



## Canine Performance Events

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### Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Statement – May 1, 2021

Dear CPE Members, Host Clubs and Judges,

Based on the most current information, we are adjusting some of our time lines, we will review every month while continuing to monitor things.

Clubs, Judges and or Exhibitors are not permitted to require, determine eligibility, or ask about exhibitors' vaccinations in such a way that it may be felt discriminatory or an invasion of their medical privacy to those who have or have not been vaccinated. This includes entries, confirmations or general briefings.

For clubs that are in areas where vaccinations may influence capacity levels:

As an example, in the State of Illinois:

"Regulations now allow people who are fully vaccinated to not count against the maximum people allowed at events."

If your State or Local government has this type of exemption you may include a statement like this in your confirmation letter. "to better determine our available capacity and those being fully vaccinated not counting toward our State capacity level, if you are willing to share that you have been fully vaccinated against CoVid-19 at least two weeks prior to our event please contact our trial secretary, any vaccination details are strictly voluntary and confidential. This is only a voluntary request and being vaccinated is not a requirement to attend our trial."

Effective April 27, 2021 Use of Masks in outdoor rings are no longer required by CPE, this includes covered arenas open on all sides.

As always there may be State/Provincial or Local guidelines requiring use of masks even in outdoor settings and this falls on the club to know their state and local requirements. Clubs can choose to enforce masks in the ring at their discretion, this include at any time or only during walk through periods.

Masks are still required in the ring at any other CPE trials indoor not referred to in the above style of what is considered outdoor venues.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the updated guidance Tuesday April 27, 2021 in yet another carefully calibrated step on the road back to normal from the coronavirus outbreak.

CPE will continue to monitor events and will be update further as required on a month-to-month basis when needed. Revised guidelines are available at [www.k9cpe.com](http://www.k9cpe.com)

CPE will continue to monitor the situation as the safety for all is of the utmost importance, and any further changes will be announced if necessary. Be safe!

Linda Eickholdt  
President

**CPE TRIAL GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE April 27, 2021**  
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 May 31, 2021 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 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 do not want a dog becoming fearful due to something they have never seen before.

**ADDITIONAL WAIVER:** each club will have an additional entry waiver that all handlers and workers including Judges must sign to be onsite. 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 or work.

**MASKS:**

**Indoor** Masks are to be worn by anyone within the ring (building, walking, running, working, 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. If choosing to wear a shield it must be worn in conjunction with a mask. A mask is to be worn so that the nose and mouth are covered.

**Outdoor** Masks are not mandatory effective April 27, 2021 per updated CDC Guidelines. Masks are up to the individual, club, local, state and government guidelines when it comes to the wearing of masks outdoor.

**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, or available crating space, instead of by entries. Several clubs have gone to assigned crating spaces to make the best use of their available space per local guidelines. 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.

**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 wear a mask in the ring.

**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, if the timer, scribe area is in the ring they must wear a mask. 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/>

Another program that has been developed and used by several clubs is Agility Gate – Online Dog Agility Gating System <https://agilitygate.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 are up to the club's discretion.

## **CPE HOST CLUB INFORMATION – EFFECTIVE January 1, 2021**

All trials are to be held per the club's decision based on local, state and government guidelines. This information may change at any time. If your club needs to cancel an event, please let us know: [sean@cpe.dog](mailto:sean@cpe.dog).

For the calendar year of 2021, the rules pertaining to having the same judge for back-to-back trials is lifted. Please do use different judges when possible, however, we know it may be difficult depending on travel or health restrictions.

If a club can move their trial outdoors at the same site, to allow for additional physical distancing, you can do so if the ring is the same shape and dimensions. All exhibitors must be contacted, and a refund processed if requested. In the event of severe inclement weather, the club can elect to move back indoors.

If a Judge change is required prior to the trial date please contact Sean [sean@cpe.dog](mailto:sean@cpe.dog) also exhibitors must be informed of the change and allowed to withdraw if they so choose, this is not a new requirement but something that has occurred more frequently during this period.

**ADDITIONAL WAIVER (Note: the waiver wording cannot be changed):** All exhibitors must sign the additional waiver supplied by the club (example on the next page – the yellow highlighted areas must be changed by the respective club). This is in addition to the current waiver on the entry form. Each person attending the event must sign a waiver. Print an exhibitor list from the show program to mark off when people hand in a form.

**HOST CLUB LETTER 2020 CHANGE:** Per the 2020 host club letter, the CPE recording fee was to be increased in July 2020. This increase has been postponed until July 1, 2021.

# Waiver of Liability and Informed Consent

## COVID-19 Waiver (Rev 010121)

Hereafter, **Canine Performance Events, Inc.** will be referred to as CPE.

Hereafter, **(change to site's name)** will be referred to as Site.

Hereafter, **(change to host club's name)** will be referred to as Club.

- I attest that to the best of my knowledge, I do not have COVID-19 at the time of attending this event, and understand the risks of unknowing exposure to this and other illnesses by or to myself, my family, other participants, and third parties. I have not been tested and found positive; am not waiting for test results; and do not have symptoms. I agree that I will not knowingly expose others to any illness I may have or be at risk to have. I will follow all CPE and Club rules and requirements to reduce any exposure and possibility of contracting or spreading the virus. I will also fully cooperate with and follow any City, County or State/Province guidelines that have jurisdiction in the area in which the event is taking place. If any of the above should change prior to my arrival at the trial site or during the completion of the event that is the subject of this consent, I will inform CPE and Club and proceed accordingly in light of the new information.
- I agree that I am attending this CPE and Club event entirely at my own risk and assume all risk and full responsibility for my own health, wellbeing, and safety during this class or event. I fully agree that CPE and Club, the owners/board members, employees, assistants and volunteers are in no way liable for any present or future COVID-19 exposure incurred at any time by any person, in attendance or not in attendance, during or after this event. I hereby waive and release CPE, the Site and Club, the owners/board members, employees, assistants and volunteers from any and all liability for damages or personal injury to me, my dogs or my property.
- Further, I hereby indemnify and hold harmless CPE the Site and Club, the owners/board members, employees, assistants and volunteers from any and all claims by or liability to any third party arising out of my participation in the Site and Club event. Any liability to anyone for any incident involving myself, the location, or those pets or actions of other participants and spectators will be my sole responsibility and I assume all financial liability and will also assume all and any financial costs associated with my actions.

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Signature

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Membership Number (if applicable)

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Date Signed