

Renaissance Dogs July 6-7th 2019 Confirmation Letter



We are excited that you decided to join us for our July 6-7th CPE Agility Trial! Below you will find important information in regards to this trial. It is imperative that you read this carefully, and look over your dog(s) confirmation email. It is your responsibility to review it and let me know if there are any changes that need to be made prior to the trial. There are many things that cannot be changed at the trial. If you need to report a change, please email me at barefootagility@gmail.com

Trial Information

- **Set-Up:** Friday July 5th at 5pm.
- **Fun-Runs:** Friday July 5th from 5:30-7:30pm. \$10 per dog.
- **Saturday:** Please do not arrive before 7:00am. This is an active daycare/boarding facility, please be mindful that customers will be coming and going.
- **Parking:** Unloading assistance will be available. Please park tightly as we do not want to run out of space for everyone.
- **Lunch:** Pizza will be available to purchase both Saturday and Sunday for \$2 per slice. We will have a signup sheet at the trial. Order by 10:30am.
- **Volunteering:** We can't run a trial without all of our wonderful volunteers! You can sign up to volunteer on the Google Sheet below. Everyone that volunteers will be given raffle tickets to win some really nice raffle items. New this year: Cash and Gift Certificate Raffle (Amount from \$5-\$50)! If you have any questions about volunteering, or issues with the Google sheet, please email Kate Hill at khill21@roadrunner.com

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rFcmZhaxGV2KGQm6PI4exHzy4b10XJdzi1QPTiW6Zq8/edit?usp=sharing>

- **Reminder:** There are no prong or electric shock type collars of any type allowed per the show site.
- **Treats and toys:** Treat and toys must be at least 10ft from the ring. Please no squeak toys as we do not want to ruin someone's run by accident!
- **DTIR:** We are excited to offer Declared Training in the Ring (DTIR) at this trial! For those of you not familiar with DTIR or Fix and Go, please see the last two pages of this letter.

You can find the run order, catalog, confirmation letter, and other important information in regard to this trial at our website:

<http://www.renaissancedogs.com/agility-trials.html>

Timing & Run Order

Saturday July 6th, 2019 4" to 24"	Sunday July 7th, 2019 24" to 4"
Fullhouse – All Levels Standard – 45C, 3, 2, 1 Wildcard – 345C, 12 Jackpot – 45C, 3, 12 Jumpers – 345C, 12	Colors – 12, 345C Standard - 1, 23, 45C Wildcard – 12, 345C Snooker – 12, 345C Jackpot – All Levels
<u>MEASURING & CHECK-IN</u> Saturday & Sunday Measuring: 7:15am General Briefing: 7:30am First Dog On The Line: 8am	

DIRECTIONS:

Coming from I-95 - Take exit 182A to merge onto I-395 E/ME-15 S toward Bangor-Brewer/U.S. 1A/ME-9. Stay on 395 for 4.7 Miles. Take exit 6A to merge onto US-1A E/Wilson St toward Ellsworth/Bar Harbor/US-1/Coastal Route. Follow 1A for 1 Mile: Renaissance Dogs is on your right.

See you in just a few days!

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 Trial Secretary

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CPE – Training in the Ring and Four Paw Safety Rule change

These rules are to be in effect for trials held after March 14, 2019 and are subject to change. Any changes will be published in the online rulebook, www.k9cpe.com. This is to help dogs in areas where they may struggle early in their career or perhaps to reaffirm a piece of equipment that may not have been familiar to them at this trial. This is not to replace training and classes.

Four Paw Safety Rule – Contacts - When a contact is the correct obstacle and a dog places all four paws on the contact it is considered to have engaged (attempted) the obstacle. If the dog leaves the obstacle without completion after placing all four paws on it, this will result in a major fault or no points. This pertains to: Standard, Colors and Wildcard; the opening and closing in Snooker; Jackpot gambles. NOTE: for 3 legged dogs, judge as above for 3 paws. Back-to-back contact performances in the point games must be performed safely or points will not be awarded for the second performance.

Fix and Go vs Declared Training in the Ring

What's the difference between the two?

Fix and Go: You enter the ring with the intent to qualify, something goes wrong (i.e. you get a major fault), you correct it and continue on with your run. See below for the rules.

DTIR: You enter the ring without the intent to qualify. You discuss DTIR with the judge prior to your run, and bring a toy in the ring with you. See below for the rules.

Fix and Go: Fix Once and Go Training in the Ring philosophy.

- First occurrence of Training in the ring will result in an NT (No Time) however the team may continue their run with the Judge signaling the timer to sound the whistle or horn at expiration of Large Dog SCT (Standard Course Time supplied and instructed by the Judge prior to each class).
- The second occurrence the judge will excuse the team from the ring with a thank-you or a whistle. The team must immediately stop their run and head to the exit gate at that time.
- Further offenses or continuing the run will result in additional excusals for the day/weekend per the judge's discretion.

This is for the well-being of the dog.

The following items are not considered training in the ring:

- Dog grabbing its leash at the end of a run (if the run has not yet ended, the dog would receive an NT).
- Asking the dog once for a sit or down on the table in the point games (asking more than once will be a delay of finish, 5 faults/points to NT for training in the ring for additional requests to the dog).

The following items are considered training in the ring:

- Directing the dog back onto the contact after having engaged with all 4 paws at the same time
- Start line stay – leaving the dog and going back again to reposition the dog after the handler passes the plane of the first obstacle (before the handler leaves the dog, continuous repositioning or repeated commands can be a delay of start)
- If the dog jumps off the table after the handler directs the dog to the table, the handler then directing the dog back on the table (point games)
- Following an off course, repeating a section of the course beginning up to two prior obstacles to where the off course occurred.
- Some additional things that are considered training in the ring: petting or touching your dog as a reward during your run. Touching the equipment to assist the dog (such as holding the teeter as it moves). This list is not all inclusive and the judge's decision is final.

While running on course

- The handler will direct the dog through the course without a collar or lead. The handler may use any verbal or visual commands to direct the dog through the course. The Judge may assess a 5-fault penalty to elimination for

any command that is not given in a sportsmanlike manner. Faults can be but are not limited to: foul or abusive language, display of anger, frustration or excessive harshness. If the fault is severe enough, the Judge has the right to excuse the exhibitor from the ring and / or the remainder of the trial. If excused from the trial, a report would be filed with CPE. See Faults, Eliminations and Excusals.

- Food, (includes fanny packs and leash attachments) are not allowed within 10' feet of the ring. Clickers, training whistles and squeaky toys are not to be used within distraction distance of the ring.
- Toys, training devices not allowed within 10' of the ring except as part of Declared Training in the Ring described below.
- No visible device can be used by the handler that can video or time the dog's run while in the ring.
- No device can be used on the handler or within a pocket that can notify the handler of the SCT for any class during a run (one example: wristwatch).
- The handler may not carry anything that could aid the dog in its performance. Exception noted below under prior to class starting. Exclusion: Handicapped/Differently Abled Handlers using a cane, scooter, wheelchair, etc., to enable their progression around the course.

Declared Training In the Ring (TIR) Prior to Class Starting

- Not permitted at National events

If allowed by the Host Club and a handler decides they may want to use a toy or training aid at any time during their run the handler must approach the Judge during Walkthrough or previously in that trial day for the Judge to approve the toy or training aid for use on the course.

- Handler must alert the Judge upon entry to the ring that the dog will be TIR. Handler is then allowed to have a reasonably sized silent toy/aid with them for use once their run has started (this toy must be approved by the Judge of record PRIOR to the start of the class to determine its eligibility, absolutely no food/scents/audible devices). The toy is NOT allowed to be used in either gate chute or prior to the previous dog leaving the ring.
- Timer will start the time either when the dog attempts the first obstacle, or the handler shows the toy to the dog. Timer will either blow whistle or sound horn at expiration of Large Dog SCT (Standard Course Time supplied and instructed by the Judge prior to each class).
- Handler must put toy away and leave the ring with their dog expeditiously allowing the next dog to enter.
- Although the Judge will not be judging for a score, they are required to watch the handler throughout their run both for safety and to ensure the team is proceeding through the course as designed by the Judge.
- There is no resetting of knocked bars at any time by the handler.
- Handler may direct their dog to repeat an obstacle or sequence (up to 3 obstacles as designed) one time during their allotted time any further repetition of that sequence/obstacle or any other sequence/obstacle will result in an immediate end to their run signaled by the Judges thank-you or a whistle.