

Briefing from the Trial Chair

On behalf of the Altoona Area Kennel Association, Inc., I would like to welcome you to our July 2021 agility trial operating under the PA Governor's recently lifted guidelines. We hope everyone has a safe, fun, and enjoyable weekend with lots of Qs! Please, be patient and kind to each other as we trial under these relaxed guidelines. Feel free to offer positive suggestions to us throughout the weekend. We need lots of help! Please hop in to keep the rings running smoothly. The ring herders will put your name in the raffle each time you work; and a \$5 gift card will be awarded after each class is completed.

We are excited to have a great SAFE, FUN weekend and enjoy the relaxed PA guidelines. Masks are not required in the building or while running the course, but please feel free to wear a mask if you desire. We ask that you continue to practice safe procedures and sanitize and wash hands often. If you choose not to keep your leash securely with you, our leash runner will transport your leash to the exit gate. We will also sanitize the gates after each class for our safety in entering and exiting the rings. Hand sanitizer will be provided outside the rings.

Please check in on the gate boards using your own pen or by sanitizing and using a "public" pen, but once the boards go to the rings and the class has started, please ask the gate steward to mark the board for you. A volunteer will hand your Q label and requested ribbon/s to you after they are released. You may pick up one complimentary gift for each dog entered for the weekend, but please take only the one you touched.

The course maps, barring any technical problems, will be on the trial website as listed in your confirmation letter: www.aakaagilitytrial.com. Course maps will also be posted conveniently inside the building. If you desire, feel free to social distance throughout the trial arena.

As always, pick up after your dogs at the trial facilities and the motels. Your dog must be kept on leash at all times anywhere on the B&D property for their safety. Please be aware of the natural wildlife on the property, i.e., foxes, deer, etc.

Again, if at all possible, please volunteer to help. We certainly appreciate any help you can give us to keep the rings running smoothly.

Thank you for helping to have a fun, safe, weekend for everyone!! Have a great weekend!!

Carol Metz
AAKA Agility Trial Chair