






'Hoppy' to



*April 12, 13,
14, 2024*

Where and What:

Agriplex Building
Saanich Fairgrounds
1528 Stellys X Road
Saanichton, BC

-  Run Indoors
-  Rubberized Contacts
-  Electronic Timing

Our Esteemed Judge:

Pamela Ford (Orillia, ON)

Events Offered:

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| 2 Team | Snooker |
| 2 Jumpers | 2 Standard |
| Steeplechase | 2 Gambles |
| Challenge | |



Sanctioned by the Agility Association of Canada

Tentative Order of Classes (Order May Change)

Friday, Apr. 12 (Spec/vets first, small to tall)		Saturday, Apr. 13 (Spec/vets first, small to tall)		Sunday, Apr. 14 (Regular first, tall to small)	
Team 1	(Open to all levels)	Jumpers 1	Ma, St, Adv	Gamble 2	St, Adv, Ma
Team 2		Jumpers 2	Ma, St, Adv	Standard 1	St, Adv, Ma
		Snooker	Ma, St, Adv	Challenge	(Masters)
		Steeplechase	(Open to all levels)	Standard 2	St, Adv, Ma
		Gamble 1	Ma, St, Adv		

Trial opens Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 7 p.m.
It closes Friday, March 29, 2024 or when full.

Fees per run:

Adults	\$15.50
Junior Handlers	\$8.50

Trial Chair: Ali Edgell

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Trial Secretary: Lee Hartfield

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Register **ONLINE ONLY** at Agility Rocks,

<https://agilityrocks.com>.

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

Gift Certificates numbered 177 – 212 and G10001 to 10006 are valid for this trial. If you are using a gift certificate for partial payment, at the time of trial entry and payment, send a photo or PDF of the certificate that clearly shows the certificate number to Cindy Rodgers at cctreasury@capitalcomets.ca.

Make cheques payable to “**Capital Comets Dog Sports Club.**” If you pay by cheque, please send to: Lee Hartfield, 3545 Allan Road, Cobble Hill, BC V0R1L4

Payment preferred when you enter the trial on Agility Rocks, through PayPal (preferred) or through e-transfer to club treasurer Cindy Rodgers at cctreasury@capitalcomets.ca. If using e-transfer, include which trial, dog AAC#, and dog name.

All payments must be received by March 24 or your entry will be void. By AAC rules, entries are not valid until payment of entry fees has been received (or confirmed).

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 earn the Master Agility Dog of Canada (MADC) title.

Games – 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.

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, 2024) and is open to all dogs, purebred or mixed breed, that are at least 18 months old, except 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.
- 🐾 Bitches in Season (BIS) may compete but the trial secretary (cometrialsec@gmail.com) must be notified in advance. Handlers must limit the BIS's movement and use only the designated relief area. BIS must wear panties at all times except in the designated relief area or while running. The BIS will run at the end of each class and must sit on a mat provided by the handler at the start line. Competitors who choose not to compete because there is a BIS may apply for a refund.
- 🐾 Senior handlers (65 years and over) and handlers of any age with a disability may request a modified course time and a modified points requirement (Accessibility Option). Handlers can choose this option at any given trial, provided they use the Accessibility Option for the whole trial. The modified time and reduced point requirements are a concession for the handler, not the dog. Host clubs will not request proof of disability or age. A handler must indicate when entering the trial (i.e., by checking the AO box on Agility Rocks) if they are requesting the Accessibility Option to receive modified times/reduced number of points.
- 🐾 Non-squeaky toys and toys holding food MAY be used on course for FEO runs. Any food must be in a sealed container. Handlers may not feed the food to their dogs during the run or in the ring.
- 🐾 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.
- 🐾 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.
- 🐾 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.



Additional Information

Volunteers

We ask that all entrants help with the trial. Draws for volunteer prizes will be drawn 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 (\$50/night powered; \$40/night power-free).

No crating in the barn. Please crate your dog(s) in your vehicle.

-  **Competitors may set up their seating 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.

Measuring

To compete, dogs over 2 years old need two official measurements, their final height circled on their

permanent Dog ID card, and this card signed by the judge of record at the trial. Dogs under 2 years need one measurement on their temporary card until they turn 2, at which point they require official measurements. An under-2-year old dog does NOT need to be measured at every trial.

Equipment Familiarization

Familiarization is for starters dogs only. Toys (but not food) may be used in the ring.

Move-Ups

Same day move-ups are possible: 1. Record your move-up on the sheet on the ribbons table, and 2. Inform the trial secretary on-site or by email (cometstrialsec@gmail.com). Please note: handlers may not move up within a class. That is, if handlers finish a title in Starter Jumper 1, they move up to Adv Jumpers 2.

Add a Run

If you wish to add a run, this may be done at the discretion of the trial secretary, (email cometstrialsec@gmail.com), and depends on the total number of runs per day.

Veterinarians on Call

WAVES (Westcoast Animal Veterinary Emergency Speciality Hospital) is open 24 hours at 947 Langford Pkwy. 25 minutes from the trial site, phone number is 778-432-4322.



Entries, Cancellations and Refunds

Entries:

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. If you are using a gift certificate for partial payment, at the time of trial entry and payment, send a photo or PDF of the certificate that clearly shows the certificate number to Cindy Rodgers at cctreasury@capitalcomets.ca. You may also send an e-transfer to club treasurer Cindy Rodgers at cctreasury@capitalcomets.ca. If payment is not received by March 24, your entry will be void. There will be a \$30 charge on NSF cheques.

Cancellations and Refunds:

With each refund request, a \$5.00 administration fee will be charged. Refunds for cancellations after the closing date will only be given in these cases:

-  Handler illness,
-  Pregnant bitches or the presence of a bitch in season competing,

- 🐾 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. All refunds will be made after the trial weekend.

Jump Heights for AAC Divisions and Categories (effective January 1, 2024)

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.*

