

Pinnacle Dog Sports - Agility Trial Best Practices

I want to thank all of you for helping us get through the past year or so in a safe manner at Pinnacle Dog Sports. The following set of rules and guidelines have been updated and are constructed for the safety of our students and exhibitors. We will be adhering to them at Pinnacle Dog Sports for all classes, open gym sessions and agility trials.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation – Helen

GENERAL: Exhibitors entering Agility trials held at Pinnacle Dog Sports must comply with all Federal, State and Local laws. Anyone who is ill for any reason must stay home. Entering an agility trial at any time is done entirely at your own risk. If a Club suspects an exhibitor is ill, they will ask for that exhibitor to leave trial grounds immediately. Exhibitors should expect longer days at Events due to some of the extra steps Clubs and Judges must take to make sure Events are safe for all.

PARKING: Crating from your car is highly encouraged. We will offer reserved parking spots in the front row (on a first reply / first served basis). Dedicated workers and exhibitors who are crating inside will be asked to park farther out away from the building, so that parking closer to the entrance / exit doors is available for those exhibitors crating from their cars. Pinnacle has obtained permission from All Pro (the building owner) to utilize the back / gravel area for parking on Friday, Saturday & Sunday; Single file parking in the front lot (by pond) will also be permitted on Saturday and Sunday.

CRATING: We will allow you to crate your dog inside the building in the general crating room, which has AC. We feel this will be best for the dogs during the hot summer months. Further information regarding crating regulations will be included in the judging program for each specific trial. Exhibitors may spend their down time between runs either outside the building, inside within the viewing area, or graciously working in the ring. Dogs are not allowed in the viewing area unless they are going outside to potty or getting ready to run in their class. Since we must continue to maintain social-distancing, we highly encourage everyone to spend time outside if possible. Outdoor crating from your car is still a viable means of crating. You may set up an EZ-up for shade in designated grass areas. You may also place a chair and sit with your dog by the pond area at the front of the building (no vehicles allowed on front lawn). Chairs and seating are not allowed on All Pro's lawn immediately outside their front door. Suggestions for outdoor crating: Bring a shade tent or screens if you'll be crating out of your car; stock up on batteries for crate fans.

MASKS:

- **IN THE BUILDING (INSIDE THE RING):** Masks are NOT required while running your dog inside the ring. *However, if a Judge requests that exhibitors wear a mask while in the ring, we may make a change to this rule. Please be prepared to act accordingly. Masks WILL BE REQUIRED during walk-thrus.*
- **IN THE BUILDING (OUTSIDE THE RING):** Masks are required to be worn (covering both the nose and mouth area) at all times while you are in the viewing area or crating area. This applies to both fully vaccinated and non-vaccinated people. You may remove the mask while actively eating or drinking.
- **OUTSIDE THE BUILDING (ON TRIAL GROUNDS):** Masks are not required.

SPECTATING: No spectators permitted. Only the exhibitors entered in the trial are allowed in the building.

GLOVES: Gloves are an individual choice. Disposable gloves will be provided for the course builders and ring crew and must be properly disposed of immediately upon exiting the ring.

RING CREW:

- **BAR SETTERS:** can wear gloves, if desired, but are not required.
- **LEASH RUNNER:** Per AKC temporary rules, exhibitors may place leashes in their pockets or wear them when running the course. Leash must fully fit in pocket. If an exhibitor chooses not to run with their leash, the leash runner will move the leash to the leash bin located at the exit gate area.
- **TIMER / SCRIBE:** The scribe will be the only person handling the scribe sheets between themselves and the secretary. Scribe will check the order of the scribe sheets against the running order prior to the start of the class. It is recommended to bring your own pen. All completed scribe sheets will be placed in the basket for the secretary to retrieve. There will be appropriate physical distance at the score table between the Timer, Scribe and Secretary. At the completion of the class, the Timer will wipe down the timer box.

- **GATE STEWARD:** There will be an ex-pen indicating the safe space around the gate steward. Exhibitors should not enter this space. Gate Steward is the only person that will move the gate board from the check in table to the gate easel. If any additional markings on the run order sheets are required after the gate boards have been placed on the easel, only the gate steward may write on them. Gate steward will dispose of run order sheets when the class is complete; wipe down the plastic gate board and return it to the storage area.

ENTER / EXIT TO THE RING: A rag dampened with disinfectant will be hanging over the gate, so that bare hands do not need to touch the gate. You are asked to immediately leave the ring area after your run is complete. Please reward your dog (treats / toys) outside the building, or at your crate / car area.

OTHER ITEMS:

- **GATE BOARDS / CHECK-IN:** Run orders will be displayed on gate boards as usual. All gate boards will be spread out on tables so that they may lay in a single fashion (vs. on top of each other in a pile). Please do not move the boards around.
- **BRIEFINGS:** Excellent / Master level classes will not have briefings. During briefings for all other class levels exhibitors are not required to be inside the ring for the briefing. They may spread out within the floor area to maintain appropriate physical distancing.
- **COURSE MAPS:** Course maps will be posted as per AKC regulations. Paper copies will not be provided. It is recommended that exhibitors take photos of the maps with their phone / iPad etc. If available from the judge, the course maps will be emailed to the exhibitors the evening before / morning of each trial day. If you absolutely cannot take a photo of the map with your phone, please see a Club member or Trial Secretary for assistance.

WALK-THRU GROUPS: The size of the walk-thru groups will be reduced, we will walk in a safe manner. In the event of multiple walk-thrus within a group, we will walk each individual group for 8 minutes and begin runs immediately following the last walk group. The specific walk-thru format will be listed in the judging program. Reminder: **masks are required** at all times **during the walk-thrus**.

TRIAL RESULTS: Results will continue to be posted on the wall for viewing. Please do not gather in groups around the results, maintain a line to approach them, take pictures of results and then please move on. Reminder: your individual results are emailed to you after the trial.

RIBBONS: Qualifying stickers / ribbons will not be self-serve. We will have an award volunteer. The award person will be the only person distributing the ribbons to exhibitors. Be prepared to tell the award person what ribbons you need or if you want the stickers only. Being prepared with this information will expedite this process. Reminder, please maintain appropriate physical distance while in line for your awards.

SANITIZATION:

- **HAND WASHING:** Not only now, but always, washing hands and not touching your face decreases the spread of germs. Continual hand-washing throughout the day is encouraged (we will have signs reminding you!). The restrooms will provide soap and paper towels for drying. It has also been suggested that you can keep a couple sanitizing wipes in a Ziploc bag on your person. That way, you always have a wipe with you, can be used a few times, and it stays moist!
- **OVERALL CLEANING:** A professional cleaning company cleans the building twice a week and it will be disinfected prior to the start of the trial weekend. All public surfaces (gates, door handles, tables etc.) inside the building will be wiped down periodically throughout the trial day. At the close of each trial day, KennelSol will be sprayed on the agility turf in ring to disinfect it prior to the start of the next trial day. Hand sanitizer will be available at various spots inside the building for use. Weather permitting the two front doors may be left open to avoid having to touch the door handles.

These guidelines may be adjusted / updated during the weekend, if necessary, for improvement.

*Thank you for your support. Please understand that we are doing our best to keep everyone safe, we want to see everyone enjoy this time with their dogs. **We are reducing our restrictions slowly and will review each week. Your safety is our main goal.** Be sure that you are comfortable with these guidelines. If anyone does not abide by these, they will be asked to leave the trial. With everyone's cooperation and help, the trial day can run smoothly and we can continue to participate in a dog sport we all love!*

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If you are entering this trial, be sure that you are comfortable with these guidelines and are willing to comply with wearing a mask as outlined above and the physical distancing requirements, for everyone's safety. Exhibitors not abiding by these guidelines will be asked to leave the trial (no refunds will be issued).

Please print out and sign this acknowledgment and enclose with your trial entry form.

I have read the Best Practices above, understand them, and I am willing to abide by them.

Print Name

Signature

Date

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