

NADAC AUSTRALIA COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR CLUBS AND EXHIBITORS (Draft document for discussion)

AIMS:

- Reduce risk of potential contact with covid-19 positive individuals.
- Manage gathering size according to Government Restrictions
- Maintain safe social distancing of 1.5 metres
- Provide handwashing/sanitising facilities
- Limit handling of agility equipment
- Provide appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) to volunteers and workers
- Reduce paperwork and restrict handling of necessary paperwork
- Prevent cross contamination via leashes and other objects
- To ensure host clubs comply with COVID-19 guidelines

PROCEDURES:

Reduce risk of potential contact with covid-19 positive individuals

- Signed exhibitor Health check and covid-19 exposure declaration on day of competition required for competition
- Signed assumption of risk waiver by all trial site attendees (officials, exhibitors and spectators)
- *Temperature checks on day of competition (not sure this is feasible-time wise)*
- Excusal of exhibitors from trial if they attend the trial whilst unwell.

Manage gathering size according to Government Restrictions

- Closely monitor entry numbers – checking people numbers (trial is full when we reach the gathering number allowed – Agility Unscrambled tracks Handler Numbers in Trial stats)
- Prohibit spectators – only allow exhibitors and essential people for the running of the event
- No group briefings – all briefings to be pre-recorded and available prior to the trial

Maintain safe social distancing of 1.5 metres

- Signage on trial site reminding exhibitors of social distancing
- Crating to adhere to social distancing
- Limiting people in score gazebo to 2 people (timekeeper and scribe – no scorer)
- Separate table for the 2 workers in score gazebo – social distance 1.5 metres
- Marshalling chute – only one team at a time in chute (we already do this)
- Maintain distancing in marshalling area (we already encourage distance between dogs)

Provide handwashing/sanitising facilities

- Handwashing facilities/ hand sanitiser readily available
- Promote exhibitors having their own hand sanitiser

Limit handling of agility equipment

- Specify a ring crew for the day and the ring crew will be the only people involved in course building and course changes

Provide appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) to volunteers and workers

- Handwashing/sanitising facilities available. Sanitiser should be available at the score table, the equipment trailer and in the marshalling area. Exhibitors are also encouraged to have and use their own sanitiser as part of the own personal trial kit
- Gloves for bar setters and course builders
- Table workers will be required to hand sanitise before the class starts and upon completion of the class.
- Masks are not required as per Government recommendations but if a handler wishes to wear one by choice whilst at the trial or whilst running their dog they shall be permitted to do so.

Reduce paperwork and restrict handling of necessary paperwork

- Providing exhibitor paperwork online prior to trial day (eg run orders and job rosters)
- Instruct exhibitors to print out their own hardcopies of rosters and run orders
- Post results online (Adobe online, google docs, Facebook (photo and post results), email exhibitor results after each class is entered – all require internet connection)
- Ziplock bag – containing scoresheet, small pencil and eraser and clipboard for each class collected and handled only by scribe and club data entry person.

Prevent cross contamination via leashes and other objects

- Allow handlers a choice of leash handling options. Option 1: to carry leashes on course in their pockets or in a bum bag without penalty (leash must not be visible and bum bag discreet). Option 2: Family member or friend can leash run for those not wanting to carry leash on course (handler should provide hand sanitiser/gloves to their leash buddy). Option 3: Rostered leash walker will use a grabber tool to move the leash from the start line to the finish line. The leash walker will wear gloves and the gripper will be dipped into appropriate cleaner between runs so as to reduce cross contamination.
- No communal food – this includes BBQ's, score table lollies
- Ribbons will be collated and bagged for those wanting ribbons by a trial official and collected at the end of the trial day. Exhibitors are encouraged to consider trial credits instead of ribbons where offered by a club.
- The timing console will be wiped down frequently throughout the day.
- Highest in Trial prizes will only be handled by the club official and recipient of the Award.

To ensure host clubs comply with COVID-19 guidelines

- Club signature on covid-19 release of liability form (see attached)

COVID-19 Official/Exhibitor/Spectator Declaration

NADAC Australia is implementing all applicable Australian and Victorian Government guidance to reduce the spread and personal risk posed by coronavirus and COVID-19. Please assist us in this by completing this declaration.

Risk Assessment	Yes	No
Have you been outside of Victoria or overseas in the last 14 days?		
Do you have any symptoms of respiratory illness ¹ with or without fever?		
Have you had close contact ² with a confirmed COVID-19 case in the last 14 days?		
Have you had close contact with a suspected COVID-19 case in the last 14 days?		
Have you had close contact with a person that travelled outside Victoria or overseas in the last 14 days?		

If you answered 'Yes' to any of the above questions you are not permitted to remain on the NADAC Trial site for this scheduled event. If you answered 'No' to all of the above questions then you are permitted on the trial site but must adhere to all the hygiene, social distancing and club guidance required.

Hygiene and Social distancing guidance

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water including:
 - before and after eating
 - after going to the toilet
 - before and after contact with shared surfaces
 - after coughing or sneezing
 - use the hand sanitiser provided before and after any "jobs" you are rostered for
- Cover your cough and sneeze, dispose of tissues, and wash hands or use hand sanitiser.
- Stay more than 1.5 metres from other people (e.g. double space at tables)
- Minimise touching shared surfaces (i.e. desks, door handles, lift buttons, etc.). Use gloves when instructed to do so by trial officials
- Avoid sharing items such as phones, keyboard/mouse, pens, dog equipment, crating areas etc.

Declaration - I certify that the answers provided on this declaration are true and accurate. The declaration is valid for 14 days from date of signature and is invalid if the answers to any of the above questions change in the 14 days from date of signature.	
Name	
Mobile phone number	
Address	
Signature	
Date	

Completed forms to be either scanned and emailed prior to the trial to host club email or handed to the trial secretary on arrival to the trial.

¹ Fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue, difficulty breathing

² Close contact is a) face to face at less than 1.5m for more than 15 minutes or b) in the same closed space for more than 2 hours.

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Addendum to Club Application and Renewal Form

RELEASE & INDEMNITY - DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Whereas, the world is experiencing a global pandemic due to the coronavirus commonly known as COVID-19 (“the virus”).

Whereas, countries, states, provinces, counties, cities, and local townships all have implemented different protocols to protect their citizens from the virus and that these various protocols are based on their locale and the virus’ effect on the specific population therein.

Whereas, countries, states, provinces, counties, cities, and local townships have limited gatherings to various sizes, for various purposes, and have established various protocols for such gatherings, and such protocols are changing at various rates in various places.

Whereas, NADAC cannot be fully informed as to every country, state, province, and local township’s various rules, regulations, and protocols with respect to holding an agility trial.

Whereas, NADAC desires to keep its members, handlers, and the public safe at all NADAC agility trials.

Therefore, in order to host a NADAC agility trial, NADAC hereby requires clubs, or other entities hosting NADAC trials, to affirmatively agree that they will adhere to all federal, state, provincial, local, and municipal, laws, rules, and protocols concerning the virus.

In consideration for hosting a NADAC sanctioned trial, the club/person/or entity hereby waives, releases and discharges any and all claims for damages for personal injury, or death, which may incur as a result of the virus, or acts of the club, its members, or participants in the trial.

This addendum is intended to discharge NADAC, its employees, agents, representatives, and judges, from and against any and all liability arising out of the failure of the hosting entity to adhere to health protocols applicable to the location of the NADAC trial.

By signing my name below, I affirm that I have carefully read this agreement and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and agreement to indemnify NADAC and I sign it of my own free will, as the authorized representative of _____.

NAME OF CLUB/HOST ENTITY

Authorized Signature

Date