

Briefing from the Trial Chair

On behalf of the Altoona Area Kennel Association, Inc., I would like to welcome you to our May 2021 agility trial operating under “New Normal” 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 continue using these mandated 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.

To have a great SAFE weekend, don't forget to follow all guidelines, especially wear your mask even when running the course, social distance, and hand sanitize often. If you choose not to keep your leash securely with you, our leash runner will use a paper towel or grabber to transport your leash to the exit gate. We will also sanitize the gates periodically or after each class for our safety in entering and exiting the rings. Hand sanitizer will be provided at the end of the exit chutes.

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. Please 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!!

Darlene Ormsby
AAKA Agility Trial Chair