You will be placing your leash and dumbbell on a tray beside the ring.
6. For Open and CDX competitors, you will be responsible for getting your dumbbell during your time in the ring. We have asked judges to keep dumbbell exercises sequentially.
7. When leaving the ring, you will wait at a marked area so that the next exhibitor team can enter.
8. Unless NS Gov increases gathering limits, currently there will not be a chance to have someone video you.

Prizes, Awards & Announcements

- One at a time, Competitors will pick up their awards outside from a masked & gloved 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.
- There will be a private Facebook page where scores will be posted as soon as they are available & other announcements may be made.
- All monetary prizes will be awarded via eTransfer therefore all competitors will need to provide an email address to the Trial Secretary.

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 the competitor vacate the trial grounds when class is complete and awards are presented. Competitors can opt to leave as soon as finished if they prefer. If they earned a monetary award, it will be eTransferred to them. 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 Cobequid Dog 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 Cobequid Dog Club is trying to be responsible and ensure individuals' safety and those risking others health will not be tolerated.

The Cobequid Dog 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



COVID SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE/SYMPTOMS & WAIVER

Do you have two or more of the following symptoms (new or worsening or unexplained)?

- Fever (or signs of a fever, such as chills, sweats, light-headedness)?
 - Yes
 - No
- Cough, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
 - Yes
 - No
- Nausea and/or vomiting, Diarrhea, Abdominal pain?
 - Yes
 - No
- Unexplained fatigue/malaise?
 - Yes
 - No
- Headache?
 - Yes
 - No
- Loss of/change to sense of smell or taste?
 - Yes
 - No
- Small, red or purple spots on your hands and/or feet without cause?
 - Yes
 - No

CONTACT/TRAVEL HISTORY

Have you:

- Travelled outside Nova Scotia in the 14 days before onset of illness?
 - Yes
 - No
- Been in close contact with a known or suspect case of Covid-19 in the last 14 days, or at one of the listed exposure sites?
 - Yes
 - No

If you answered yes to any of the contact or travel history questions with or without symptoms, you are considered a person under investigation of Covid-19. It is recommended if you have not been tested to proceed to your nearest Covid-19 testing location.

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The participant shall absolve The Cobequid Dog 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 Cobequid Dog 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 Cobequid Dog Club and its members and Stay 'N Play Canine Centre of any liability in the event that they test positive for COVID-19 after this event.

Date:

Signed:

Armband #(s):