

GUIDELINES FOR COVIDSAFE DOGS VICTORIA NEW YEARS EVE AGILITY TRIAL

These guidelines outline safety measures in place to prevent COVID-19 transmission during the event.

ARRIVAL AND GAZEBO SET UP

- Gazebos must be set up at least 1.5 meters apart
- Competitors may not share gazebos unless they are from the same household
- Recommend each gazebo should have hand sanitizer available
- Personal equipment should not be shared
- All attendees should bring their own food and drinks

CHECK IN

- It is expected that anyone who is unwell will not attend – this includes competitors, spectators, volunteers, and judges. If you attend this event it will be assumed that you have declared that you do not have symptoms or have been to any hot spot areas in the 14 days prior to the event and are not in quarantine for any reason.
- Competitors must check themselves in (no collecting of other's numbers allowed)
- Spectators will be limited to helpers and household members of competitors, they must also check in and will have their name and phone number recorded for contact tracing if required
- Should you or anyone in your group develop symptoms: isolate away from others immediately and report symptoms to trial secretary or COVID Marshall ASAP.
- All event attendees are expected to always maintain 1.5 meters distancing for their own safety. Please be polite to our COVID Marshalls if you are asked to move away
- All event attendees are required to always carry a face mask with them. Emergency replacement masks are available from the trial secretary if required. Masks must be worn whenever distancing is not possible.

RING SET UP AND ASSISTING WITH COURSE CHANGES

- Hand sanitizer will be available in all rings and should be used before and after handling equipment
- Masks should be worn when assisting with ring set up and course changes
- Disinfectant wipes will be available in all rings. Equipment common touch points (e.g. bars, wing uprights, tunnel bag handles) should be wiped with disinfectant wipes at set up and with course changes

STEWARDS TENT

- No competitors or spectators are to enter the steward's tent at any time.
- Stewards are to maintain 1.5 meter distancing in the tent
- No shared food (no lolly jar ☺)
- Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes will be available in the tent
- No shared equipment e.g. pens, iPad etc.
- Timing gate controller should be wiped with disinfectant wipe between classes

COURSE WALKING

- Competitors are to wear masks when walking courses
- Competitors should try to maintain as much distance as possible and not congregate in areas

- Competitors should move away from the equipment when discussing handling options to avoid congregating in large groups

ASSEMBLY AND RUNNING OF RING

- Competitors should maintain 1.5 meter distancing when lining up to enter the ring
- Spectators are not to congregate at ring entrances or exits
- When the judge indicates it is safe to do so, leads may be removed from the dog and either placed in a pocket or placed at the ring exit by the competitor.
- Timely management of leads is essential to ensure the trial runs efficiently. Competitors are asked to manage their leads as quickly as possible

PACK UP

- Competitors are encouraged to help with pack up. Please ensure hand sanitizer is used after touching equipment
- Masks should be worn during pack up when distancing is not possible especially when around the trailer

PRESENTATIONS

- Masks must be worn during presentations held indoors
- Physical distancing is to be maintained
- There will be no handshakes during presentations
- Pass Cards and Prizes will be placed on a table near the judge for collection by the competitors

HEIGHT MEASURING

- All participants are wear masks during height measuring
- Forms must be completed prior to measuring
- Handlers should maintain 1.5 meters distancing when waiting for their turn
- Measurers should provide their own pens for signing forms and use hand sanitizer between dogs

CLEANING

- Disinfectant wipes/spray will be available in toilets and common areas
- Please wipe taps and door handles after use
- Please use hand sanitizer after handling commonly touched surfaces like door handles and taps

SAFE USE OF MASKS

- Masks should be changed if they become wet or soiled or hard to breathe through
- Once applied and adjusted, avoid touching the mask especially the front of the mask
- If required, handle the mask by the ear loops or ties
- When not in use, recommend using a plastic bag before placing it in a pocket
- Always use hand sanitizer before and after handling masks