

Briefing from the Trial Chair

On behalf of the Altoona Area Kennel Association, I would like to welcome you to our new 3-day agility trial operating under “New Normal” guidelines. We hope everyone has a safe, “cool”, and enjoyable weekend with lots of Qs! Please, be patient and kind to each other as we work through this “New Normal”. 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.

To have a great SAFE weekend, don't forget to follow all guidelines, especially wear your mask, social distance, and hand sanitize often. Since the July 1 PA Mask-Wearing Mandate, you must now run the courses with your mask. If you choose not to keep your leash securely with you, our leash runner will use a paper towel to transport your leash to the exit gate. We will also sanitize the gates periodically for our safety in entering and exiting the rings.

Please do not touch the check in boards; a volunteer or gate steward will mark you present on the boards at your request. A volunteer will hand your Q label and requested ribbon/s to you after they are released. This person will also give you a complimentary gift for each dog entered for the weekend.

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 two places inside the building. The traffic pattern will be marked on the glass or metal doors in the main 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. some very large foxes.

Again, please volunteer to help if at all possible. 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
AKA Agility Trial Chair