

Agility Central of Maine

Sept 19-20, 2020

Pineland Farm Equestrian Center

1545 Intervale Rd, New Gloucester, ME

Please read the following information. Due to the pandemic, we have had to make some changes & find a new normal for COVID-19 Trials at Pineland Farms.

General

- * This is a Private Event due to the limitations by the State of Maine due to the COVID 19.
- * As a reminder to those entered from out of state, Maine has three options for visitors from other states:
 - 1) *get a recent negative COVID-19 test;*
 - 2) *maintain compliance with a 14-day quarantine upon arrival in Maine;*
 - 3) *you are from an exempt state: Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and New Hampshire and Vermont.*
- * PPE Masks will be required anytime you are in the building, under the covered aisle or in the porta-potty. Masks are optional in the outside crating (cars or in EZ Ups), in field across the street near camping or camping areas. Please respect the CDC 6ft minimum physical distancing. If masks are not used appropriately as directed by the COVID regulations then it will be cause for dismissal and you will be excused without refund.
- * *Gloves are optional. There will be sanitizing stations throughout the arena and additional wash stations outside.*
- * *Smokers will be asked to do so in the designated area by the fence at the far end of the parking lot. A receptacle for the butts will be provided.*
- * *As always you must clean up after your dogs, and yellow buckets with liners & extra poo-bags will be distributed around the premises for your deposits.*

* We are privileged to play agility at Pineland Farm Equestrian Center and we ask that you respect the grounds and the privacy of the horses. No dogs are to be walked anywhere near the horses.

Waiver

A signed COVID waiver is required before you may run in this trial. The waiver is included with this confirmation if you have not yet forwarded it to Kim; she must receive your waiver before you can run.

Refunds for Illness

If you are not feeling well and/or test positive for COVID-19, please stay home. Contact Kim as soon as you are able so we can scratch your dog from the run order prior to printing for the trial. A full refund will be given to anyone that is feeling ill and cannot attend the trial.

DAY OF TRIAL

Run Order

SATURDAY/ Tall to Small

Jumpers 345C, 12

Wildcard 12, 345C

Jackpot 45C, 3, 12

Standard 1, 2, 3, 45C

Snooker 345C, 12

SUNDAY/ Small to Tall

Fullhouse All Levels

Standard 1, 23, 45C

Wildcard 345C, 12

Colors 12, 345C

Jumpers 345C, 12

7:00 am You may arrive at show site for set-up

7:30 am There is no measuring but you must check in with the Judge at this time to confirm your jump height. There is no General briefing due to the COVID restrictions for gathering.

8: 00 am First dog on the Line

Training in the Ring: If you are considering "Training in the Ring" at our trial please see Judge JoLee to have your toy inspected/approved before the first class.

Paperwork/Postings

Course Maps Course maps will be emailed to the address on your registered CPE address the night before each trial day.

They will also be posted at the site
on the arena wall outside barn door
in the covered aisle
the windows of the Banquet room).

Take a picture with your phone if you are unable to print out the maps.

Run Order As always, the run order (catalog) will be included with your final confirmation. PLEASE look at this as soon as you receive your confirmation and contact Kim if you need to move your dog(s). We need to keep this order as static as possible so people know when their dogs are running.

Check-In Book There will NOT be a check-in book. During the trial, it will be important to let the Gate know if you are pulling out of a class.

Scribe Sheets There will be NO duplicate scribe sheets at this trial.

Results Class results will be posted at the site in the ribbon area as well as the covered aisle and windows of the banquet room. Any scoring issues MUST go through Kristie or Kim.

If you would like your stickers, bring a stamped addressed envelope to the trial and Kim will mail your stickers to you.

LIVE FEED Results will be available on Youtube. The link will be shared via email and posted at the trial site.

Arena Layout

To maximize physical distancing and prevent congregating we have moved the crating outside. Car-crating in the parking lot or at the end of the arena and EZ Up crating in the backyard behind barn.

Gate The Gate Steward (and the run order) will be roped off to maintain physical distancing. The Gate Steward will be supplied with a microphone so people can hear the upcoming run order being announced. An assistant Gate will also make announcements to the outside crating areas.

We will maintain separate entrance and exit doors into the arena for the respective ring gates. The entrance will be through the equipment storage garage and entering the ring on the right side of the arena. The exit gate will be to the left and departing the arena via the barn door where you can go to the right for the parking lot crating area or left to the pasture crating area behind the barn.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE RING?

In order to keep you informed of activities in the ring, be sure to join our event page where we will live feed the trial. This will keep you updated of run order, volunteers needed PLUS you can watch and cheer on your friends! The event can be found on our public FaceBook page @ACMEMaine or <http://bit.ly/ACMelivestream>

Ribbons, Raffle, Volunteer Alley

There will be stations in the arena for Ribbons, Raffles and Volunteer Snacks and only 3 people will be allowed in this Alley at the same time. Sanitizer will be available to use upon entering and exiting this area.

* Results will be posted in the Ribbon area, wall of the covered aisle off the parking lot and the Banquet room windows in the EZ Up crating area.

* Ribbons will be hung up on an Xpen for easy access. For title ribbons, please see Sue Gervais so we can keep record of inventory AND your accomplishments!

* **Forever Hopeful Zephyr Award** is made in memory of our dear friend and CPE Judge Lola Grabb whom we lost to cancer several years ago. The awards will be presented on Sunday to the competitor who consistently demonstrates a positive attitude, humor and encouragement to others. If you would like to nominate a competitor, please contact a member of the trial committee.

* Raffle baskets will be wrapped in cellophane & large items will stand alone- please do not touch these items.

* Raffle tickets will be handed out by our volunteer coordinator, Donna Cassista. Bring your own pen to write on the raffle tickets and then enter the Raffle station to deposit your tickets.

VOLUNTEERS & FOOD

This trial will take a lot of volunteers to keep it running smoothly and we SO appreciate everyone for their help! Please sign up [HERE](#) if you have not already done so. While we can't do our usual buffet feast we will provide all volunteers who work two classes or more each day with a yummy box lunch from Pineland Market. The order form is [HERE](#) or you will also find it at the top of the volunteer sheets.

IMPORTANT: Lunch orders must be received by end of day

Wednesday, September 16. We will also have individually wrapped snacks made and donated by our wonderful members available for self-serve. And don't forget that as always we will have LOTS of great raffles. Volunteers get 3 tickets for each class worked. See Donna Cassista or Val Compagna with volunteer questions and to get your tickets.

Volunteer link (below)

<http://bit.ly/ACMevolunteers>

Food order link:

<http://bit.ly/ACMefoodorder>

Scribe/Timers We will be attempting to pair up volunteers for these jobs that do not have to maintain physical distancing (ie those folks that already live, work or play together) so if you have someone you feel comfortable to share the table with please sign up as a team. Otherwise Sue Gervais has offered to take a seat for the day & wear her mask and share the duties with anyone else willing to share the table to time or scribe. And Thank You Nancy McFarland for offering to Volunteer on Sunday as well.

Leash Runner The leash runner will be supplied with a grabber so hands will not be touching the leashes.

Scribe Runner Will transfer scribe sheets by exchanging full & empty baskets at the TS desk.

Course Builders Gloves are optional, but you must sanitize when entering & exiting the ring

Bathrooms

The bathroom in the barn will be open as well as the bathroom off the banquet room & we have also rented a Porta Potty and wash stations for additional facilities off the end of the arena.

Sanitizing stations also will be available for you to sanitize before and after working in the ring as well as before entering the bathroom facilities.

Vendors

There will be No vendors at this trial.

AcMe Café is closed due to the COVID regulations.

*Please bring a bagged lunch and choice drink(s) with you.

* Pre-packaged Snacks will be available for our Volunteers and hung individually on an Xpen for easy access.

Running your Dog

Walk Thrus will be broken down to approx 15 handlers at one time in the ring for physical distancing, all handlers will line up for the class to walk and the small groups will be directed into the ring by the gate generally by jump height and each group will have a max of 5mins to walk. Then the next group will go until the class has all walked. If the entire class is less than 15 then the walk thru will be the standard 8mins, if needed. We plan to organize the walks so that the first dogs of the class will walk in the first group to assure they are ready to run as the last walk is completed. **It is extremely important that these walk thrus are efficient as the extra walks required by COVID regulations alone will add hours to our day, we appreciate your attention to this factor and will do our best to communicate to our crating areas.**

Leashes: If you choose to run with your leash, it must be secure and your dog cannot touch it during the run.

Closing the Fence: If you have a dog that will need the gates closed, you will need to close the entrance after you enter the chute & a ring crew member can close the exit upon request.

· **NOTE: After further investigation and discussion on the leash box, the trial committee has opted Not to use this concept at this trial.**

Things to Bring

Sanitizer, Wipes, etc. - There will be sanitizing stations around the facility, but better to have too much

Pen for writing your name on raffles, etc.

Mask(s)

Gloves, if you would like to wear them. If you do wear them, you will still need to sanitize each time you enter the ring

Bring your own beverages/water bottle and bagged lunch

If you choose to crate outside please bring your EZ Up & stakes

Glad you can join ACMe and have FUN with your dog at Pineland!