

## Welcome to the 2026 CPE SpeedWay Nationals!

Thank you for supporting the 2026 CPE Nationals, and a huge thank-you to the **Paw-cific Northwest Agility Club** members and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to bring this event to life.

Remember to **have fun with your dog** and enjoy every run.

Relax and breathe — Nationals is still a trial, just with more dogs, bigger ribbons, and additional awards.

Exhibitors are responsible for all information in this briefing and announced during the daily general briefings.

### SpeedWay Nationals Procedures:

#### Groups & Running Order

- Dogs and competitors are divided into **Groups 1 to 6 for Ring Games. Groups A and B for Drag Race.**
- Each group has **30 minutes** to complete **two (2) Ring Game runs**, with **10 minutes** for ring rotation.
- **Drag Race 50 and 100** will run together on Wednesday and Thursday from **8:00am to 11:00am** (weather permitting).
- **Group A** will run **Drag Race 100** first on Wednesday with **Drag Race 50** running second. **Group B** will run **Drag Race 50** first on Wednesday with **Drag Race 100** running second. **Group B** will run **Drag Race 50** first on Thursday with **Drag Race 100** running second. **Group A** will run **Drag Race 100** first with **Drag Race 50** running second.
- Handlers that selected *back-to-back* or *single* runs during entry; **no changes** will be made.
- Drag Race runs **may not** be back-to-back. **\*\*Bring 2 leashes or slip leads to the Drag Race Ring\*\***

#### Walk-Throughs

- All rings except Drag Race will have **two 30-minute walk-throughs**:
  - **11:00 to 11:30am** (open to anyone)
  - **1:30 to 2:00pm** (for those running in the second half that need a refresher)
- If morning weather causes delays, the **Drag Race and Ring Game schedules will be reversed**. Please check **MDE** for any official schedule updates before and during the Nationals.

#### Gate Sheets & Absences

- Notify the **gate steward** if your dog is absent.
- Ring Games will have gate sheets in group order.
- Drag Race will **not** have gate sheets, the Main Gate Steward will have a list to check off names.
- Dogs may **not** be moved between groups or rings.
- Multiple-dog handlers may **not** rearrange dogs; spacing has already been accounted for.

#### Back-to-Back Runs

- If running back-to-back, **do not leave the ring**. Cross directly back to the start.

#### Catalogs (Running Orders) & Course Maps

- Course maps and Catalogs (Running Orders) will be on MDE and posted at each ring.

#### Standard Course Times

- Ring Games: **60 seconds**
- Drag Race 100: **45 seconds**
- Drag Race 50: **30 seconds**

#### Drag Race Safety Reminder

The next dog may **not** enter the ring until:

- The previous dog has exited the catch area
- The lure is reset
- The catcher is in place
- The end gate is closed

#### Volunteers & Worker Schedules

Thank you to **every volunteer**—SpeedWay Nationals cannot happen without you.

- Jobs were assigned based on requests as much as possible please see the worker link on MDE under SpeedWay to fill in empty spots. If there are any questions about job assignments, you can email Kim at [kim@cpe.dog](mailto:kim@cpe.dog).
- Volunteer job Instructions will be on MDE, posted at each ring, and someone will be available for questions.
- Please check in **10 minutes early** with the Ring Captain.
- You will receive raffle tickets for the fantastic prizes provided by the Paw-cific Northwest Agility Clubs and by Art and Kim.
- If you cannot make your shift, **please find your own replacement**.

**Please be courteous and respectful to volunteers and fellow exhibitors. Everyone is working hard to ensure a smooth, enjoyable event.**

## **General Briefings**

### **Wednesday, May 27, 2026**

- Check in will be Tuesday May 26, 2026, from 400pm to 600pm and Wednesday May 27, 2026, from 600am to 6:30am.
- General Briefing: **7:00am** in the Main Arena.
- Followed by the **Canadian and U.S. National Anthems.**

### **Thursday, May 28, 2026**

- General Briefing: **7:00am** in the Main Arena.

## **General CPE Rules**

- Dogs must always be on leash and in the handler's hand from setup through Thursday teardown.
- Dogs must be leashed **before leaving the ring gate chutes.**
- Dogs may not be off leash going to/from camping areas.
- Dogs may not be tied to objects or left unattended unless they are crated.
- No toys, treats, or tugging within **10 ft** of any ring.
- Do not walk through the marked restricted area around Drag Race rings.
- Picking up the leash before the run is complete = **NQ.**
- Picking up or biting cones/equipment = **NQ.**
- Enter the ring promptly when instructed.
- Keep your dog leashed until the dog before you is in the leash box.
- Leash boxes will be used; handlers may carry leashes around waist/neck/pocket.
- Dogs leaving the ring during a run = **run ends, NQ.**
- Dogs must run with **no equipment** on their bodies except one plain collar.
- Flexis and pinch collars are not allowed in the ring.
- **Declared Training** is not allowed at Nationals.

Results will be posted every day once all classes and scores are completed in My Dog Entry and location to be announced the first day at the General Briefing. If you have any questions about your scores, you **MUST** come to the score room. Do not go to the Course Marshal. They will not discuss your run with you. All results are final after the last day of the respective event and **WILL NOT** be changed.

## **Drag Race Releasers/Catchers**

Due to the emotional intensity of Drag Race, there will be **no dedicated releasers/catchers.** Work within your group or ask nearby individuals for assistance.

## **CPE Nationals Trophies & Awards**

Awards ceremony is held approximately One hour after the last results are posted on Thursday, May 28 in the Main Arena.

**Note:** Title Ribbons are not given out at Nationals.

If you cannot pick up your dog's awards, please arrange for a friend to collect them.

Awards will **not** be mailed.

- Placement medals are available after all dogs are finished and scored.
- Carbonless scribe sheet copies available at the ribbon area.
- One Qualifying Banner (per dog) will be at the check in table, and the tabs are at the ribbon table.
- Bring your **yellow scribe sheet** to pick up qualifying tabs.
- Verify your scores and multipliers—scores cannot be changed after the day ends.
- Questions about scribe sheets must go through the **score table**, not Course Marshals.
- Video will **not** be used for scoring decisions.

### **Awards Offered**

- Regular & Veteran 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> each day (Ring Games)
- Regular & Veteran 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> combined (Drag Race 100, 2 days)
- Regular & Veteran 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> combined (Drag Race 50, 2 days)
- High in Trial Combined
- High in Trial Ring Games
- Veteran High in Trial Combined
- Veteran High in Trial Ring Games
- Medals for 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> in each division
- Title ribbons will **not** be awarded

**Capture Your Ego Photography** is the official photographer. Please coordinate with them for award photos.

# Volunteer Jobs Descriptions

## Timer

- **Electronic timers will be used.** If you need instruction, **please ask**—we are happy to help.
- The Timer will press the **GO** button to release the next team **after the previous dog has entered the exit leash box.**
- The **Course Marshal** will hand the Timer the scribe sheets for each run so the Timer can record the time.

**Exception – Drag Race:** The Timer will have **all** scribe sheets for the class and will record each dog's time directly.

## Ring Games – Timing Description:

- Once you press **GO**, the run has officially started.
- If the dog **bypasses the first obstacle** and crosses the **plane of the start line**, the time **must** continue even if the handler resets the dog.
- If a timer malfunction affects the run, the team will receive a **rerun**.

## Timer Assistant – Drag Race

- After the Gate Steward announces the dog's name and armband number, the Timer Assistant will hand the correct scribe sheet to the Timer.
- After the run, the Timer will add the time to that sheet.

## Gate Steward

### Drag Race

- Notify the Timer of the dog's name and armband number and confirm the Timer is ready.
- Allow the dog releaser to enter the ring **only when**:
  - The lure is in place
  - The previous dog has exited
  - The catcher is in position
  - The exit gate is closed

### Ring Games

- Clip the scribe sheets for each dog onto a clipboard and hand it to the Course Marshal.
- Notify handlers when to enter the ring.
- Inform the Course Marshal of any issues or special circumstances.

## Gate Steward Assistant

### Ring Games

- Check dogs in.
- **Only** the Gate Steward or Gate Steward Assistant may move dogs on the gate sheet if needed.

## Leash Runner – Ring Games Only

- Walk the leash to the **Out Gate leash box** and place it on the chair.
- Do **not** hang the leash with the hand loop or collar where a dog could get injured.

## Exit Gate Helper – Drag Race

- Assist the catcher in exiting the ring quickly so the next dog can run.
- The next dog may not enter until the previous dog is caught and fully out.
- Ensure the gate is closed before the next run begins.
- The catcher may enter the ring once the dog is announced and the lure is set.

**Note:** Confirm the **correct catcher** is in the ring for the correct dog.