



**Welcome to TAC's September 9-10, 2023 Trial at Big Sky Dog Centre
With Courses Designed by Judge Sandy MacDavid (ON)**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Judge Sandy MacDavid is unable to attend TAC's trial. In her place Judges Robin Robbs and Christine Mandy will be judging her courses. All Qualifying scores will be marked as judged by Sandy MacDavid per AAC rules.

Course Maps will be emailed **2 hours before the start of the trial**. They will also be posted on the side of the building.

Arrival: Unless you are helping with TAC's set-up, **please do not arrive earlier than 8:00 a.m. Saturday & Sunday** (no exceptions).

Parking/Competitor Set-up Please park in the designated areas and do not take more than one parking space. You may crate/run your dog from your vehicle or set-up a shade tent closer to the ring. Also, you may set-up on the west side of the training building, as there is usually shade there most of the morning.

Shade: It's a very open space with really no shade. Please ensure that you and your dog are protected from the sun and heat. **Be sure to bring plenty of water for you and your dog!**

Insect Repellent: Be sure to bring bug spray, better safe than sorry. Also remember to protect yourself and your dogs from ticks if you go in the long grass.

Walking Your Dog: You're welcome to walk your dog in the fields and along Big Sky's trails. **All dogs must remain on leash in the fields and trails on the east side** (i.e., the agility ring side). You may let your dog off-leash in the field and on the trails on the west side of the property (behind and to the west of the training building.) This is a gentle reminder that the only places your dog is permitted off leash is in the ring when running the course, using the warm up jump and the off leash trail. Otherwise, your dog is to either be on leash or secure in a crate or x-pen. In addition, dogs are to be on leashes no longer than 6 ft except for the walking trails. This includes walking your dog from your car to your site.

Building: The building is off-limits to everyone except the Judge, Steacy Smith, Karen Topping, Nancy Wightman, Christine Mandy and, of course, Joe Stewart and Selena Willemsen.

Porta-Potty: Remember, there is no running water or washrooms. There will be two Porta-Potties in the parking area.

Dog Measurements: Will start 40 min prior to the start of the first event and during the day dependant on the judge's availability.

Warm up Jump: There will be one warm up jump.

Judge's Briefing: There will be traditional Judge's Briefings and the Judge will be available to answer questions during each walk-through.

Walk-throughs: Are 5 minutes each with 5 minutes between walking and first dog on line to give the first 3 teams in the events time to collect their dogs.

Gate Steward: The gate steward will call for the next dog. **It is the handler's responsibility to be ready for their run** so make sure you are on time and ready. Please enter the ring as soon as the dog ahead of you is under control and please exit the ring promptly.

Leash Runner: A leash runner will be available. In addition, there are several options to exiting the ring in a timely manner:

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| 1) Carry a leash in your pocket | 2) Leave a second leash at the exit |
| 3) Have a friend act as your leash runner | 4) Carry your dog out of the ring |

Results will be posted in the area where the course maps are posted. Please do not crowd the area, take a photo and move on if others are waiting.

Ribbons: Awards will be presented as time permits. We are very happy to provide you with your ribbons so please let us know and they will be prepared for you. Placement ribbons are self-serve.

Cookies: We encourage you to celebrate every run, Q or not. Dog cookies compliments of TAC will be available by the registration table.

Volunteers are essential to the ability to host efficient trials and so that everyone and their dog can have fun! The volunteer rosters will be posted on the easel each day. Please fill in where you can as there are still lots of empty spots. Bottled water will be available for all volunteers in a cooler located outside the building.

Spectators are permitted at this trial.

Recycling and Garbage: There are small white garbage cans available for dog poop only. Please take all other garbage and recycling home with you. Big Sky should look as lovely when we all leave as when we arrive.

Raffle: We will not be holding a Raffle at this trial. Thank you all for your support of the deserving charities you have supported this year.

If you are experiencing symptoms, please take the self-assessment test before you arrive.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>

*Be respectful to and patient with everyone and follow all trial and health precautions.
Last but not least... have fun!*