

# The Agility Facility UKI Agility Trial March 15-16, 2025



# **Confirmation AND general briefing notes!**

The Agility Facility 112 Gallup Hill Rd., Ledyard CT 06339 SAT & SUN site opens 8am, Brief & Walk-Thru at 8:45am.

Please do not arrive early as there may be loose animals!

# **Schedule of Classes:**

#### **SATURDAY** small to tall

- Combined Gamblers all levels
- Agility B/N, S/C
- Masters Series Agility open to all
- Jumping B/N, S/C
- Masters Series Jumping open to all

### **SUNDAY** tall to small

- Speedstakes S/C, then B/N
- Snooker S/C, then B/N
- Jumping C, S, B/N
- Agility C, S, B/N

Realtime Scores available at <a href="http://www.ukimanager.com/scores">http://www.ukimanager.com/scores</a> scroll to "The Agility Facility" Placements will not be accurate until the entire class is scored and placements calculated. If you have an account on <a href="https://www.ukimanager.com/scores">MyDogEntry.com</a> you can enable text results as well.

Check In: Gate sheets for the day are on the table next to the ring gating. Please bring your check &/- paper entry if you still owe.

Measuring: Let us know if your dog needs to be measured. New measuring rules attached!

# **Worker Schedule:**

Workers make shows possible. This is a small trial and we will all need to work for the day to progress. Please sign up. Workers will receive self-serve raffle tickets. 1 ticket per job. Tickets may be put in a worker raffle, or worth \$1 each at our vendors. (Food, & K9 Massage)

Mulligan runs may be offered both days. \$5 payable by cash/check, PayPal, or Venmo. Dog MUST be entered in that class to run a mulligan. Please write your name on the board.

Crating Indoor crating may be available in the FRONT HALF of the barn aisle ONLY.

#### **Bathroom Facilities**

There are porta-potties outside at the top right corner of the barn with sanitizer. There is a sink for hand washing located in the wash stall inside the barn.

# **NFC Food Reward Area**

This trial will allow use of a food reward area for NFC runs. This area will be closed off during all other runs. Please see section 4.12a, page 35 of the UKI Rule Book for complete details.

**Walk Throughs:** 8 minutes, then 5 minutes to first dog on-the-line.

# Trial documents: maps, run orders, maps, results & ribbons

Run orders, maps and results will be emailed and posted on-site, and on <a href="MyDogEntry.com">MyDogEntry.com</a> Course maps will be emailed when doors open. No paper copies will be available. Class ribbons are self-serve. If you earned a title please let us know to make your ribbon!

# See appendix for rulebook excerpts on training-in-the-ring options:

- "Repeat and Move On (RMO)"
- "Not For Competition (NFC)"

Please email if you have any questions on using these amazing training tools!

#### Leashes:

Dogs may run "naked" or with ONE flat buckle collar with nothing attached. A Seresto collar counts as your one collar. No martingales. You MAY NOT run with your leash in your pocket.

# Food Services: There WILL BE a food vendor with lunch items.

There is no potable drinking water available for humans, please bring your own.

# Please support our Vendor

• Canine Massage & Laser Therapy by Maureen Connors. While working as a Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner and Physical Therapist Assistant for many years, Maureen recognized the benefits of massage for dogs and also became a Certified Canine Myo-manipulative Functional Therapist. From helping dogs competing in sports to achieve optimal performance to helping senior dogs stay as healthy and mobile as possible and anything in between, she strives to help dogs from all walks of life feel their best through massage

# **Questions?**

For specific show questions such as regarding the site etc., please contact: Holly Burchsted <a href="mailto:agility@gmail.com">agility@gmail.com</a>

#### **Veterinarian on Call**

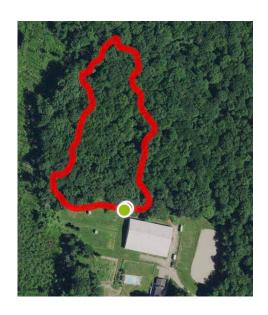
Pieper Memorial Veterinary Center (860) 347-8387 730 Randolph Rd, Middletown, CT, 06457

# **Dog Potty Areas**

Dogs may be walked on-leash around the top of the property to the right of the driveway.

There is a designated **off-leash "poop loop"** walking trail accessible behind the arena. ~10 minutes at a brisk pace. If your dog is uncomfortable around unleashed dogs, the front of the property is a better choice.

Please watch that your dogs do not mark in the barn or arena! There will be a bucket near the door for depositing poop bags. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s).



# **Unofficial Games Challenge – over both days**

- Clear rounds in Games Challenge classes count towards current level progression and can be used towards the Nationals Round 2 bye Q requirement. However, the Games Challenge event is UNOFFICIAL and Games Challenge winners do not earn any special byes towards the West Coast or US Opens.
- Consists of a Gamblers round on Saturday and a Snooker round Sunday. Results are combined.
- Cumulative scoring: highest number of points wins with time as tie breaker only.
- In the event of a tie for the Games Challenge, the scores from the Gamblers round will determine the winner.
- Eliminations (dogs not stopping the timers by going over the finish jump) will score 0 points with SCT as the course time.
- Placements and prizes will be awarded at two levels: Beginner & Novice, and Senior & Champ.
- Teams must enter both classes to be eligible for prizes and Games Challenge placements.
- Teams may enter either class a la carte for titling if they do not wish to participate in the Games Challenge event.
- The classes and are run and scored under UKI Rules & Regulations.
- An Absent or NFC in either class will forfeit eligibility to win the Games Challenge Event.
- The running orders for both classes will be random order.

# Appendix A - training-in-the-ring options. "Not for Competition" and "Repeat and Move On"

See 10th edition Rulebook for complete rules.

# 4.12 Not For Competition

- A handler may choose to participate in any class they are eligible to compete in as "not for competition" (NFC). This must be stated in advance to the run and noted on the Scribe sheet with NFC. This will allow the handler to use the standard course time to train and practice the course.
- The handler may use the SCT to train any piece of equipment multiple times. If a handler chooses to train their start line, the time will be started once the handler begins to walk back towards their dog once they have left him.
- If a handler chooses to participate in a class for NFC, he/she may use a toy or other like training device for rewarding their dog's performance. They may also choose to have another person assist them in the ring during their course time. Targets are allowed as long as they are not placed on any piece of equipment and no additional time is taken to place or remove these. Handlers may not alter equipment in any way by putting something on it, under it or over it.
- No audible training aids or audible toys will be allowed. No food is allowed in the ring.
- A dog & handler may not leave the ring boundary for the purposes of rewarding the dog outside
  the ring in any manner, except for a designated area detailed in 4.12a (not available at this trial).
  Should a handler choose to leave the ring at any time to reward their dog, the run ceases and they
  may not return back into the ring.
- The judge shall not judge the dog, but shall continue to watch the handler to ensure safety, good judgment and fair treatment of the dog. Handlers may not ask the judge or any ring party to leave the ring.
- If a handler does not state NFC and the judge deems them to be training, they will be eliminated.
- A dog may NOT run NFC in a Level they are not eligible for. A dog may jump lower in the Select Height than they measure only for NFC, but the handler must contact the Show Manager to notify them of this wish before the show. If they opt for this, the dog may not also enter their competition height in those classes. The purpose of this is for dog's who may be recovering from injury or for other reasons are unable to jump their Select option height.

# 4.12 Not For Competition

- A food reward area may be available, which is set adjacent to the ring boundary for the purpose of giving food to a dog during an NFC run.
- This option is not allowed for Masters Series Heats, Tournament classes, Cups, Classics and Opens.

# 4.13 Repeat and Move-on "RMO"

- During a run, a competitor may immediately repeat any obstacle one time at the competitor's discretion. This is an immediate elimination.
- In so doing, the competitor may repeat one or a maximum of two relevant preceding obstacle(s)
  prior to the point of error if it is beneficial to their performance of the obstacle. If the error is a
  knocked bar, a competitor may reset a maximum of 1 jump bar.
- The handler can either continue to work the remainder of the course in normal competitive spirit or immediately head to the exit of the ring.
- If a handler attempts to repeat another obstacle or the judge deems that the handler is continuing to train on the remainder of the course, the judge must immediately dismiss the handler and the competitor must go to the exit of the ring.
- It is strictly understood by competitors that no harsh punitive correction shall be used at any time during their attendance at a UKI event and this is also including RMO.

# 4.5 Measuring Dogs

All registered dogs are measured free of charge. All trials must have an official measuring device by their second trial. All newly registered dogs or a dog without a permanent measure, not jumping full height (24", 22", 20" select) must be measured by a UKI judge or approved UKI measurer to determine the dog's jump height.

All handlers are solely responsible for the behavior of their dogs including during measuring. If there is doubt as to how a dog will react towards the measurer, the dog will need to wear a muzzle while being measured. Handlers must prevent any aggressive behavior during measuring.

A 1st measurement must be obtained and sent to the UKI office by the dog's 3rd trial. A measurement from another organization may be used for this first measure if it is an actual measurement and is not within .25" (6mm) of a jump height cut off.

A 2nd measure must be obtained between 12 months and by a maximum of 18 months after the dog's first recorded measurement. If this timeframe is not met, the dog is unable to compete at any UKI event until this is done.

If a newly registered dog is aged three years and older, the dog will only need one measurement, and this must be by a UKI measurer. No other organization's measure may be used for this. If a dog is found to have achieved results when it has not complied with the measurement rules, all results that have been gained while breaking these rules will be void and any progression will be rescinded. Dogs will be measured using official measuring devices while the dog is placed in a standing stacked position on a flat surface such as a table. The measurement is taken from the perpendicular line from the highest point at the top of the dog's withers to the flat surface. At the time of measuring, the measurement will be recorded and sent to the UKI office.

If there is a controversy over the dog's permanent measurement, then the owner/handler may ask for an appointed UKI official to re-measure the dog's height. If this 3rd measure agrees with the permanent measurement, keeping them in the same height category, the handler may not challenge their permanent measure again. If the 3rd measure does not agree with the current jump height category, a 4th measure must be obtained. If available, this should be at the same trial but by a different UKI measurer. If the 4th measure cannot be done on the same day as the 3rd, then the dog must stay at the current jump height listed on their UKI account until this last measurement is obtained. This 4th measure will be the deciding factor. No further challenges will be accepted, including those where another organization has measured differently.

# A-3 Disciplinary Procedure - Dogs out of Control

A dog is considered out of the handler's control when the dog is actively avoiding their handler or owner in or out of the competition ring. This includes any dog who is not working for the handler and is running around with the potential to injure itself, other dogs and/or people.

If a dog is found to be out of control in the competition ring, whether running for competition or NFC, the judge should eliminate and dismiss the dog from the ring. The judge must then document this dismissal, and it must be reported to the trial manager as soon as the class is complete. If the judge deems that any further attempts to run the dog in any ring is a potential hazard to itself or others, the judge should not wait until the end of the class but must inform the trial manager immediately. Once the class is concluded they should still submit their formal report. Once notified verbally by a judge that a further attempt to run a dog is a potential hazard, the trial manager should immediately contact the handler and excuse them from competing with the dog for the remainder of the event. This should take place before the dog is able to run in another ring. A short summary of the dismissal must then be emailed to the dog's registered UKI owner and sent to the UKI office using the incident form. This report will be kept on file for up to 1 year.

If the judge does not deem that the dog needs to be excused from the trial, but another incident of out- of-control behavior occurs during that event, this must again be reported to the trial manager, and they should then excuse the dog from the rest of the trial and report as stated above.

A dog should not be considered out of control for ignoring/ not understanding handler cues or if the handler is able to continue working with the dog with the dog trying to respond to the handler. A dog isn't considered out of control if the dog becomes momentarily distracted, but the handler can quickly get the dog back working again for them.

If a dog outside of the ring is acting in a manner that may cause injury to itself, another dog or a person then the trial manager should be informed by anyone witnessing this. The trial manager should attend the scene if possible or, if not immediately possible to attend, they should make observations on the dog's behavior as soon as possible. If the trial manager feels that the dog is out of control, then they should discuss this behavior with the handler and if the trial manager feels it necessary to excuse the dog from the rest of the trial because of the potential of injury to itself or others or of an extreme disruption to the event, it should be reported as above. If the trial manager feels that a warning is all that is required, then noting this warning for their own records is sufficient. If another report of similar behavior occurs at the event, the trial manager should then excuse the dog from the competition area for the remainder of the event and report to UKI as above.

Any discussions with the accused by the judge or trial manager should be done with consideration, and without the intent to belittle or disparage the handler.

If a dog who is out of control also exhibits clear cut aggressive behavior towards another dog or person, then the full disciplinary procedure should be followed as described under A Clear Cut Infraction section.