



"Have Fun, Stay Calm, Be Kind!"
**Comets Members-Only Summer
Trial**
August 7-9, 2020

**Rain or shine, outdoors on grass, one ring,
rubberized contacts, electronic timing**

**Wallace Ring, Saanich Fairgrounds
1528 Stellys X Road, Saanichton, BC**

Our Distinguished Judge
(stepping up on short notice):
Glenn Tiede, Black Creek, BC



Sanctioned by the Agility Association of Canada



TRIALING IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

Successful trialing in a COVID-19 environment is everyone's responsibility. Note that applying to enter the trial implies acceptance of the Capital Comets COVID-19 trial guidelines, the full text of which is available under "Events" on the Capital Comets website (<https://capitalcomets.ca/events/>). The guidelines are summarized below.

EXPECTATIONS

Safety—the first priority. As identified by the BC Ministry of Health, physical distancing (minimum 6 feet) is the primary control measure, along with hand washing and the use of personal protective equipment.

Masks. All two-footed participants must wear a mask except when in the ring running their dog or when in their own crating area. Everyone is to bring their own mask(s).

Sanitizer. Everyone is to bring their own hand sanitizer for personal use. Sanitizer will be available for volunteers. Common touchpoints like the timer, results sheets, taps, and washroom door handles will be sanitized periodically by volunteers.

Pens. Everyone is to bring their own.

Food. There will be no concession table. Please bring your own food.

Volunteers. As this trial is limited to 40 competitors, all participants are expected to volunteer. There will be NO volunteer sign-up sheets at the trial. Volunteers will be recruited in advance of the trial. During the trial, volunteer wranglers will call out for any additional volunteers needed.

ADVANCE EMAILS

General briefing. The briefing will be emailed together with the trial confirmation.

Running order. For all events, the order will be emailed to competitors before the trial.

Course maps. Maps for the day will be emailed to competitors early each day of the trial. Printed maps will NOT be supplied.

Acceptance of guidelines. Two to 3 days before the trial, entrants will be required to return an email confirmation indicating they will follow the guidelines, are free of COVID-19 symptoms, and have not been in contact with any known COVID infection or travelled outside the province in the preceding 14 days.

DURING THE TRIAL

Gate. The running order will NOT be posted for competitor viewing. The gate volunteer will be in a "no go" area and will call the list. Competitors need to be alert to the possibility of changes to the running order.

Scorekeeper. Competitors may NOT enter the scorekeeper's "no go" area, and must stand at least 6 feet away when asking about scores or results.

Ring crew. Crew members must hand sanitize before and after assignments, should jointly determine who will be responsible for each piece of equipment, and should handle only "their" pieces.

Leash runner. There will be NO leash runner. Competitors have the option of placing their leash at the exit or, if that is not practicable for their dog, carrying a leash onto the course as permitted by the AAC. The leash must be small enough to fit completely inside a pocket.

Ribbons. Ribbons will be given out at the trial and will NOT be self-serve. If a competitor wishes, a ribbon may be collected at a later date.

TENTATIVE ORDER OF CLASSES (ORDER MAY CHANGE!)

Friday, August 7 (First dog 5:00 pm)

Steeplechase 1 (all levels)

Steeplechase 2 (all levels)

Saturday, August 8 (First dog 8:00 am)

Snooker (M Adv St)

Standard 1 (M Adv St)

Standard 2 (M Adv St)

Sunday, August 9 (First dog 8:00 am)

Gamble (St Adv M)

Jumpers 1 (St Adv M)

Jumpers 2 (St Adv M)

Confirmations will be mailed and/or emailed after the entry deadline. Contact the trial secretary (information below) if you have not received your confirmation by Monday, August 3, 2020.

**TRIAL OPENS SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020, AT 7 PM,
AND CLOSSES FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2020, OR WHEN FULL.**

Fee per run:

Regular members.....\$12.50

Jr. handler members.....\$8.50

**Entries will be accepted ONLINE ONLY at
Agility Rocks, <http://www.agilityrocks.com>.**

For more info, visit <https://capitalcomets.ca>.

Trial Chair: Kiri Westnedge

Phone: 250-580-0509

Email: kwestnedge@shaw.ca

Trial Secretary: Lee Hartfield

Email: cometstrialsec@gmail.com

Payment may be made by PayPal (preferred) at the time of entering the trial on Agility Rocks or by choosing "Cheque" and mailing to:

Lee Hartfield

3545 Allan Road, Cobble Hill, BC V0R 1L4

Mail any club coupons used for partial payment with your cheque. Make cheques payable to "Capital Comets Dog Sports Club." **Cheques must be received within 1 week of entering online or your entry may be voided.**

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AAC AGILITY CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Standard

Starters Standard runs are for dogs that have not earned the Agility Dog of Canada (ADC) title. A dog must achieve three clear rounds (qualifying runs, or Qs) under at least two different judges to be awarded the ADC. **Advanced Standard** runs are for dogs that have earned the ADC title but have not earned the Advanced Agility Dog of Canada (AADC) title. A dog must achieve three clear rounds under at least two different judges to be awarded the AADC. **Masters Standard** runs are for dogs that have earned the AADC. A dog must achieve three clear rounds under at least two different judges to be awarded the Master Agility Dog of Canada (MADC) title.

Masters Challenge is open to dogs competing at the Masters level in the Standard class. Required equipment will be the same as in Standard courses with the possible addition of the broad jump, table, wall jump, or panel jump, but course design will emphasize handling challenges that are more technical than those in a Standard class. **This class is also open to Starters and Advanced dogs entered as FEO ("for exhibition only"). Test your skill!**

Games – Jumpers, Snooker, and Gamble

Movement into an Advanced game from a Starters game requires two clear rounds in that game at the Starters level under two different judges. Movement into a Masters game from an Advanced game requires three clear rounds in the game under two different judges. Each Masters game title (MJDC, MSDC, and MGDC) will require four clear rounds in that game earned under at least two different judges. The Agility Trial Champion of Canada (ATChC) title requires four clear rounds earned under at least two different judges in each of Jumpers, Snooker, and Gamble, plus three Masters Standard clear rounds earned under at least two different judges.

Team and Steeplechase

These classes are open to dogs competing at any level.

SPECIALS AND VETERANS CLASSES

Specials classes are for dogs whose handlers choose, because of their dog's physique, age, or other reasons, not to have their dog jump at the standard height for its shoulder height. Heavier dogs such as Rottweilers and Labradors may do much better over the long term in Specials classes.

Veterans classes are for dogs seven years of age or older and dogs five years of age or older that have been competing in the Specials class for a minimum of 12 months. For dogs in both Specials and Veterans classes, the height of the jumps and A-frame are lower than for dogs in the Regular class. Course times are longer for the Veterans class. A dog may no longer compete in a non-Veterans class once it has been in any Veterans class. Dogs moving into Veterans or Specials from Regular classes take their titles with them.

NOTICE TO HANDLERS

By submitting an entry, exhibitors acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of AAC Rules and Regulations, including but not limited to the following.

This event is held under the AAC Rules and Regulations (as of January 1, 2020) and is open to all dogs, purebred or mixed breed, that are at least 18 months old, except bitches in season, lame, blind or aggressive dogs, or dogs suffering from any deformity, injury, or illness that may affect their physical or mental performance.

Obstacles shall be chosen from those described in the current edition of the AAC Rules and Regulations and shall conform to AAC specifications.

Until December 31, 2020, competitors may place the dog's leash in their pocket when running the course. The leash must be small enough to fit completely inside the pocket.

No food, toys, or any other aids or devices shall be permitted on course at any time, including during obstacle familiarization.

Certain toys (but no squeaky toys or toys holding food) MAY be allowed on course for FEO runs at the discretion of the HOST CLUB. If toys are allowed, please be considerate of the dogs running before and after you, as a toy may distract the dog on course and overexcite the dog following you. **You may not throw a ball in the ring.**

Exhibitors alone are responsible for the behaviour of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behaviour may be asked to leave the venue. In such cases, no refund of fees shall be paid.

The entire Saanich Fairgrounds is an **on-leash** area. Employees of this privately run facility have the authority to ask exhibitors to keep their dogs on leash while not in the ring, or to leave the facility. No refunds will be offered to people who are asked to leave.

All dogs must be kept in a vehicle, pen, crate, or on leash when not in the ring. All dogs must be in control when entering and leaving the ring. Any dog engaging in aggressive, out-of-control behaviour will be disqualified and/or be required to leave the Fairgrounds. In such cases, entry fees will not be refunded.

Exhibitors must pick up after their dogs!

VOLUNTEERS

All entrants must help with the trial. Draws for volunteer prizes will be on Saturday and Sunday. Thank you in advance! Without volunteers we would be not able to hold trials!

JUNIOR HANDLERS

Before entering any trials, junior handlers must obtain a junior handler identification card. An application form is available at <http://www.aac.ca/en/forms/main>. Junior handlers may enter any event. Refer to chapter 4 in the AAC rule book for all relevant regulations. Jr. Handler runs are a reduced rate of \$8.50.

CAMPING, CRATING, CHECK-IN, AND MEASURING

Camping is available on-site. A limited number of sites with power are available. The Fairgrounds charges \$30 per night for a site without power and \$42 per night with power. Capital Comets will subsidize the tax. The application for a camping site should be made when completing the online trial entry at <http://www.agilityrocks.com>. Email the trial secretary for availability.

Vehicles or tents housing a dog must be at least 6 feet away from those nearest it.

Tents and crates can be set up starting at 3:30 pm Friday.

First dog on the line is at 5 pm Friday.

First dog on the line is at 8 am Saturday and Sunday.

Bring your AAC dog ID card! To limit the transfer and handling of documents, for the remainder of 2020, dog ID cards will not be signed by the officiating judge. The judge will provide a one-time measure for dogs under 2 years or dogs with no measurement recorded on their card. If you need such a one-time measure, please alert the trial secretary in advance via email. Dogs that have one measurement on their ID card can continue to compete in the height indicated by that measurement.

EQUIPMENT FAMILIARIZATION

Familiarization is for starters dogs only.

MOVE-UPS

Same day move-ups are possible. See the trial secretary on-site.

ADDING A RUN

You may NOT add a run AFTER the maps have been emailed. Adding runs is at the discretion of the trial secretary and depends on the total number of runs per day.

VETERINARIAN ON CALL

Central Saanich Animal Hospital is two minutes from the trial site, at 1782 Stellys X Road, at the Wallace Drive intersection. The phone number is 250-652-4312.



ENTRY, CANCELLATIONS, AND REFUNDS

For this trial, entry will be restricted to 40 Capital Comets members.

- Applying to enter the trial implies acceptance of the Capital Comets guidelines “Trialing in the Time of COVID-19.”
- Capital Comets reserves the right to refuse any entry.
- Anyone not in good standing with AAC or Capital Comets will not be allowed entry.
- When the allotted number of runs per day has been reached on the Agility Rocks program, the program closes entry for that day. To have your name put on a wait list, email the trial secretary at cometstrialsec@gmail.com.
- Online payment is preferred. Any club coupons that will be used as part of the entry fee should be mailed to the trial secretary with your cheque for the balance. Cheques are to be made out to “Capital Comets Dog Sports Club” and dated no later than the closing date.
- Refunds will not be given for cancellations after the closing date except in the case of handler illness, or in the case of pregnant or in-season bitches or injury to a dog that physically prevents it from competing. Capital Comets reserves the right to ask for a vet’s note to confirm a dog’s injury after the closing date.
- **Refunds requested for any other reason than the above will be handled on a case by case basis and will be at the discretion of Capital Comets Dog Sports Club.**
- There will be a \$30 charge on NSF cheques.

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JUMP HEIGHTS FOR AAC DIVISIONS AND CATEGORIES (effective January 1, 2020)

Your dog’s height category is based upon its measured height as entered on its AAC ID card. For Veterans, all jumps shall be set one or two jump heights lower than would be required in the Regular classes, but a dog must jump at that height for the entire trial for runs to count toward qualifying rounds. For Specials, all jumps must be set one jump height lower than would be required in the Regular classes. For Junior Handlers, dogs must jump one height lower than their regular jump height or, if the dog is already running at a Specials or Veterans jump height, may jump one height lower than that.

Division	Category			
	Regular	Special	Veteran	Double Dropped Vet
Mini	8”	4”	4”	n/a
Medium	12”	8”	8”	4”
	16”	12”	12”	8”
Open	20”	16”	16”	12”
	24”	20”	20”	16”

AAC DOG ID CARD

All dogs MUST have an ID card to compete in AAC sanctioned events. It is used to record the dog’s jump height and, when signed by the required number of judges, eliminates the need for repeated measuring. You can email a scan of your dog’s completed ID card to the trial secretary to keep on file.

ACCOMMODATIONS

QUALITY INN (WADDLING DOG)	2476 Mt. Newton X Road Central Saanich, BC 250 652 1146 or 1 800 567 8466
BEST WESTERN EMERALD ISLE MOTOR INN	2306 Beacon Ave., Sidney, BC 250 656 4441 or 1 800 315 3377
VICTORIA AIRPORT TRAVELODGE	2280 Beacon Ave., Sidney, BC 250 656 1176 or 1 800 578 7878

Please call ahead to make sure the hotel still accepts dogs and ascertain whether any additional charges for dogs will apply!

**THANK YOU FOR
ENTERING OUR
TRIAL!**

