



AAC SANCTIONED AGILITY TRIAL

JULY 29TH – JULY 31ST, 2022
JUDGE: CHRISTINA SANDERS (AB)

LOCATION: BIG SKY DOG CENTRE, 4445 FLORIDA ROAD, HARROWSMITH, ON K0H 1V0

Friday, July 29th – 1ea. [SG, AG, MG] & 2ea. [ST, AD, MA]

Saturday, July 30th – 1ea. Advanced & Masters levels; Gamblers, Standard, Snooker & Jumpers & 1 Steeplechase

Sunday, July 31st – 1ea. Starters and Masters levels; Jumpers, Snooker, Gamblers & Standard & 1 Steeplechase

LIMITED TRIAL ENTRY

Given the ever-changing circumstances of the pandemic, we may amend limitations and protocols as necessary.

Opening Date for Entries: Wednesday, June 8th, 2022

Closing Date for Entries: Friday, July 8th, 2022 (or when trial is full)

One outdoor fenced ring. Grass surface. Rubberized contacts. Electronic Timing.

Arrival & Set-up

Friday: 8:00 a.m. Set-Up | 9:00 a.m. First Dog on the Line

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Set-Up | 9:00 a.m. First Dog on the Line

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Set-Up | 9:00 a.m. First Dog on the Line

CONTACT: Trial Secretary: Nancy Wightman agilityconnection@outlook.com



TRIAL PROCEDURES

**Given the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic,
we will update this information as necessary.**

- 1) FACE MASKS are optional unless requested. Please be respectful of everyone.
- 2) STAY HOME IF YOU ARE FEELING SICK! Here is the link to Ontario's COVID 19 Self-Assessment Tool: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/> Please take the assessment on the morning of the event.
- 3) DISINFECT YOUR HANDS REGULARLY.
- 4) Follow all Provincial and Municipal guidelines with regard to COVID-19 precautions.
- 5) YOU MAY SET UP in your car or in a shade tent. In both cases, be sure to maintain safe social distancing.
- 6) COURSE MAPS will be emailed 2 hours prior to the start of the first event of the trial. They will also be posted outside the building so you can take a photo with your phone. Do not crowd the map location.
- 7) GENERAL BRIEFING will be on Facebook and emailed before the trial.
- 8) JUDGE'S BRIEFINGS: The judge will specify a location at the site to answer questions during each walk through.
- 9) RUNNING ORDERS: Running Orders will be emailed the day before the trial starts.
- 10) WALK-THROUGHS may be divided into groups. They will be 5 minutes each *with 5 minutes after the walk through for the first dog to be ready on the line.* Face masks may be mandatory during walk throughs.
- 11) GATE STEWARD & CHECK IN: Please check in at the gate. It is the handler's responsibility to be on time and ready for your run. Please be sure to maintain social distancing.
- 12) LEASH RUNNER if available, will pick up your dog's leash and leave it at the exit gate. Alternately, competitors may place the dog's leash in their pockets when running the course. The leash must be small enough to fit completely inside the pocket. Note: if the dog grabs the leash while running or jumps at the handler's pocket to attempt to interact with the leash, this will be scored as an "E" (toy in the ring). If the leash falls out of the pocket during the run and the dog does not interact with it, there will be no fault. Ensure your dog is on leash before you leave the ring.
- 13) TIMER & SCRIBE: Please sanitize your hands before entering and exiting the ring.
- 14) COURSE BUILDERS & RING CREW: Please sanitize your hands before entering and exiting the ring. Face masks may be required. Ring Crew may wish to bring/use their own chairs.
- 15) ENTRANCE & EXIT gates swing into the ring. They will not be latched. Please sanitize your hands before entering and exiting the ring.
- 16) TRAINING BUILDING: The building remains closed to competitors. Only the Judge, Trial Secretary, Scorekeeper, Host and Big Sky owner have access. If you need to speak to any of these individuals, please see them outside at a safe distance. Indoor crating is not available (above mentioned authorized persons excepted).
- 17) RESULTS will be posted in the area of the course maps. Please do not crowd the area. Take a photo and move on if others are waiting.
- 18) RIBBONS and ROSETTES will be provided upon request. Please let us know and we will be happy to make them available for you.
- 19) DOG MEASURING: Dogs over 2 years of age must have at least one official measurement recorded on their Dog ID Card up to June 30th, 2022. In order to limit unnecessary contact and to eliminate the need for measuring at every trial, judges will provide a one-time measure for dogs under 2 years. A temporary COVID-19 measurement card will be e-mailed to the handler to be used during this time. Dogs under 2 years of age may compete with their temporary card until they reach 2 years of age, at which point they will require an official measurement. If your dog requires measuring, you may be required to wear a mask as this procedure may cause you to come in close contact with our judge.

If you don't agree with any of the above rules please join us again when things change.

Notice to Participants and General Information

Competitors, through the submission of their entries, acknowledge that they know the AAC rules and regulations.

All dogs must have an AAC ID number that must be on the entry forms.

Note: AAC regulations require the handler to obtain an ID card directly from the AAC at the following link:

<http://aac.ca/en/Dog-Forms> Junior Handler ID: <http://aac.ca/en/Junior-Handlers-Forms> .

Title Trial: The dogs will be divided into 3 divisions (Mini, Medium & Open) and five height categories.

Regular Jump Heights: 8", 12", 16", 20", 24"

Special Jump Heights: 4", 8", 12", 16", 20" (1 jump height lower than regular)

Veteran Jump Heights: 4", 8", 12", 16", 20" (1 jump height lower than regular)

Double Drop Veteran Jump Heights: 4", 8", 12", 16" (2 jump heights lower than regular)

Refunds: There shall be no refunds in the event a dog and/or handler are dismissed from competition, regardless of the reason for such dismissal, or in the event of inclement weather. Refunds will be issued for bitches that come into heat, or dogs who are injured, providing the Trial Secretary receives a veterinarian's certificate at least 24 hours before the start of the trial. All entries must be "received by" or "postmarked by" the closing date.

Move Ups: Move ups to the next level are allowed at this trial providing the trial secretary or scorekeeper has been notified following posting of the results of qualifying score. A move up sheet will be provided.

Confirmations will be emailed to each competitor and posted on our website: <https://www.theagilityconnection.net/agility>
Cheques may be deposited at any time.

Obstacles: All obstacles conform to AAC specifications and may include - A-Frame, Dog Walk, Teeter, Weave Poles, Table (has been suspended for 2021), Flexible Tunnels, Self-healing Tire, Triple Jump, Double Jump, Panel Jump, Single Jumps. All jumps may be winged or wingless.

Facilities: This is an outdoor event that will proceed rain or shine.

- The ring measures 140 ft. by 130 ft. and has a grass surface.
- Electronic Timing will be used.
- 1 jump will be provided for warm up.

Awards:

- Qualifying Rosettes will be available for achieving an AAC qualifying score
- Placement Ribbons for 1st through 4th place will be available in each category by jump height.
- Categories may be combined for placement depending on the number of entries received.
- Title Rosettes will be available to all dogs and/or Junior Handlers receiving a Title.

Dogs:

- All dogs must be kept in an x-pen, crate or on leash when not in the ring.
- Handlers are responsible to keep their dogs quiet at all times except when running in an event.
- Handlers are responsible to clean up after their dogs
- Any dog engaging in aggressive behaviour at any time will be required to leave the trial grounds. There will be no refunds.
- Any handler displaying inhumane or aggressive treatment of any dog, physically or verbally, while on site, will be asked to leave the trial grounds. There will be no refund of fees in such instances.

Volunteers: Volunteers are essential to the running of agility trials. -We will contact you after the closing of trial entries to solicit volunteers and will do our best to accommodate your requests. THANK Q in advance for volunteering.

Directions to Big Sky Dog Centre:

Coming from Kingston? Hwy 38 / Gardiners Road: We are approximately 15 minutes from Hwy 401. Follow 38 north and turn left at Yarker Road. Take first Left onto Henderson Road. Take first left onto Florida Road. We are approximately 5 minutes down Florida Rd. Our property is on the left side at 4445 Florida Rd.

Coming from Hwy 401? Exit 599 County Rd 6 / Wilton Road: We are less than 10 minutes from Hwy 401. Follow County Rd 6 north to the flashing light at Simmons Rd. Turn Right. Proceed through the village of Wilton. Continue along Simmons Road. It ends at Florida Road. Turn Right. Our property is on the right side at 4445 Florida Road.

Link to online form: <https://form.jotform.com/221576868146265>