



## AAKA, INC. APRIL/MAY 2022 COVID-19 GUIDELINES - REVISED

AAKA, Inc. is excited to hold its April/May, 2022 agility trials at B&D Creekside Activity Center in Latrobe, PA. We hope to have a fun agility weekend and know that we can count on you to use safe practices throughout the weekend.

Please do NOT attend this trial if you were exposed to Covid-19 within 5 days preceding the trial and/or have COVID-19 or its symptoms at the time of the trial. If either of these conditions apply to you or if you feel ill in any way during the trials, please contact the Trial Secretary if you wish to request a full refund for any runs not yet completed. Should any PA DOH or CGC changes occur prior to the trial, we will communicate them as soon as possible and allow you to contact the Trial Secretary prior to the trial to withdraw and request a refund.

1. **MASKS:** Masks are not required, but may be worn if desired.
2. **GLOVES:** If you want gloves, please bring your own gloves.
3. **CHAIRS:** Please bring your own chairs. B & D chairs and the normal bleachers will not be available for general use.
4. **FOOD:** The on-site restaurant will be open on a limited basis with a simplified lunch menu. If you bring MACH/PACH foods, individual portions are preferred.
5. **HANDS/SANITIZATION:** Wash hand frequently and/or use provided hand sanitizers or feel free to bring your own.
6. **TRAFFIC FLOW:** Please respect social distancing.
7. **COURSE BUILDERS/RING CREW WORKERS:** Anyone setting up rings and changing bar heights may wear gloves, use sanitizing wipes, and/or hand sanitizer before/after setting up and/or while working in the ring. (Wipes/hand sanitizer provided on scribe table).
8. **CHECK IN BOARDS:** Please check in on the gate boards prior to judging and ask the Gate Steward to move any of your dogs if needed to avoid conflicts.
9. **LEASHES/LEASH RUNNER:** Exhibitors may tuck their leash into a pocket or wear it securely on their person (i.e., clip it like a belt around your waist so no part is hanging) when running the course. If you opt to drop your leash, the leash runner may or may not wear gloves or use a hand grabber to transport it to the exit location.
10. **ENTERING AND EXITING RING:** We encourage you to use your hip to push the gates to enter/exit the ring. The gate tops may be wiped off after each class.
11. **COURSE MAPS, BRIEFINGS, RUN ORDERS, AND RESULTS:** Documents will be posted in several areas. Please snap camera/phone pictures of the maps and results as paper handouts will **NOT** be available. ONLINE BRIEFINGS and RUN ORDERS will be posted in advance of the trial; MAPS, barring any technical problems or time constraints (NOT "guaranteed"), will be posted by the Trial Secretary sometime after 12 AM the morning of the trial. They can be downloaded from: [www.furrydogs.com](http://www.furrydogs.com) and/or [www.aakaagilitytrial.com](http://www.aakaagilitytrial.com).
12. **WALK THROUGHS/BRIEFINGS:** We encourage everyone to be mindful of others, take turns, and respect personal distance. There will be NO obsessive walk throughs and NO Mas/Ex briefings, which may be posted on [www.aakaagilitytrial.com](http://www.aakaagilitytrial.com).
13. **RIBBONS/BARS AND GIFT:** Stickered ribbons may be placed on a table for you to pick up or there may be a volunteer in this area to place your sticker on the Q ribbon (or give the sticker to you to put in your book if you prefer) and give you any awarded ribbons. *(Please do not return any ribbons once you have taken them.)* **GIFT:** Every dog entered in the trial will receive one complimentary gift for the weekend. Please do not touch any ribbons or bars you are not taking.
14. **CRATING:** Please respect those exhibitors that request social distancing while crating. It is your responsibility to decide whether or not to leave your crates, etc. in the building overnight!
15. **TENT/EZ-UP OUTDOOR CRATING:** If weather permits, "tent crating" is allowed **anywhere** on the grass, but not in the immediate potty area at the end of the building and not in the parking lots or concrete pad next to the equipment garage door! (Please not too close to the garage doors!) They may be left overnight at your own risk – neither B&D nor AAKA will be responsible for theft or damage due to weather.
16. **BUILDING OCCUPANCY:** To allow anyone who wants to maintain social distancing the opportunity to do so, we encourage you to leave non-essential family and friends at home unless necessary to help you during the trials.
17. **VOLUNTEERS:** We hope you will continue to "work together" and help our trial run smoothly. We **NEED** and **WELCOME** your help and thank everyone who will volunteer to assist us!