

TBAC Covid-19 Trial Guidelines – 2020

TBAC and associates (DTCSP) plan to make the environment and agility trial as safe as possible for our exhibitors, staff, and judge. We have put in place the following guidelines for agility trials during this time. ***We are doing our best to make this trial safe.***

Please respect our changes to keep everyone healthy.

Please pack and bring with you the following:

Hand sanitizer

Disinfecting Wipes, preferably in a baggie in your pocket

Lunch, Snack & Drinks

Mask(s) – **we will have a limited number of disposable masks available for \$2.00 if you forget. Limit one per weekend.**

Gloves – Gloves are an individual choice. We will only have gloves available for course builders

Gate board MARKER so you can self-check-in, writing pen

Phone with a camera or a camera for taking pictures of the results, course maps; no paper course maps

A leash that fits in your pocket or around your waist or crossbody during your run if you choose to keep it

A personal chair

Due to Covid-19, the following general guidelines will be in effect:

We will comply with all federal, state, and local laws. Anyone ill for any reason must stay home.

Entering a trial at any time is entirely at your own risk and requires personal responsibility.

We will be following the guidelines setup by the DTCSP for activities inside their building Mask wearing is REQUIRED even during your run.

DTCSP MASK POLICY: Approved by the DTCSP Board of Directors, Sept. 10, 2020: The Dog Training Club of St Petersburg is committed to the Safety of our exhibitors, students, and instructors. We are monitoring the recommendations of the CDC, State, and County health agencies, and are adopting a mask policy that is in compliance with the Pinellas County ordinance and provides reasonable and sensible protection for everyone.

Until further notice, Face Coverings are to be worn in the building at all times.

DTCSP defines faces coverings as a cloth mask that

- Covers both nose and mouth including the chin and should be at least 2 layers
- Is anchored at all 4 corners behind the ears, neck or head
- Does not have an exhalation vent

Or : An N95 type mask that

- Is anchored at all 4 corners
- Does not have an exhalation vent

Or :A Face Shield that

- Covers the entire face from forehead past the chin
- Has a “wrap” at the edges which extend to cover the sides of the nose and mouth
- Those who choose to wear a face shield must maintain social distancing.

Face coverings may be removed only while drinking or eating. People must be seated while eating and drinking, and masks must be replaced when finished. Face coverings may not be modified except to create a better fit around the ears or head. Anyone wearing face covering improperly or using a face cover that has been modified in any other manner is considered to be in violation of our policy and will be asked to leave. No refunds will be issued for classes or trials under our control.

In the event that you need a medical exemption from wearing a mask, we will address your issue on a case by case basis. **Those with medical exemptions must maintain social distancing at all times.**

If you have been **exposed to someone with COVID-19** over the past 2 weeks, if you have been in an airplane in the past 2 weeks or if you feel feverish or have any of the symptoms of COVID-19, please pull from our trial.

If exposure to COVID-19 occurs or you have COVID-19 symptoms after our closing, please contact the Trial Chair as soon as possible by phone number in the premium.

Ring Protocol

Three people will be allowed to line up in the chute entering the ring 6' apart. **A rag dampened with disinfectant will be hanging over the gate. Please enter/exit with hand on the rag or push/pull with your arm/elbow.**

All public surfaces will be wiped down by the staff several times daily. Some hand sanitizer will also be available, but please bring your own.

Wash hands frequently.

Workers

Bar Setters will wear your own mask and gloves or use disinfecting wipes while working in the ring. The judge will not be asked to set any bars. Wipe down chair if you chose not to use your own.

Timer/Scribe - the Scribe will be the only person handling the scribe sheets. Sheets will be checked by the scribe against the running order prior to the class. It is recommended that you bring your own pen. **All completed scribe sheets will be placed in the basket for the sheet runner to take to the scoring table.** Social distancing will apply between scribe and timer. At end of class, timer will wipe down the timer box.

Gate Steward - There will be a line marking the safe space around the gate steward. Exhibitors should not enter this space. The GS is the only person that can move the board from the check-in table to the easel.

Check in ring side will be verbal. If additional markings on the run order are required after the boards have been placed on the easel, only the gate steward may make them. GS will dispose of run order sheets when the class is finished;

Leash runner – Exhibitors may choose to place leashes in their pockets or wear them (around waist, crossbody, etc.) If you put the leash in your pocket and the dog grabs the leash, this will be scored as "E". If the leash falls out of the handler's pocket or off their body, there is no call unless the dog were to grab it. If you do not wish to carry your leash with you, the leash runner will use a grabber or paper towel to pick up any leash left at the start

line and put it on a chair at the end of the run. Grabbers will be disinfected.

All workers should wash their hands as soon as they are finished working a class.

Please leave the Agility area when you are finished working. Only ring crew can touch the equipment.

Check in & Results - There will be one master location for check-in prior to your class. Boards will be separated. Please bring your own pen/marker to mark yourself in, or ask the gate person to check you in if you are running late. Please use 6' social distancing at check-in. Hardcopy courses will not be available. If the courses are posted at the site, please do not remove them.

The "Initial" Results after each class, (after each jump height in M/E) will be posted on the wall. Check the results ... take a picture. "Official" results will be emailed to you after the trial.

Ribbon/stickers/prizes will not be self-served. A worker will place stickers on them and bring them to a table for pickup. Use social distancing when picking up ribbons. Please view prizes and touch and take ONLY the one you want.

Exhibitors.....Social Distance and wear your mask.

Please be respectful of your fellow exhibitors. **Walk thrus** will be limited based upon entry numbers. While walking, please be considerate and follow social distancing rules and proper turn taking. No obsessive walk-thrus will be held.

MACH/PACH/PAX ribbons will be available – MACH/PACH bars will be available.

No MACH or BIRTHDAY cakes at the trial. Food & Drinks will not be available. There are eating options near.

If you would like to help at the trial, conta

Bonnie Scott, Worker Scheduler, at Ascott@Tampabay.rr.com

We need your help. Please volunteer!!!!

Worker tickets will be available for helping. Tickets can be used at future trials or vendors.

Refunds: TBAC will refund trial fees less \$3.50 per run for dogs injured or ill, or for handlers injured or ill. In each case, the person making the claim must produce a veterinarian's or medical doctor's note on office letterhead dated before the trials begin or within one week after the trials finish to receive the refund. Refunds are not issued for less than \$10. **If you are sick with Covid-19 symptoms and you provide us a medical note as above, we will gladly refund your entry less AKC fees per run.**

TBAC would like everyone to have a Safe and Fun time.

If you are unable to follow these procedures at the trial, we will, unfortunately, ask you to leave. We want everyone to be safe.

We would like you to come, but if you think you should pull, please do it before closing. Thank you for your support and understanding!

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Covid-19 continues to change our daily lives. If you are entering our trial, please be sure that you are comfortable with our new guidelines and are willing to comply with social distancing and wearing a mask. Exhibitors not complying with these guidelines will be asked to leave and not issued a refund.

Please print and sign this page and enclose it with your entry.

I have read the Covid-19 Guidelines for trials with TBAC above, understand them, and I am willing to comply with them. To the best of my knowledge, I do not have Covid-19 or its symptoms. TBAC and its partners are in no way liable for any present or future Covid-19 infection incurred at any time, by any person, in attendance or not, before, during or after this Event. I understand that a valid entry requires my signature verifying my agreement with this document.

Print Name

Signature

Date:_____