

November 6 & 7 2021 Trial Information Email & Covid Protocols:

We are looking forward to our upcoming Standard and Snooker weekend and our first indoor trial in 2 years!

**WARNING*: As per usual long email ahead and some things have changed! Please read to the end :)*

COVID PROTOCOLS/CHANGES:

- #1: Stay home if you are feeling sick!
- **This is an indoor sporting event. As such, proof of double vaccination against Covid-19 is required. Please have your proof of vaccine (QR code preferred) and photo ID ready to check-in. Check-in (humans only) at the side entrance to get your bracelet. Once you have a bracelet you can come and go throughout the day.**
- You must take the online Provincial Covid screening tool within 12 hours of attending the venue. Click here to complete your self assessment: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) self-assessment](#) If you are experiencing any symptoms you must stay home, self-isolate and follow medical advice.
- Your name and phone number will be made available for contact tracing in the event of a public health emergency
- We will not be offering food or refreshments. Please bring your own lunch/snacks and water for you and your dog(s)
- There will be hand sanitizer available. Please wash/sanitize your hands before volunteering or touching any equipment, etc.
- Masks: You do not need to wear a mask when you are running. Please wear a mask any other time you are inside the arena, during walkthroughs, and in the porta potties.

TRIAL PROCEDURES:

- VOLUNTEERS! We rely on volunteers to help the day go smoothly. Please slot your name in the google doc or sign up when you arrive. Thanks in advance! [Click here to sign up](#)
- We will be doing two walkthroughs of 5 minutes for classes greater than 20 and we ask that everyone please mask during the walkthrough.
- Printed course maps will be available. Please do not crowd the area. They will also be posted on our [Facebook page](#).
- Measuring will be available during course building time. If your dog does not have a checkmark "v" beside its name on the attached entries list I need to see their completed AAC card or they need to be measured.
- Crating: Crate in your car when possible. There will be some indoor crating space available beside the ring.
- There will be a leash runner with a "reacher" in order to not touch your leash or you can toss your leash to the exit. As per AAC temporary guidelines you can also put your leash in your pocket during the run.
- Results will be posted in the arena. Please do not crowd the area. They will also be posted online within a few days.
- Flat ribbons will be available (self-serve) as well as title ribbons (please let us know if you need a placement ribbon!)
- There will be a couple of porta-potties on site that you are welcome to use. It will be cleaned periodically throughout the day.

TIME CHANGE

- If you're in Snookers you get an extra hour of sleep! You can use it to read up on the rules ;)
- Clocks "fall back" Sunday 2am

TIMING/SCHEDULE:

- Doors open 7:45am. **PLEASE CHECK-IN WHEN YOU ARRIVE!**
- Measuring will be available at 7:45am (and during course build times)
- General briefing will be held at 8:20
- As noted there will be two 5-minute walk-throughs for classes >20 dogs (gate sheet will show groupings)
- First walk-through at **8:30am**
- We will be running small to tall Saturday. Regulars followed by Specials & Vets. Reverse on Sunday (tall to small and Specials & Vets first when applicable). Please confirm the running order with the gate sheet. We have a FULL day so please help us to keep the flow.
- We would like to restrict the total number of people in the arena at any given time. We therefore ask that if you are not running in all events you plan to come around the time of your event. See attached estimated schedule for the day. Any significant delays/changes will be posted on our [Facebook page](#). Once you have completed your events please do not linger (unless you are volunteering!)
- Warm-up corral: There is a sand corral available to us for warming up dogs off leash (please note it is not fully fenced and you are responsible for having control of your dog). Refer to map below (this is a different corral than previous indoor trials).

HORSES:

- There are a number of new horses & owners at Tepla. They are aware of our event but many have never experienced an agility trial weekend. Please be aware and respect shared spaces. If you have any issues or concerns please find a MAC member and we will address it. Thank you.
- Some areas of the stable will be blocked off and there will be boarders & horses. They will be riding at a neighbouring property for the weekend.

AAC UPDATES/INFO:

- Height Card & Measuring Clarification:
 - Any dog under 2 years old who has a "temporary" COVID height card with one measurement does not need a second measurement.
 - Any dog over 2 years old who has a temporary card from last year does need one official measurement on their official height card.
 - Any dog over 2 years who has an official height card with one measurement does not need a second one (but can get your second official one if you'd like)
- Senior/Disability Designation: As of January, 2021 the AAC has an accessibility category with a senior (65+)/disability designation for the **handler**. This gives modified course times/points with regard to qualifying run requirements. You can read full details of that change along with some others here:
<https://aac.ca/sites/default/public/documents/RuleBooks/AAC%20Rulebook%202021%20update%208.3.pdf> Please let me know if you fall under this and would like to be designated as such.
Note: Any handler who falls under this category and is running multiple dogs in the same class may use both walkthroughs at this trial.

DIRECTIONS/MAP

- **Tepla Farms:** 21550 Denfield Road, London, ON [Google Maps](#)
- Refer to map below:



CONGRATULATIONS! You made it to the end. Thank you for taking the time to read through the email and protocols and if you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to send me an e-mail. We look forward to having a fun and safe trial weekend!

*A talking sheepdog gets all the sheep in the pen and reports back to the farmer: "All 40 accounted for."
"But I only have 36 sheep," says the farmer.
"I know," says the sheepdog... "but I rounded them up."*

Thanks,
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