



Raising Our Standards AAC Trial

April 10, 11, 12, 2026

Where and What:

Agriplex
Saanich Fairgrounds
1528 Stellys X Road
Saanichton, BC

-  Run Indoors
-  Rubberized Contacts
-  Electronic Timing

Our Esteemed Judges:

France Beckner (Victoria, BC)

Tara Bertrand (Campbell River, BC)



Events Offered:

- 3 Standards
- 2 Snookers
- 1 Steeplechase
- 1 Jumpers

-  Photobooth
-  “Sharing is Caring” –
Contribute gently used dog
paraphernalia and/or donate
\$5.00 to buy something.
Supports Junior Handler Fund.



Sanctioned by the Agility Association of Canada

Tentative Order of Classes (Order May Change)

Friday, April 10 (Reg first, 16" starts)		Saturday, April 11 (Spec/vets first, 16" starts)		Sunday, April 12 (Regular first, 16" starts)	
Standard 1	Ma (FB) St, Adv (TB)	Standard 2	Ma, (FB) Adv, St (TB)	Standard 3	St, Adv (TB) Ma (FB)
		Snooker 1	Ma, (FB) Adv, St (TB)	Steeplechase 1	All Levels (FB)
		Snooker 2	Ma (FB) Adv, St (TB)	Jumpers 1	St, Adv (TB) Ma (FB)

Trial Opens:

Sunday, Mar. 1, 2026 at 7 p.m. PT

Trial Closes:

Friday, Mar. 27 at 11:59 p.m. PT or when full.

Fees per run:

Adults \$15.50

Junior Handlers \$8.50

Trial Chairs:

Jacqui Loughton & Heather Graves

Phone: 250-858-2170 & 780-221-4897

Email: jacquiloughton1@gmail.com
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Trial Secretary:

Lee Hartfield

Email: cometstrialsec@gmail.com

For more info, visit: capitalcomets.ca

Payment Information:

Payment preferred at the time of trial entry on Agility Rocks, using e-transfer to club treasurer at cctreasury@capitalcomets.ca. For e-transfers, include i) which trial, ii) dog(s) AAC#, and iii) dog(s) name(s). Make cheques payable to "Capital Comets Dog Sports Club," and mail to Lee Hartfield, 3545 Allan Rd, Cobble Hill, BC V0R 1L4.

All payments must be received by March 27, 2026 or your entry will be void. By AAC rules, entries are not valid until payment of entry fees has been received (or confirmed).

Gift Certificates must be submitted at the time of trial entry and payment. Submit by sending a photo or PDF of the certificate clearly showing its number to cctreasury@capitalcomets.ca.

Additional Information:

Volunteers

We ask that all entrants help with the trial.

Volunteer sheets will be available for sign-up.

Draws for volunteer prizes will be held on

Saturday and Sunday. Thank you in advance for

volunteering. With your help, our club is able to hold trials.

Junior Handlers

Before entering any trials, junior handlers must obtain a 'junior handler identification card.' Obtain this card by filling out the application form at aac.ca/en/forms/main. Junior handlers may enter any event. Refer to chapter 4 in the AAC rule book for all relevant regulations. Junior handler runs are \$8.50.

Camping

Camping is available for this trial. \$53/ night powered; \$42/night power-free. Please do not arrive before 1 p.m. on Friday.

Crating

Please crate your dog(s) in your vehicle. Benching may be available in stalls north of the Agriplex.

Benching may be set up starting at 4:00 p.m. on 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. on Saturday and Sunday.

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 offered to those starters dogs who have not yet had a chance to run on Comets' contact equipment. Toys (but not food) may be used in the ring. Please see the trial chair prior to the first run each day.

FEO Runs

Our Club offers FEO runs subject to the rules noted in the AAC Rulebook.

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.

Gate List Changes

Competitors are asked not to alter the running order as printed on the gate list. Please see the gate steward to have changes made to the running order. If competitors wish to add a run or have moved up, these new runs will be added to the **bottom** of their height class for that event.

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.



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.

Biathlon, Team and Steeplechase

These classes are open to dogs competing at any level. Biathlon is a 2025 pilot project: this two-round International-type event consists of one Agility round and one Jumpers with Weaves round. This stream tests the speed and handling skills of the agility dog and handlers at an International level with open, smooth, fast, flowing plus appropriate challenges. Biathlon qualifiers and Standard/Jumpers qualifiers may both be obtained. The Jumpers and Standard qualifiers will be earned in whatever level the dog is currently competing at in Jumpers and Standard.

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 AAC's 2026 Rules and Regulations 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:

At the handler's discretion, a dog may wear a close-fitting collar, with no attachments, in the ring.

Accessibility Option (AO)

Senior handlers (65 years and older) and handlers of any age with a disability may request modified course times and modified points requirements (Accessibility Option) at

any 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. We do not require proof of disability or age. A handler must indicate when entering the trial (e.g., by checking the AO box on Agility Rocks) if they are requesting the Accessibility Option to received modified times/reduced number of points.

Saanich Fairgrounds is an on-leash area.

Employees of this privately run facility have the authority to ask competitors 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 competitor 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.

Bitches in Season (BIS)

BIS will be allowed on site and to compete in Capital Comets trials, following the policies outlined below:

- 🐾 Handlers of BIS are required to notify the Trial Secretary as soon as it is known.
- 🐾 All competitors will be notified that there is a BIS at the trial.
- 🐾 The handler of the BIS or the handler of any other dog entered may withdraw from the trial with a full refund if they choose not to compete.
- 🐾 The crating and movements, including pottying, of the BIS will be limited to designated areas so that the BIS is kept isolated from other dogs at all times.
- 🐾 Crating of BIS will be done in a vehicle.
- 🐾 The BIS will wear well-fitted protective panties, specifically designed for the purpose of containing seasonal discharges. The panties will be removed only for pottying and when crated. Panties must be replaced immediately following pottying.
- 🐾 **Panties will be worn when running a course.**
- 🐾 BIS will run at the end of the class.
- 🐾 BIS will sit on mat at the run start line.
- 🐾 BIS will be noted next to the dog's name on the gate list.

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. You must be in good standing with AAC and Capital Comets to be allowed entry. Please use online payment if possible. For detailed payment information, please see page 2. Please note that if payment is not received by March 27, 2026 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, 2026)

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
- Days Inn by Wyndham:**
2280 Beacon Ave., Sidney, BC
250 656 1176 or 1 800 329 7466
- 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.

