

Fox Valley Dog Training Club

Rules/Regulations for Obedience and Rally Trials

November 14 & 15, 2020

Subject to change



FVDTC is following the Executive Order set forth by the Governor of Illinois to host our November 2020 Trials. These rules and regulations have been developed using governmental and AKC Guidelines. Clubs, officials and participants are required to follow state, local and facility regulations that apply to the area and site where the event is held.

As these guidelines may be modified at any time prior to the trial dates, a list of final guidelines will be included in the judging program; be sure to read the judging program thoroughly.

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER FVDTC'S TRIAL, IF YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO FOLLOW THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS OR HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT BEING EXPOSED TO COVID-19:

- Face masks are required while in public buildings and outside when social distancing is not possible. (In the event that you forget your mask, disposable face masks will be available.)
- Your face mask **MUST** cover your nose and mouth at all times, including during your run through.
- If you choose to wear a face shield, it **MUST** be worn in conjunction with a face mask.
- Per CDC, masks with exhalation vents or valves are not acceptable.
- Observe 6' social distancing when in line for armbands, ribbons, ring gate, bathrooms, etc.
- Do not socialize in the walkways; please avoid congregating as much as possible.
- Avoid shaking hands or hugging.
- Avoid touching and/or giving treats to dogs for which you are not responsible.
- If you are asked to leave the building because the building limits have been reached, please do so quickly.

FVDTC PLANS FOR YOUR SAFETY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Limits need to be kept less than 50. Therefore, **only** handlers entered in the event and club members volunteering to work will be permitted in the building.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers will be placed throughout the building to use, and you are strongly encouraged to wash your hands as frequently as possible.
- High touch areas will be cleaned regularly.
- There will be one ENTRANCE ONLY door and two EXIT ONLY doors.
- All items used by FVDTC that come into contact with exhibitor's equipment will be sanitized between each exhibitor.
- We will use pylons for the Figure-8. Stewards will handle items while using tongs and/or gloves.
- No shared food is permitted. No kitchen services will be available to exhibitors.
- The floor will be marked at 6' intervals for people waiting to enter the ring.
- Minimum of 6' distance will be required in crating areas. Crating spaces will be available in the building with the rings and on the kitchen side.
- No chairs will be allowed closer than 6' from the ring gates.
- The use of the "Remind" app to keep you informed throughout the day of the trial. Text **@fallob** to **81010** to sign up for day of trial announcements.

ON THE DAY OF THE TRIAL, PLEASE STAY HOME IF:

- You are ill or have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- Someone in your home has had symptoms in the last 24 hours.

EXHIBITOR TRIAL DAY ON-SITE PROCEDURES

- Armband pick up will be in a central location. Check in will begin 30 minutes before the start of the first class.
- You must also check-in with the gate steward at their ring. Please respect the 6' space allowed when talking to the gate steward.
- You are encouraged to work from your vehicle, weather permitting.
- Parking areas – Please be respectful of those working out of their vehicles and allow them space to get their dogs in and out.
- Minimum of 6' distance will be required in crating areas. Crating spaces will be available in the building with the rings and on the kitchen side.
- Physical copies of Rally maps will not be available at the trial. You may take a picture of the Rally map(s) with your phone; or you can use the “Remind” app, which will be used each morning to send to you:
 - a link to view rally maps
 - a group text with the order of exercises for Open B, and Utility B.
- Judges and/or stewards will let you know how to handle your leashes, dumbbells, etc. in the ring.
- You do not have to come into the ring for briefing – you may stay outside of the ring.
- Walk-through group sizes will be determined by the judge and will be announced through “Remind” and at the ring.
- You should only arrive 30 minutes before the start time for your class and should leave the building after showing.
- When you are done, please quickly move out of the area. PLEASE no socializing in the building. All socializing should be done outside.
- Start times for classes will be spaced out to allow you to leave before more exhibitors come in. Classes that have more than 1 hour of entrants will have multiple start times within that class.

WORKERS

- It is recommended that stewards bring their own chairs.
- Gate Stewards will be provided at least a 6' buffer. PLEASE do not crowd the gate area.
- The Trial Secretary will be provided a 6' buffer. Please do not move inside of that space.
- Ribbons will be delivered to the ring and judges' discretion will be used regarding announcing in the ring or outside of the ring.
- Box lunches will be available for judges and workers who sign up to work the full day. Beverages will be available for all workers.