

Thank you for entering the Dog Training Club of Tampa's April Agility Trial. DTCT is thrilled to be able to host another agility trial in Palmetto, Florida. We will follow the same COVID procedures that were in place at our last trial(November, 2020). If there are any loosening or tightening of procedures, we will make an announcement at the trial.

We are working with the Manatee River Fair Association COVID requirements along with our requirements to make this a safe and fun trial for everyone. Please read the following procedures, and if you think you are unable to follow all of the requirements, please pull from the trial before closing (March 19, 2021). The Dog Training Club of Tampa's members have been asked by the Manatee River Fair Association to monitor all exhibitors, visitors and vendors for compliance. Please be respectful of these requirements:

If at any time you have COVID symptoms or are exposed to someone with COVID after closing, please contact Lori Patterson, Trial Secretary tslorip@gmail.com or Carol Lukes, Trial Chairman weims3@outlook.com

MASKS Requirements – Masks are not required when running your dog or on the grounds (outside the ring) when more than 6' away from another exhibitor, Camper, visitor, worker, club member, vendor or Manatee County Fair employee with 2 EXCEPTIONS: 1) no mask is required if you are a minimum of 12' away from the exhibitor exiting the ring after their run and until the exhibitor is breathing normally and 2) no mask or social distancing is required if you are living in the same household.

Situations may arise when people come closer than 6': therefore, you need to keep a mask accessible and immediately put it on. i.e. have it around your neck or in your pocket if going for your ribbon, walking down the center aisles, checking results, picking up your ribbon, etc.

WALK-THRUS

Walk-thrus will be split into smaller groups. **During the Walk-Thru, masks / face coverings will be required. See ACCEPTABLE FACE MASKS in the BE SURE TO PACK section below!**

At the end of the walk-thru and exiting the ring, the mask needs to stay on until you have exited and are a minimum of 6' away from everyone.

BE SURE TO PACK

1. MASKS that fit and are worn properly while covering your chin, mouth and nose. (DTCT will have a limited number of disposable masks available for a \$1.00 donation.)

ACCEPTABLE MASKS:

A gaiter that is at least 2 layers or the gaiter may be used to help hold an “acceptable” mask on more tightly

Cloth masks must:

- Be at least 2 layers

- Shall be anchored at all 4 corners behind the ears, neck or head

- Does not have an exhalation vent

An N95 type mask that:

- Is anchored at all 4 corners

- Does not have an exhalation Vent

A Face Shield is acceptable when sitting but due to many of the designs, a minimum of 6’ distancing is required when wearing a Face Shield. The shield must cover the entire Face from forehead to past the chin They will not be allowed during the walk-thrus. “Mini” shields are not acceptable.

Face coverings may not be modified except to create a better fit around the ears or head. Anyone wearing a face covering improperly, or using a face cover that has been modified in any other manner may be asked to leave the trial site with no refund.

2. Your Personal Hand Sanitizer (In addition, Manatee will have sanitizing stations placed throughout the arena.) Use of Hand Sanitizer is highly recommended on a frequent basis.
3. Gloves (While they last, DTCT will have 1,000 pairs of gloves for workers, course builders, judges and leash runner but please bring your own, too)

CAMPING

Campers will need to park in a manner that provides the necessary 6’ distancing. Minimum 6’ social distancing must be maintained if having friends outside at your RV, and this includes happy hours, dinners, cookouts, etc. If 6’ social distancing is not maintained, everyone will need to wear a MASK or will be asked to leave the grounds with no refund.

EXITING THE RING AFTER YOUR RUN

When exiting the ring, allow a minimum of 12' (preferably more) as you may be breathing hard. Both the exhibitor running and the exhibitors watching are responsible for the minimum 12' distancing of the exiting exhibitor.

CRATING

NO MATS will be allowed. Due to the number of exhibitors we have and the 6' minimum requirement for social distancing, only mats/cushions directly under your crate will be allowed. Please consolidate your space. 6' social distancing for crating must be maintained, and this includes the concrete area, in the grandstands, as well as all campsites will need the minimum 6' separation.

If you have friends and other exhibitors walking by or stopping to talk, a minimum of 6' social distancing must be maintained, or both parties need a mask on. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** It is both of your responsibilities. If talking in groups within 6' with no mask on, you may be asked to leave the trial with no refund.

SOCIAL DISTANCING & MASKS

ONLY if you live within the same household, can you be closer than 6' without a mask on. At the trial and anywhere onsite, including the RV area, bathrooms, ribbon table, secretary table, crating area, vendors, etc., you must keep 6' distancing. **If someone appears to be approaching you without a mask, you should back up or step away, OR you both will need to put on your mask if there is not a minimum 6' distance.**

WHEN YOU NEED TO WEAR A MASK

During the walkthrus!

Anytime you are closer than 6' to another exhibitor, trial worker, judge, vendor or Manatee County Fair Association employee. It is **BOTH your responsibility and the person you are walking next to or passing within 6' that will need a mask on.** This would include walking down the center aisles, in the bathrooms, getting your ribbons, talking to the judge, talking to the trial secretary, etc. You should have your MASK always accessible.

ANYTIME you are within 12' from the exhibitor exiting the ring.

NO EXCEPTIONS! NO 6' minimum social distancing, no MASK, you may be asked to leave the trial with NO refund.

RIBBONS

Ribbons and stickers will only be handled by a DTCT club member. Your results will be posted in the hallway. You will need to let the ribbon person know what class, what jump height. She will only have the stickers. If you are within 6' of the Ribbon person, you will need an "Acceptable mask" worn correctly.

GATE

Only the gate person will check you in or move you. If not available, do not stress, you will get moved and checked in. (All will be done to separate your dogs as much as possible.)

RESTROOMS

Manatee will sanitize/clean the restrooms each day. At the entrance to both restrooms, there will be sanitizing wipes available.

MISCELLANEOUS

What to expect during the trial:

Course Maps will be posted in the aisle way leading to the bathrooms. **DO NOT REMOVE.** You can take a picture and maps will be sent after 6:00 pm the night before the next day's trial. No paper maps will be available.

A running order will be posted (one will be sent to all exhibitors the Tuesday before the trial.)

Check-in for your run with the gate steward – if you check yourself in, please use your own pen/marker.

Briefings may be done inside the ring, and you will need to wear your "acceptable" mask correctly. If outside the ring w/o a mask, a minimum of 6' social distancing is required.

There may be obsessive walk-thrus while wearing an "acceptable" mask and the final decision will be based upon time and at the judge's discretion.

All walk-thrus will be sized appropriately, and there may be more than one walk thru per class.

Queuing up for your run, everyone will need to social distance a minimum of 6'.