# TRIAL INFORMATION

# Central Virginia Agility Club,

February 6-7, 2021



## Level Up Dog Sports, 8438 Old Richfood Rd, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Welcome to our third trial to be held under the regulations and guidelines resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic! Central Virginia Agility Club (**CVAC**) has put in place the following procedures for our agility trial at Level Up Dogs Sports (**LUDS**) in Mechanicsville, VA, on February 6-7, 2021, with the safety of our exhibitors and adherence to State, CDC and AKC requirements and guidelines being our main priority. Rules and guidelines are subject to change and we will keep you updated with any changes that occur prior to the trial.

### YOU MUST WEAR A MASK WHEN RUNNING YOUR DOG – no exceptions. (Face shields can be worn but a mask must be worn under it)

Please note the running order!

<u>Saturday-Sunday:</u> All of one height group (e.g., 4-16-inch dogs) will run their Standard and JWW courses. <u>They will then be able to leave.</u>. Then the next height group will run their classes. They can then leave. Open and Novice classes will be run at the end of the day.

Walkthroughs have been reduced in numbers to allow for social distancing. While walking, please be considerate and follow 6' social distancing rules. (WEAR YOUR MASK AT ALL TIMES)

**You have been assigned a Walkthrough group** – please see the Running order and be prepared to walk when called to the building. A CVAC member will let each group into the building to walk, through the Entry door, once the previous group has completed their walkthrough and exited using the Exit door.

## Please bring with you the following:

- Hand sanitizer/Wipes (CVAC has been donated sanitizers which we will give to exhibitors from **Santa Cruz Animal Health** (https://www.scahealth.com/p/ultracruz-hand-sanitizing-gel). Larger bottles of sanitizer are for Club workers' use at the trial and must not be removed.
- Gloves if you wish to wear them.
- Lunch, Snack & Drinks (no food/drinks will be available and no MACH/PACH cakes are allowed 🙁)
- Phone/iPad with a camera or a camera for taking pictures of the results, course maps etc.
- A leash that fits in your pocket or around your waist or crossbody during your run if you chose to run with your leash. There will be a leash runner using a grabber tool to carry your leash to the exit gate. Per AKC guidelines ... "exhibitors may choose to place leashes in their pockets or wear them (around waist, crossbody, etc.) during their runs. If the dog grabs the leash this will be scored as "E". If the leash falls out of the handler's pocket or off, of their body, there is no call unless the dog were to grab it. "
- Mask(s) You must wear a mask at all times in the building and outside the building, and your mask must be worn when running your dog. (if you forget or lose your mask CVAC has some you can buy for \$2.50 at the trial)

The judge and all workers will wear masks at all times.

LUDS will sanitize equipment and disinfect all surfaces, including the floor and equipment, before the event and after each day of the event using EPA-registered disinfectants. LUDS will not provide PPE.

We will have a designated Gate Steward who will mark in exhibitors – there will be no self-check in except by using the Agility Gate App (see below).

There will be an Entry Only door (which will be propped open) into the building and cover will be provided with an EZ up tent (this is on the side where you normally park) you will exit through the door on the opposite side of the building. There will be fenced off walkways to the ring and for leaving the ring. Only 5 dogs can be inside the building waiting to run. A minimum of 6 feet is to be maintained between each handler while waiting to run. You will be called into the building by the gate.

There will not be a designated warm-up area inside the building. A small, fenced area with a warm-up jump will be available on the grass in front of the building. Please use caution when using the jump and be aware of other dogs waiting to enter the arena.

**Inside crating is restricted** and is ONLY for designated workers/Club members who have been given permission to crate inside by the Trial Chair. Anyone trying to crate inside without permission will be asked to leave. If crating out of your car, please be aware of the weather – this is Virginia so we could have all 4 seasons in one day!

**Parking** – Parking in the alleyway on the Exit door side of the building is for trial officials only. Anyone parking there without permission will be asked to move. Please be attentive to parking spaces. Please refer to picture below (should be accurate – but always do a reality check). You can park on the road in front of the facility – but not in areas marked by traffic cones or in front of fire hydrants.

Anyone crating inside the building is allowed to unload and then we request that you park away from the building to allow those working out of their cars to park closer to the building.



Course Maps will be posted on Sunrise Agility's website after 8 p.m. the night before each day's trial:

https://sunriseagility.com/2020/11/05/feb-6-7-central-virginia-agility-club/

We will have posted course maps at the trial site, but we will not have individual maps for you to take. Use your camera in your phone to take a picture, if you haven't downloaded the maps from the website.

Ribbons will be available on a table inside the building. We ask that you maintain social distancing when collecting your ribbons during walkthroughs. Announcements will be made via the Remind App when labels are available. Results will be emailed to you as soon as possible and posted outside.

We cannot allow general spectators in the building, so sadly there is no viewing/standing to watch the dog running in the Agility ring. We hope to have runs livestreamed to You Tube curtesy of LUDS.

Only ring crew and our designated course builders will touch the equipment.

There will be no Master/Excellent briefings. They will be held for Novice/Open briefings, please be considerate and exercise social distancing during these briefings.

We will be using two apps to help manage the trial. Remind and Agility Gate. Please download them before the trial if you wish to use them. See below for more information.

CVAC is looking forward to holding AKC agility trials in the Richmond area, partnering with LUDS to make this a safe and fun event. We realized this is a "no frills" trial and is different to what we are used to pre COVID with many restrictions. However, the health and safety of everyone is paramount if we wish to run agility at this time. If during the trial you are unable to follow these procedures, we will ask you to leave and your entry fees will **not be refunded**. We want everyone to be safe.

CHECK-IN - We will use the **Agility Gate** app for check-in instead of checking in at the physical gate. To use the app, you will need to download the free app from the Appstore or Google Play. (i-phone or Android)

The Code for this trial was selected by Willow Martin and will be sent out to Exhibitors on Friday.

From the Agility Gate app, you can:

- Check in your dog; Mark your dog absent; Mark Conflict; Mark FEO
- Follow in real time where we are in the running order. On the app you can see as the gate-steward marks each dog on the line the same way you normally see it on the gate-board. The dog will have a line through the name once it steps on the line. You will see the whole gate-sheet(s) and see who is up; how many dogs until you can line up and go inside; how many dogs left to run in the height etc.

Please visit https://agilitygate.com/ before the trial to see how it works and there is also a video that you can watch.

You can check in from 6am each trial day.

## **REMIND APP**

We will use the REMIND app during the weekend to send announcements such as when courses are ready for walk-through, when ribbons are ready, when the VMOs are available to measure dogs. Here is a link to join the "Remind class on your phone. <u>https://www.remind.com/join/cvacf</u> USE YOUR PHONE TO CLICK THE LINK. If you have trouble joining the class email the trial secretary your phone number and she will add you to the class.

PLEASE NOTE : These apps are aids only – it is still the responsibility of the handler to make sure they are at their walkthroughs and are at the gate when it is their turn to run.

Starts at 8 am SATURDAY	Starts at 8 am SUNDAY
Small to Tall	Tall to Small
Judge: Sherry Jefferson	Judge: Sherry Jefferson
Master/Exc Standard 4-16	Master/Exc Standard 24-20
Master /Exc JWW 4-16	Master/Exc JWW 24-20
Master/Exc JWW 20-24	Master /Exc JWW 16-4
Master/Exc Standard 20-24	Master/Exc Standard 16-4
Open Standard	Open Standard
Novice Standard	Novice Standard
Open JWW	Open JWW
Novice JWW	Novice JWW

#### SATURDAY

#### MASTER/EXCELLENT 4-16 Standard and JWW (There will not be a judge's briefing)

7:00 a.m. – Site opens

7:45 a.m. - First walk-through for STD: First dog on the line promptly at 8:00 a.m.

#### MASTER/EXCELLENT 20-24 JWW and Standard

Master/Excellent JWW 20"-24" course will not open for walk through before completion of 4"-16" JWW. Please time your arrival accordingly. The posted preliminary timeline and the Agility Gate app can help you gauge when to arrive.

#### **OPEN AND NOVICE ALL DOGS**

Open Standard course will be built at the completion of 20"-24". Master/Exc Standard. The Judge's Briefing may take place while the course is being built. Please time your arrival accordingly. The same procedure will be used for Novice Standard and Open and Novice JWW. The posted preliminary timeline and the Agility Gate app can help you gauge when to arrive.

#### <u>SUNDAY</u>

#### MASTER/EXCELLENT 24-20 Standard and JWW

7:00 a.m. – Site opens

7:45 a.m. - Judge's briefing and first walk-through for Standard: First dog on the line promptly at 8:00 a.m.

#### MASTER/EXCELLENT 16-4 JWW and Standard

Master/Excellent JWW 16"-4" course will not open for walk through before completion of 24"-20" JWW. Please time your arrival accordingly. The posted preliminary timeline and the Agility Gate app can help you gauge when to arrive.

#### **OPEN AND NOVICE ALL DOGS**

Open Standard course will be built at the completion of 16"-4". Master/Exc Standard. The Judge's Briefing may take place while the course is being built. Please time your arrival accordingly. The same procedure will be used for Novice Standard and Open and Novice JWW. The posted preliminary timeline and the Agility Gate app can help you gauge when to arrive.

#### **MEASURING:**

We will have three VMO's at the trial. Any dog needing a measurement to run must be measured before their first run. **ONLY ENTERED DOGS WILL BE MEASURED**.

#### **VOLUNTEERS**:

We will be limiting how many people are in the building and ring at any one time. Because of this CVAC members will be workers at this trial.

#### SITE INFORMATION

This trial will be held at Level Up Dog Sports, 8438 Old Richfood Rd, Mechanicsville, VA 23116. This is an indoors, temperature-controlled facility, the ring-footing is synthetic turf on padding.

Inside crating including the inner crating room are for Key Workers ONLY – anyone crating inside the building, or in the inner crating room without permission from the Trial Chair will be asked to move.

IMPORTANT: All turf accidents must be reported immediately, and a \$5.00 clean-up fee paid.

Dogs must be kept on leash when not in the ring.

Access to the front offices of Level Up is restricted to LUDS staff only.

#### **VETERINARY SERVICES:**

- Veterinarian On Call: 24-hour emergency services: <u>Dogwood Veterinary Emergency</u> 5918 W Broad St, Richmond, VA 23230, Phone: 804-716-4700
- <u>Veterinary Emergency and Specialty Center</u> 3312 West Cary St, Richmond, VA 804-353-9000

#### DIRECTIONS TO THE TRIAL SITE - see premium

HOTELS: - see premium

**RV INFORMATION** - NO OVERNIGHT RV'S, OR DAY PARKING, ON SITE. Small RV's may **day park** on the roads leading to the site.

**RESTROOMS –** Porta-Johns will be available

PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOGS. You are welcome to potty your dogs on the grass in front of the building. Do not potty dogs in the front grass areas of the other businesses.

# GOOD LUCK AND MAY ALL YOUR RUNS BE FUN!

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