

SHOW INSTRUCTIONS

ADV NADAC TRIAL TO BE HELD

AT MOORABBIN

19th and 20th June 2021

Dear Exhibitor,

Thank you for entering the trial. You will have by now received your entry confirmation email. Please be sure to check all of the details to ensure your dog(s) have been entered correctly. In particular please make sure that your dog's NADAC number is correct as results from the trial will be attributed to this number. The attachment that accompanied your confirmation is a pdf file of the same information as found in the body of the email (it is however much easier to read and provides you with a handy document to record your dog's performance on the day of the trial). Please note that **no changes will be made to your entries on the day** – the onus is on you to ensure you are entered correctly **before trial day**.

CAR PARKING:

Due to the busy road conditions at the airport as a result of construction on airport grounds we are currently (as a trial situation only) allowing exhibitors parking off the street on the ground. There will be strict enforcement of the following conditions;

You may not drive onto the ground until trial officials have arrived and supply the mandated curb risers to protect the cement guttering and allow your car onto the ground.

Cars **must** access via the curb risers and designated vehicle access point as indicated on the attached map. Officials will arrive at 6.30am to place the curb risers. All vehicle access must be via the access point.

No vehicle may park beyond the lines on the attached image NOT EVEN TO DROP OFF GEAR CLOSER TO THE RING. We are preserving area for marshalling in front of the ring and enough area for those wishing to erect a gazebo nearer to the ring – HENCE THE NO PARKING BEYOND THE LINES.

All vehicles must drive with care on the grass.....slow speeds and gentle turning. Do not obstruct the vehicle access point. Should cars cause damage and/or people disobey the "rules" then I am afraid we will have no choice but to revoke parking privileges.



RING SET UP, TRAILER UNPACKING AND COURSE BUILDING:

Shirlene and Wendy will arrive at the ground at approximately 6.30am with the trailers and hope to commence course building. ADV members have offered their help with setting up, but any competitors are more than welcome to offer aid and so speed up this process. We are very grateful to those who arrive early to help and pitch in above and beyond rostered jobs.

TRIAL CHECK IN:

There is no official check in procedure at this trial unless your dog is required to be measured or you wish your dog to be measured for a permanent height card (you can download a form from www.nadacastralia.com). Measuring of dogs will take place beside the equipment trailer and an announcement will be made in the morning when measuring will be done. The only dogs requiring measuring are PROFICIENT STANDARD entrants jumping 4, 8, 12 or 16 inch jump heights who have not provided a copy of their height card.

TRIAL BRIEFING AND START TIME

A welcome address by the Judge will take place from **7.45am**.

Walk through of the first course will be at the conclusion of briefing (**approx. 7.50am**)

The **first dog is scheduled to run from 8.00am** (or just after the conclusion of course walking)

COURSE WALK THROUGH:

You are strongly advised to be ringside as the course is being numbered for your class and level. The course will be opened for walking once the Judge has checked and numbered the course. Course walk throughs are timed (the timing is from when the Judge opens it for walking) and you have 5 minutes to complete your walk through. Please make sure you wear a mask for walking courses and maintain social distancing.

Judging will commence shortly thereafter when the first dogs and handlers present to the ring and the score table is ready.

Please listen for announcements by trial officials.

This is a double run trial format. There is only one walk through for each level of each class (ie no additional walk through between round 1 and round 2 of any class).

EXHIBITOR RUNNING ORDER (subject to change by officials if necessary):

THERE IS A SET EXHIBITOR RUN ORDER FOR THIS TRIAL. Exhibitors must run in the posted order within the class and level they have entered. Please be aware that delaying your entry into the ring, when you are scheduled to run, could incur a delay of start penalty. Please note that we will have a very short break between round 1 and round 2 of each class to allow multiple dogs handlers to change dogs and catch their breath.

JOB ROSTER (subject to change by officials if necessary):

All exhibitors are given rostered job(s) as it is the only way the trial can run efficiently. We ask that you please be on time for your job(s) and be attentive to your duties and show your fellow exhibitors the same respect and courtesy as you yourself wish to receive. If this is your first trial or you are returning from a break, please make the effort to check the requirements of the job you have been rostered on to do. Again please use the hand sanitizer and wear a mask.

Here is a basic description of each rostered job;

TIMEKEEPER & SCORER

Your job is to watch the Judge for scoring faults. Please watch the Judge at all times and verbally relay the calls to the scribe. We will be using Electronic Timing gates. The first obstacle is the start line and last obstacle is the finish line. If the dog passes the first or last obstacle without performing it, start or stop the timer as appropriate. Finish line is not active until dog is heading for the finish, so if a dog performs the last obstacle at some other point in the course, you don't need to stop the time. If you're using electronic timers, be sure you get a briefing from the club person who understands them before starting this job. When timing Chances, your job is to advise the scribe whether the time is under or over 40 seconds. This is a separate part of Chances scoring, and does not relate to whether the dog has faults or not. Gone are the days when all the timer needs to do is watch the dog; it really helps the scribe if you can help her keep track of judging calls when she's writing or looking for an out of order dog on the sheet. When a dog is "E'd" you still need to keep track of the time. You need to raise a hand flag at the 60 second mark for all runs, so the judge knows that mark has been reached.

If at any time you are having a problem with the timers then please ask the Judge at the end of a run to hold the next dog and call for Shirlene or Wendy to resolve the issue.

SCRIBE:

Your job is to write down against the correct team running the faults and the time. The club can help you with the specifics of the scoring sheets. Please take care that you are recording against the correct team on the score sheets. If a handler fails to identify themselves on entering the ring then ask them at the conclusion of their run (please do not call out to teams on the line).

LEASH WALKER:

Leash walker – be sure to listen to the handler, who might wish to use one of the other leashing options instead of having you hand the leash to her. Be sure to wait until the dog has started before picking up the leash, using the grippers supplied, especially if it has been dropped right behind the dog. When you move the leash, be sure you stay clear of the dog's path on the course. Place leash on ground or on the leash holder. Please stay clear of the finishing dog: stand a little off to the side and not just past the final obstacle. And if the dog tries to visit you, your job is to ignore the dog. No one under the age of 12 can fill this position.

CONTAINERISED TRIAL:

Treats or small noiseless toys may be carried on your person in an appropriately sealed container in accordance with the NADAC guidelines http://www.nadac.com/Rules_for_NADAC_trials.htm

This trial is a containerised trial. Unattended treats or toys left on the ground will be disposed of by trial officials.

PERSONAL LEASH WALKERS ARE PERMITTED:

Please inform the rostered leash walker if you will be bringing your own leash walker into the ring.

ENTERING THE RING:

You are expected to enter the ring when the previous team is completing their run (ie they are taking the last few obstacles). As you walk past the score table please announce your name and your dogs name so they are able to locate you and score your run.

You must keep your dog on leash until the Judge indicates you may remove your dogs leash and collar by saying "Good Luck". This is your cue to unleash and commence your run without undue delay.

TRAINING IN THE RING:

You are allowed one opportunity to train in the ring during your run, once you have begun training you will be faulted an elimination. Training runs are given 60 seconds total ring time, at which point the judge will ask you to exit. if the judge feels you or your dog are unsafe in the ring, the judge will say "Thank You", which means you are asked to stop training and immediately leave the ring. You may also chose to train and let the judge know before you start your run.

RING ENTRANCE AND EXIT AREAS:

Only teams preparing for their run should be in the vicinity of the ring entrance.

The ring exit should always remain clear for teams exiting after their run.

Under no circumstances should you have a dog in the front of the ring unless they are entered into the class that is running and are preparing to run.

RESULTS:

Results will be posted on line on the NADAC Australia page.

PRESENTATIONS:

Place and Q ribbons may be collected during the day from the shelter set up near the ring. Treats may be taken instead of ribbons, entirely up to the handler's preferences. There will be an ADV member present to help in this process and avoid unnecessary handling.

HIGHEST IN TRIAL:

The following Highest in Trial awards will be presented to the Highest Scoring team in Elite level, Open level, Novice level and Intro level. (Standard Division and Veteran's Division)

The level you are eligible for will be determined by the lowest level qualifier you achieve.

WORKER'S RAFFLE:

We will be having a "Workers Raffle".. All workers will be entered into the drawer, there are not tickets etc.

"E"-NCOURAGEMENT RAFFLE:

All teams who score an E for a run will be entered into the draw. The raffle will be drawn at Presentations.

VETERAN DOGS:

When a dog reaches age 7 you may choose to enter that dog in the veteran division. On your dog's 9th Birthday are required to enter Veteran Division. It is optional whether you enter Skilled Category. On your dog's 12th Birthday you are required to enter skilled category (ie your dog will not be permitted to compete in Proficient) and you will be required to enter veteran dog division (ie your dog will not be permitted to compete in standard division)

NON ENTERED DOGS:

You are permitted to bring your well behaved, non aggressive, non entered dogs to a NADAC trial. Your dogs must be securely contained in your crating area and are not permitted around the ring surrounds (ie they should be exercised away from the ring area). They should not create any disruption to the trial.

All relevant trial information (catalogue, class run order, job rosters and any important announcement relating to the trial) will be posted on the NADAC Australia page and the ADV fb page.

If you have any concerns between now and the trial day please do not hesitate to contact me either by email cdenehey@bigpond.com or via telephone 0418127115.

I wish you a great two days of agility with your dog(s). I look forward to seeing lots of smiling faces and wagging tails as you enjoy the fun of running with your four-pawed companions.

Good luck and joyful runs to you all.

Carole Denehey
Trial Secretary
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