

# WHAT TO EXPECT®

During this COVID 19 pandemic, we have organized a variety of normal operations in different manners in order to best provide physical distancing. We ask that you read



through all this information to be best prepared for the fun match when you arrive. Some details maybe duplicated, from other show resources, but please read these details – If you are uncomfortable with any of the protocols – please consider not attending. Thanks!

- **Arrival** - When you arrive and are setup, **please check-in**. You will find the “check-in” location at the front of the arena by the WAG sign. If you are pre-entered – you will receive a slip with the classes that you pre-entered on it – to help remind you what you are entered in. If you are wanting to enter your dog “day of” you will be able to do so there. If entering “day of” please bring along your paper entry form already filled out before you come to the check-in table along with your check or cash (exact change will help). Day of entries – will be hand added to the run orders at the bottom.



- **Waiver for Covid**. Covid Waivers are no longer required for attendance at our WAG fun matches.
- **THE WEBPAGE** – Many of the items you are used to being posted at locations for viewing or picking up will not be available. Instead you will find those details on the fun match webpage to avoid congestion at posting locations including the course maps.



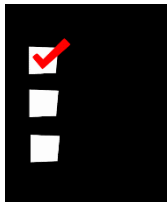
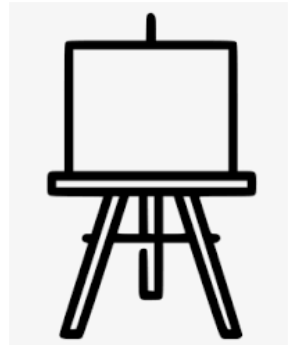
- **Layout Map** - Please Review the “Map of Agility Rings” to see how the flow through the arena and outside lawn will work. All of this has been relaxed more recently – but please be mindful as we are still trying to keep groupings down and physical distancing possible to mitigate risks for all.
- **Crating/Setups** - Crating is allowed in the arena where space is available. Please follow all our rules with this. Maintain 6+ foot distance. Chairs are only allowed directly in front of stalls or setups on the other side. The main lawn area CAN have canopies set-up on it. Please allow extra area between canopies to give adequate social distance. Canopies are also allowed in the RV row area at the back of the parking lot behind the arena. You can park and setup your crating area behind in those areas. If your dog is likely to be unhappy with folks walking by, please crate away from aisles and the rings.
- **Hand Washing and Sanitizer** - There are 3 sinks available for hand washing – including 1 near each set of Porta Potty’s. We will also have hand-sanitizer available at several locations for quick convenient sanitizing. Please let us know if something needs attention at these locations and please remember to wash hands frequently.



- **Masks for this show** – Per California/CDC guidelines  
**OUTDOORS** masks are optional. They will not be required.
- **UNDER THE COVERED ARENA** Although the covered arena is open outdoor air – we are requesting in all areas where you congregate and physical distancing is not possible to mitigate risks for all consider wearing a mask. Handlers while running are not being asked to wear a mask in the covered arena. We encourage anyone to wear a mask if they have any concerning issues even though we are outdoors.
- **Potty for dogs** – Please pick up after your dog. Place poop bags in appropriate small garbage cans only. Don't let your dog's potty anywhere on the buildings, gates, etc. There are two fenced exercise runs to let them run and potty – clean up after them in all locations.
- **No Food or Drinks** – please remember to bring ALL that you will need while attending the trial. Food and water will not be available during the COVID pandemic.
- **Course maps** – will be on the web page for everyone to review for the fun match. They will be posted prior to each fun match day, and they should be up by 7pm or earlier the night before.
  - **Workers** – If you can volunteer and help out on the many jobs needed to put on a fun match – your help is always appreciated. Folks to help set bars, move leashes, help with flow into/out of rings will be needed. We're happy to train you. The more help the more efficient the fun match will run.
- **Walk thru** – The walk thrus will happen in both rings before we start running for the day. All the heights entered will be split into two groups. The groups will not be known until after the pre-entries close and groupings can be determined to balance out numbers as much as possible. We will walk all of each height grouping before that grouping runs by class – then switch groups to the other ring to walk and run.
- **Leashes/Treats/Collars** – During COVID you will have options for your dog's leash in the ring. You can drop it for our leash runner to move for you. It will be picked up with a leash grabber and moved to an area near the finish. Also, you are allowed to put your leash in a pocket. You can also wrap it around you, so long as you can run without it hanging loose and being a distraction/hazard to you or your dog. You are allowed to bring treats into the ring if you'd like or a toy. If you are using treats in the ring we ask that you are extremely careful to be sure you do not drop any – so as to not distract dogs after you. You may also leave treats/toys in the buckets just outside the ring for you to pick up after a run. However, NO loose treats. All treats must be in a container/bag. You may run your dog with a flat quick release collar with NO tags hanging from it. Or a well fitted harness is also okay. Again, nothing can be loose or hanging from collars or harnesses. Shock collars or prong collars are not allowed.



- **Gate/checking in/waiting to go into the ring** – Besides the official “Check- In” for the event when you arrived the actual running order for each ring will have a place for you to mark that you are here and ready to go for that ring. We would request that you check-in at the GATE – which will be near the entrance to each ring. On the “Gate Sheets” you will find a spot for you to check yourself in next to your dog’s name. Please also take note of the run order, how many dogs are before/after you – so you can be prepared to be in the right spot and on time. If you arrive at the gate area after the Gate Steward is on duty -in order to maintain physical distancing – please leave space around the gate person and nicely request that the gate mark you in. Any conflicts or issues can also be managed by the Gate Steward. No crowding this area please! Each ring has a system for dogs/handlers to line up to go into the ring. On the outside lawn there are canopies on the far left and right. Exhibitors will line up under the canopies and allow distancing between each team. The Gate Steward will let you know where to be in the



lineup. In the arena – the area behind the entrance to the main ring gate will be only for handlers/dogs to wait to go in. The Gate Steward will again let you know where to be to maintain distance and when to move forward and how the flow into and out of the ring will occur.

- **Running order** – To help folks keep track of the running order without crowding at the gates, everyone can access the actual run order planned for each day on the webpage. However, since some things may change each day, and “day of” entries will not be displayed please be aware the running order on the web page may be very different than the actual run order listed at the Gates. No one should be stressed about potentially being a bit out of order if they did not arrive on time – but please try and be as diligent as you can to help the fun match still run smoothly and timely.

- **Final thoughts** – We are thankful you entered this fun match with us. Since COVID events have

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become considerably more challenging to host. However, we have tried to think through as many things as possible to help things go smoothly and allow people to feel at

ease and enjoy themselves. That was our top priority. We believe with all your help that this will be a success. Please remember to be patient, and utilize physical distancing when you can. Please be kind to each other. Our world has a lot of stressors for all of us right now, let’s keep in mind why we go to agility events – to have fun with our dogs and see our friends!



**PLEASE STAY SAFE – HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE FUN MATCH!**