

Central Indiana Shetland Sheepdog Club Agility Trial

Thank you for working with us to keep dogs and people safe while we conduct an agility trial in these unusual circumstances. We want you to be aware of what we are planning and make sure your entry is made with an understanding of our plans and expectations of exhibitors. We plan on adhering to CDC, local government, facility and AKC guidelines. As those guidelines are updated, we may have to modify these expectations. We will notify you prior to the date of the trial if the agility committee determines more or less stringent measures are needed.

We will shred your check if you decide not to participate prior to the closing date. Withdrawals after the closing date will be refunded minus the AKC fee. Do not compete if you feel ill or have been exposed to someone who has symptoms of COVID-19. If you feel ill on the day of trial, please stay home. We will refund your entry fees minus the minimal AKC fees.

If you choose to enter you should be aware of the following:

Crating set up

- Masters and Excellent competitors each day will be allowed inside to set up in their assigned crating area at 7:15 am each day
- Those crating outside will have an opportunity to park close to the building in one of the reserved parking areas.
- There will be some limited number of chairs inside spaced 6' apart. These are reserved for those crating in their car.
- After competing Masters and Excellent competitors will leave and take all their dogs, crates; stuff with them.
- Novice and Open competitors will be allowed in the building once all the Masters and Excellent competitors have left the building and the crating areas have been sanitized. An approximate time will be communicated to these competitors in the final confirmation email/welcome letter.

Building Restrictions

- There will be no spectators in the building, just you your dog(s), crate(s) and your stuff.
- Building occupancy will be limited. All unentered dogs and visitors must remain outside. Everyone is welcome to crate outside. We are planning to reserve parking spaces closest to the building to be reserved for this crating in their car. We ask those of you who have a reserved crating space inside to park in the spaces furthest from the building, next door or in the Laser Scribe lot behind the building.
- Crating space will be assigned based on date received/first received. 30 crating spaces will be available upstairs/downstairs). After we receive and assign the 30 available crating spaces, those who want to enter will need to crate in car. Competitors will be able to choose to crate in their car or withdraw their entry without penalty unless they withdraw after closing.
- Crating spaces will be approximately 4' x 5'. A chair and hand sanitizer will be provided. Please do not bring your own chair. Competitors' crate(s), chair and any personal items must remain within assigned taped off space. You must sit inside the designate crating space with your dog, crate and stuff. We anticipate 20 crating areas downstairs and 10 upstairs. We should be able to create a few larger spaces for those with large or many dogs.
- We may designate separate entrance and exit doors so please watch for signage.
- No food service will be available. Please bring your own food and beverages.
- There will not be gate steward. Competitors can download and use the free Agility Gate app. This app will allow you to check dogs in, see running order, keep track of which dog is running, see course maps, etc.

Masks

- Mask wearing will be required in the building. Wearing a mask means covering your mouth and nose at all times. We will have a limited number of masks available for purchase. Wearing a mask while running could be required. This decision will be made by the judge.
- Ring crew will be wearing a mask

Safety and Sanitation

- We will have hand sanitizer available and hand soap in bathrooms
- Please take home all your “stuff” after you have competed in all your entered classes.
- We will be wiping down interior surfaces often. We will sanitize all crating areas after the Masters and Excellent classes and before the Open and Novice competitors enter to set up.

Changes to normal trial practices

- Course maps will be emailed to you and posted on the wall. No copies will be made.
- Please use the free Agility Gate App for information you need about running order, check in, results etc.
- During runs leashes may be placed in pocket if leash can fully fit in pocket. We will also have a leash runner/bar setter who will use a pickup stick.
- As necessary to comply with occupancy limits, walk throughs will be divided.

- Social distancing will be observed when lining up to enter the ring and throughout the trial.
- Social distancing will be in place for check in, ribbon distribution posting of results and other trial practices.

Outside of the building

- We encourage you to wear a mask and maintain social distancing while outside.
- We understand that this is a lot to digest and this is new to all of us. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.
- We also ask those crating in their cars not to share food or gather in large groups without social distancing or masks.