

CPE has recently announced some new guidelines for clubs and competitors to follow. To read the full article please see the Home page of the CPE website, <http://k9cpe.com/>

Overall things have gone very smoothly with our previous trials this Summer with all the new physical distancing protocols in places! Though the masks are annoying, they weren't a terrible burden to run in and everyone was able to work and run their dogs safely! To touch base on what our club protocols are please see below. **I will also need the attached waiver signed and sent to me, regardless if you've signed one for a previous trial.** These can be sent electronically, mailed or given the morning of the trial.

If you are ill, please stay home. 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.

GLOVES: We are not requiring anyone to wear gloves. Studies show frequent hand washing is better than gloves in many cases. We will have hand sanitizer available for public use and have our bathrooms with running water. We also have a hand washing station closer to the ring. IF you decide to bring and wear your own gloves please dispose of gloves properly and change them as necessary.

MASKS: Masks are to be worn by anyone within the ring (building, walking, running, judging) except with a medical exception. We will not be requiring mask to be worn in your own tent but be mindful of yourself and those around you. Try to still maintain 6 feet distance when walking your dog, heading to the bathroom, etc. 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: We will NOT be serving food or worker water at this trial. Please bring your own cold lunch or there are several fast food restaurants nearby in Romeo. The gas station at 32 and Rochester Rd has a Subway along with plenty of drinks if you run out.

CRATING & SPECTATING: We will be opening up all four sides of the ring for tent set up along with the previously available space. Please be mindful of any blocked off areas (this is our home and the orchard is still a working orchard – may have recently been sprayed, so please stay out). Be considerate of 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. Though groups of 100 are allowed for outdoor events we are still discouraging families from bringing their kids.

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: We are still taking DOS entries at this time. I am encouraging people to e-mail me their entry the night before and I will confirm a total with them to minimize contact and quicken the process in the morning.

VIDEOTAPING: You may ask a friend to videotape your run. 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 via e-mail a couple days before the trial. It will also be posted at the site and on our website.

JUDGES' CLASS BRIEFINGS: Will be listed on each course map. The judge will generally be under tent in the ring 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.

Worker Sign up: We have a google doc set up for workers sign up. To sign up for a job use the following link, https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11_pSUE_n_khENfdapEpe-bgj82DmnP3mP2mLDMVrb5Gs/edit?usp=sharing. Please remember what classes and levels you sign up for! We will post the sheet for reference, but ask people to not write on. Please see Jim Jerse at the trial to sign up for an open spot or if you need to change what you signed up for. Workers will receive coupons for working. We will not be doing a worker raffle.

COURSE BUILDERS & RING CREW: Please wash your hands before and after working. We also usually have a great group of people that course build! We are planning on having assigned equipment for course building.

RUNNING ORDERS: Will be posted on our website after August 31st at <http://www.stonycreekcanineacademy.com/cpe-competitor-page.html>

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 will 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 must wear a mask while working. We are also suggesting cohabitants to do the timing and scribing if possible.

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. Please be mindful of space when waiting outside the ring. We are also asking that people please do not sit at the judge/secretary table inside the ring while waiting their turn to run.

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 at the start line and the leash runner will pick it up with a gripper device (disinfected between dogs) and placed it at the exit gate on a chair or the ground/floor. Do not loop leashes on the ring barrier.

RESULTS: Results will be posted at the trial for view; HOWEVER, we will be posting the results online at the end of each day as well! You can view it on your phone or other device on our website, <http://www.stonycreekcanineacademy.com/sept-4th---6th-trial-results.html>

Labels will be printed and posted with the results. Sanitizer will be available and encouraged to be used while taking your labels!

RIBBONS: We will have ribbons spaced out on several shelves in our apple orchard Salesroom (large white building where results will be posted as well). If you are not going to keep the ribbons, please do not take any – ribbons cannot be recycled at this time.