

CPE TRIAL GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE MAY 11, 2020
The host club has the option to alter a guideline for their
respected site, local or state guidelines.

PHILOSOPHY OF CPE

For the dog and handler to have fun while successfully competing for performance titles as a cohesive unit, achieved through positive training and teamwork.

Remember to do this in a friendly Environment

As dog sports are very “social”, we are choosing not to use the term
“social distancing” rather refer to it as “physical distancing”.

The guidelines below are effective through Dec 31, 2020 unless amended and/or posted otherwise. These guidelines include points for agility and canine scent sport – some points may not be applicable for both and may need to change or add depending on which and the respective site.

It is not feasible for CPE to know of all local, state, and federal guidelines. The club and exhibitors need to stay current on those guidelines leading up to their event. Please be aware that currently, it is up to you to maintain physical distancing guidelines when catching up with friends and talking about the course etc. Not respecting the local, state and government guidelines can cause issues for the club and/or site. Be aware these precautions may lead to a longer day than previously experienced vs the entries received. If a club wishes to have a no touch thermometer on site, one was found online for \$65.

If you are ill, please stay home. If the club deems an exhibitor ill at the event, they have the option to excuse that exhibitor.

Make sure your dog is ok with people wearing masks. We don't want a dog becoming fearful due to something they've never seen before.

ADDITIONAL WAIVER: each club will have an additional entry waiver that all handlers must sign to compete. The waiver will be included with the email the secretaries send out with the running order (CPE Trial Information email), at least 7 days before the trial. Each handler must sign and return the form electronically to the trial secretary or present the waiver to the trial secretary upon arrival or they cannot run.

GLOVES: Gloves are an individual choice unless the club requires them for something or as suggested below. Studies show frequent hand washing is better than gloves in many cases. Gloves may need to be used for handing out ribbons, bottles of water, etc. In that case, the wearer must be VERY aware of not touching anything else during that time. If as an exhibitor, you prefer to wear gloves, you will need to bring enough for the times you will need to wear them. Please dispose of gloves properly.

MASKS: Masks are to be worn by anyone within the ring (building, walking, running, judging). Masks are up to the individual, club, local, state and government guidelines when not within the ring. Exhibitors who will be wearing masks will need to bring enough masks for the duration of the trial and dispose of single use masks properly.

FOOD: Potlucks are strongly discouraged at this time. Other food, snacks and water bottles are at the discretion of the club.

BATHROOMS & HAND WASHING: The club may need to have rules in place for bathrooms (unisex, etc). If the building is limited on how many people are inside at a time, when using bathrooms, please leave the building when done. When a public restroom is not onsite, a handwashing station or similar access to water and soap must be available. Not only now, but always, washing hands and not touching your face decreases the spread of germs. Hand dryers should not be used at this time, have paper towels available for drying hands.

CRATING & SPECTATING: Will need to be outlined by each club respective to the site. Physical distancing will need to be considered.

Suggestions for outdoor crating: - be considerate how you park and don't run your car when not driving to prevent exhaust from entering another car - Bring a shade tent or screens if you'll be crating out of your car or near your car - Stock up on batteries for crate fans.

Handicapped / Differently Abled Handler: If you have a disability that would affect wearing a mask only when you run, please discuss with the club and/or judge.

DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES: The club may elect not to take day of show entries at the trial even if it is in their premium. **A potential day of show exhibitor MUST check with the club and receive an answer before travelling to the site for day of show entries at this time.** The club has the option to take emailed entries after the closing date instead of at the event.

LIMITS: Clubs may elect to change how they determine their limits at their trial, however, the run limit per the premium cannot be exceeded. Example: A club may need to limit how many people are at the show site instead of by entries. The entry form is a contract between the club and the exhibitor. Please always show sportsmanlike conduct, especially at this time, as the club may need to be creative in how they count entries as they need to meet the expenses associated with the trials and possibly count actual people on the grounds at any given time. This means that people who are not running a dog, may not be allowed to be on the grounds as that adds another person.

MEASURING: Make sure you are entering your dog in the correct jump height per the jump height table in the CPE rulebook. No official measuring will be done at this time (including 2 year measurements).

VIDEOTAPING: Allowing videotaping will be up to individual clubs per the site, based on site specific occupancy guidelines. If using someone else's device, put on gloves just for that run, or sanitize your hands before and after use. It would be preferred if videos were done using your own device and sending the video electronically.

COURSE MAPS: Will be emailed in pdf format to you the evening before each trial day, usually by 7pm of the time zone you are in. Full size courses will be posted at the site as well.

GENERAL BRIEFING: Will be sent out in the final briefing and running order email. The general briefing will also be posted at the site.

JUDGES' CLASS BRIEFINGS: Will be listed on each course map. The judge will need to specify a location at the site to answer questions during each walk thru, keeping physical distancing in mind.

GATE STEWARD & CHECK IN: There is to be no check in as usual. The gate steward shall call out during the walk thru to check in dogs. Gate stewards, please try to bring your own pen/marker for check in.

COURSE BUILDERS & RING CREW: Please wash your hands before and after working.

RUNNING ORDERS: As always, are to be sent at least 7 days before the trial date. The order may change depending on move ups through the move up date or emailed entries for a day of show trial after the closing date. The club should email the final running order with the first days' course maps.

WALK THRUS:

Will be split for any class over your local specifics on physical distancing and group size. This will be determined by the club and judge. Any splits should be listed in the general briefing email if possible. When walk thrus are split, time will be reduced to 5 minutes, walk each group and then run each group (i.e. walk, walk, run, run). This will save time and keep groups moving yet allow for physical distancing rules.

SCRIBE & TIMER: The scribe and timer will need to wash or sanitize their hands (before and after) and should wear a mask while working. The timer may need to put on gloves immediately before timing, if the timer box cannot be sanitized on a continuous basis.

AT THE GATE BEFORE A RUN: This will be the exhibitor's responsibility to physical distance and be ready to run when it is your turn. Clubs that must limit the number of people indoors may have the gate steward allowing x number of handlers to come inside or be ringside. After your run, please exit the building or leave the ring area as soon as possible.

Clubs need to have a way to communicate with exhibitors if crating is in another area than the ring. Dry erase board outside, microphone system, etc. Clubs could use the texting program **Remind**, it may help keep communications open at the trial site. <https://www.remind.com/>

LEASHES: Dogs must still run naked. All handlers have the choice to put their leash in their pocket or safely loop it around their waist or neck, it does not have to be out of the dog's sight, however, if the dog plays with it during the run, it would be considered a toy. If the handler cannot carry their leash, leashes will be dropped on the ground/floor at the start line and the leash runner will pick it up with a gripper device and place it at the exit gate on a chair or the ground/floor. Do not loop leashes on the ring barrier.

RESULTS: Please take pictures of results and then move on. When possible, the club should post results outdoors away from traffic.

RIBBONS: The club will need to determine how ribbons will be given out depending on their site and local/state guidelines. If you are not going to keep the ribbons, please do not take any – ribbons cannot be recycled at this time. People handing out ribbons should wear a mask and gloves, not touching anything else in the meantime. The club may announce a time when ribbons will be given. Be prepared to tell the ribbon person what ribbons you need. Ribbon labels may not be utilized at this time, it is up to the club's discretion.