



March Madness Trial



Where and What:

Agriplex Building
Saanich Fairgrounds
1528 Stellys X Road
Saanichton, BC

March 4 – 6, 2022

- 🐾 Run Indoors
- 🐾 Rubberized Contacts
- 🐾 Electronic Timing

Our Esteemed Judges:

France Beckner (Victoria, BC)

Ray Bronson (Victoria, BC)

Participant Agreement:

- 🐾 Proof of double vaccinations for Covid-19 will be required of all entrants.
- 🐾 Entrants will receive information about additional Covid-19 guidelines closer to the trial.
- 🐾 Trial entry affirms commitment to adhere to the covid-19 guidelines.
- 🐾 By popular demand, no crating in the Agriplex.
- 🐾 The trial cannot run without the volunteer help of every entrant.
- 🐾 Please note the different order of events on Saturday afternoon.



Sanctioned by the Agility Association of Canada Tentative Order of Classes (Order May Change)

Friday, Mar. 4 (Spec/Vets first)		Saturday, Mar. 5 (Regulars first)		Sunday, Mar. 6 (Spec/Vets first)	
Gamble 1	Ma (France) Adv, St (Ray)	Standard 1	Ma (France) Adv, St (Ray)	Standard 2	Ma (France) St, Adv (Ray)
		Challenge	Ma (France)	Snooker	Ma (France)
		Gamble 2	Ma (France) Adv, St (Ray)	Steeplechase	All levels welcome (France)
		Standard 2	Adv, St (Ray)	Jumpers	St, Adv (Ray) Ma (France)

Trial opens Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 7 p.m.
It closes Friday, February 18, 2022 or when full.

Fees per run:

Adults	\$14.50
Junior Handlers	\$8.50

Trial Chair: Kiri Westnedge

Phone: 250 580 0509

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Trial Secretary: Lee Hartfield

Email: cometstrialsec@gmail.com

By AAC rules, entries are not valid until payment of entry fees has been received (or confirmed).

Register ONLINE ONLY at Agility Rocks, <https://agilityrocks.com>.

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

Payment may be made by PayPal (preferred) at the time of entering the trial on Agility Rocks, through e-transfer to club treasurer, Cindy Rodgers, at rodgcind@gmail.com, or by choosing "Cheque" and mailing to:

Lee Hartfield
3545 Allan Road,
Cobble Hill, BC V0R1L4

Mail any gift certificates used for partial payment with your cheque. **Gift Certificates numbered 117-146 and G1001 – G1004 are valid.**

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.**

AAC Agility Class Descriptions

Standard

Starters Standard runs are for dogs that have not earned the title Agility Dog of Canada (ADC). A dog must achieve three clear rounds (qualifying runs, or Qs) to be awarded the ADC.

Advanced Standard runs are for dogs that have earned the ADC title but have not earned the title Advanced Agility Dog of Canada (AADC). A dog must achieve three clear rounds to be awarded the AADC.

Masters Standard runs are for dogs that have earned the title AADC. A dog must achieve three clear rounds 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 is the same as in Standard courses with the possible addition of the broad jump, table, wall jump, or panel jump, but course design emphasizes 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!

Gamble – Jumpers, Snooker, and Gamble

To move into an Advanced game from a Starters game, a dog must earn two clear rounds in that game at the Starters level. To move into a Masters game from an Advanced game, a dog requires three clear rounds in the Advanced game. Each Masters game title (MJDC, MSDC, and MGDC) requires four clear rounds in that game. The Agility Trial Champion of Canada (ATChC) title requires four clear rounds in each of Jumpers, Snooker, and Gamble, plus three Masters Standard clear rounds.

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.

Trial Rules:

This event is held under the AAC Rules and Regulations (as of January 1, 2022) 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.

By submitting an entry, exhibitors agree that they know and understand AAC Rules and Regulations, including but not limited to the following:

- 🐕 Obstacles shall be chosen from those described in the current edition of the AAC Rules and Regulations and shall conform to AAC specifications.
- 🐕 At the handler's discretion, a dog is allowed to wear a close-fitting collar, with no attachments, in the ring.
- 🐕 Senior handlers (65 years and over) and handlers with disabilities may request a modified course time and a modified points requirement. Host clubs will not request proof of disability or age. A handler must indicate before the trial if entering as a senior/disabled handler to receive modified times/reduced number of points. Contact the trial secretary to make this request.
- 🐕 No food, toys, or any other aids or devices are permitted on course at any time, including during obstacle familiarization.
- 🐕 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.
- 🐕 At the discretion of the HOST CLUB, toys (but no squeaky toys or toys holding food) MAY be allowed on course for FEO runs. If toys are allowed, please consider the dogs running before and after you, because your toy may distract a dog on course and overexcite the dog following you.
- 🐕 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, fees will not be refunded.
- 🐕 Exhibitors 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, fees will not be refunded.



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 not be 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 for this trial (\$45/night powered; \$32/night power-free). The Fairgrounds will require all campers to show proof of double vaccinations.

Please crate your dog(s) in your vehicle. Horse stalls may also be available for benching.

🐕 If benching is allowed in horse stalls, crates, etc., may be set up starting at 3:30 p.m. Friday.

🐕 First dog on the line is at 5 p.m. Friday.

🐕 First dog on the line is at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Please do not arrive at the Fairgrounds before 7 a.m.

Bring your AAC dog ID card! Judges have resumed signing Dog ID cards. Dogs over 2 years of age must be measured until they have their final height circled on their original Dog ID card. Dogs under 2 years of age may compete with one measurement on their temporary card until they reach 2 years of age, at which point they will require an official measurement. You do not need to have your under-2-year dog measured at every trial.

Entries, Cancellations and Refunds

Entries:



Applying to enter the trial implies acceptance of any Capital Comets Covid-19 guidelines still in place, including demonstrating proof of double vaccinations.

The number of entrants is limited. When the allotted number of handlers/runs has been reached on the Agility Rocks program, the program closes. To have your name put on a wait list, email the trial secretary at cometstrialsec@gmail.com. Capital Comets reserves the right to refuse any entry.

Anyone not in good standing with AAC or Capital Comets will not be allowed entry.

Please use online payment if possible. However, to use any gift certificates as part of your entry fee, please mail these to the trial secretary plus your cheque for the balance. Make cheques out to "Capital Comets Dog Sports Club" and date them **on or before** the trial closing date.

There will be a **\$30** charge on **NSF** cheques.

Cancellations and Refunds:

Refunds for cancellations after the closing date will only be given in these cases:

- 🐕 Handler illness,
- 🐕 Pregnant or in-season bitches, or
- 🐕 Injury to a dog that physically prevents it from competing. **NB:** Capital Comets may request a vet's note to confirm a dog's injury.

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.

Jump Heights for AAC Divisions and Categories

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. Apply for your Dog ID Card at www.aac.ca.

Accommodations

-  **Quality Inn:**
 2476 Mt. Newton X Rd., Central Saanich, BC
 250 652 1146 or 1 800 567 8466
-  **Best Western Plus Emerald Isle Hotel:**
 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
-  Call the hotel to ensure that it still accepts dogs and to ascertain whether any additional charges for dogs will apply.

Thank you for
entering our trial.

