

Rainier Agility Team Covid Safety Procedures

Procedures are subject to change pending Washington State guidelines, County guidelines, and recommendations from the CDC.

Exhibitors must be responsible for their personal hygiene and health, physical distancing, dogs, dog walking area, crating area and parking. Exhibitors are asked to stay home if they are experiencing any symptoms of illness.

Exhibitors may be asked to leave if they do not follow club listed procedures, facility guidelines and rules while on the property, or comply with directions by the trial chair.

1. Competition Arena

- Arena doors will remain open for maximum ventilation.
- Masks required while walking within the arena. Exhibitors are required to bring their own masks. Running in masks will be dictated by the governing venue or the facility guidelines.
- Masks can be removed in exhibitor's crating space while maintaining physical distancing of 6 feet or more, unless required to be on at all times by the facility.
- It is highly suggested that exhibitors bring popups and crate outside or in their vehicles. Limited space will be available inside. Personal chairs will be allowed in the crating area. No chairs will be allowed ringside.

2. Course Maps will not be printed for exhibitors

- Course maps will be posted in multiple locations for exhibitors to take photo.
- Pending governing venue – maps may be emailed the night before the following days' trial.

3. Main Ring(s)

- Sanitation station(s) will be available as you enter arena (this does require RAT to provide them if they are not provided by facility)
- Chairs will be provided for ring crew/workers.
- Exhibitors must maintain 6' physical distancing.
- Gate Steward will be checking in participants – they will call out dogs' names while participants walk course.

- One ring trials will use a second ring, if available, to make a crating area.
- Exhibitors, unless volunteering and are wearing gloves, are not to touch anything except ribbons and/or food that they take & their personal property

4. Dog Measuring – measuring will only be completed if available and required by the governing venue.

5. Results and Award area

- Results will be posted on a wall – participants may take photos while maintaining the 6' physical distance from others.
- Ribbons will be available for pickup.
- Stickers may be available.

6. Running

- Walk-thrus; masks will be required.
- There will be smaller walk thru groups to allow for physical distancing.
- Masks may be removed while running if allowed by the governing venue and the facility.
- Masks will be the responsibility of the runner to store while running (carry in pocket or around neck).
- Leashes can be carried by the runner, but if a dog tugs or pulls on the leash, the team may receive a fault or NQ (as decided by the governing venue).
- Ring gates should be designed in such a way that exhibitors don't need to touch them. If the venue requires a gate that closes, it should be configured so that the exhibitor can push open with knee or foot.
- Designated, marked spots will be set up for exhibitors to queue up.

7. Bathrooms

- Bathrooms and/or porta-potties will have hand sanitizer gel or soap and water as advised by CDC.

8. Hospitality

- No potlucks or lunch will be provided to exhibitors.
- Packaged snacks may be available, but it is advised for exhibitors to bring their own food and drinks. Coffee, tea, and water may be available.

9. Workers

- All ring workers must wear masks and gloves. Gloves will be provided.
- Leash runners must use the “grab it tool”.
- Gate steward & board need to have a 6’ perimeter around them. It is recommended there be a gate assistant whose job it is to go & call for people to queue up as a way to keep the area around the gate steward clear.
- Scribe sheets are to only be touched by scribes, and they should also be their own scribe runner. Timers and scribes must wear masks and sit as far apart at the table as is possible. Alternately, one volunteer could both time & scribe.
- There will be two containers for Gate & Scribe pens, one labeled Clean and one labeled Used. Used ones will be cleaned throughout the day for reuse by the Chief Ring Steward or alternate volunteer.
- Tables and the timer will be wiped down between change of workers by the Chief Ring Steward or alternate volunteer.

10. Judges’ Table & Score Table

- Each judge will have their own table with a 6’ perimeter. No one is to touch the judge’s table or to approach the judge while they are at their table.
- There will be a ‘do not cross’ line at the score table for exhibitors to stand behind if they need to approach the score table.