

Granite State Shetland Sheepdog Club COVID guidelines for American K9 Country

Welcome to Agility, COVID style 😊. The clubs and American K9 have put in a tremendous effort to make this a safe event for exhibitors, judge, trial committee etc.

There is a Facebook group set up for this trial. Search for Granite State Shetland Sheepdog Pawprint Agility. Course maps will be posted on my website and also on FB. In addition, I will post notifications when we are ready for walk thrus using FB and Remind.com.

If you would like to receive text messages regarding walk thrus, download remind.com on your phone. Here is the link for updates each day.

Saturday Oct 24th <https://www.remind.com/join/gsscoct24>

Sunday Oct 25th <https://www.remind.com/join/gsscoct25>

Here are the guidelines for this trial. Please take the time to read them carefully.

*If you do not feel well, PLEASE do not attend. If you felt okay when you arrived but if at any point, you do not feel well, please be safe and drive home or call someone if you are not able to drive.

*Gate sheets will be posted as the normal running order. Dogs will be spaced appropriately so there will be no need to move dogs the day of the trial. Only the gate steward can you check in. Please do not check yourself in.

*Paper copies of the map will not be available. There will be posted copies available. Copies of the courses will be posted on my website and the facebook page the night before the trial.

*To avoid people handling the same paper, we will not have carbonless scribe sheets. Having someone video your run is helpful, especially in FAST.

* Crating will be allowed indoors (yay!) In order to maintain social distancing, exhibitors are not allowed to sit with their dogs/crates. You may come in to take your dog out to potty but then please wait outside until it is time to get your dog and get in line. Please be considerate of your fellow exhibitors. It isn't fair for one exhibitor to hang around inside for an hour while others are outside.

* We will have dogs and handlers lined up in the cafeteria. There will be X marks on the floor to indicate where exhibitors are lined up. Exhibitors will enter the ring thru a chute opening (not a gate). The exit is in the back, on the left which will take you directly outdoors after your run. Ring crew, judge, trial secretary, trial committee will be allowed in the building.

* Masks are required at all times in the building, including while running. Masks must cover nose and mouth. If you are within 6' of anyone outside the building, you must also wear a mask. If no one is within 6 feet, wearing a mask is not mandatory.

* Volunteers must sanitize before starting their assignment. All Course Builders must wear a new set of gloves for every course set in addition to wearing a mask.

* You may choose to put your leash in your pocket or wear it around your body. You may also drop the leash, as normal practice. The leash runner will use a grabber tool to bring the leash to the exit gate. The grabber will be sanitized between runs.

