

K9 Kup Mentor Judge

K9 Kup mission statement

To be a learning experience for:

- 1) Handlers
- 2) Dogs
- 3) Volunteers (Timers, scribes, gatekeepers, etc.)
- 4) Judges

To provide the participants, human and canine, with an AAC Starters trial-like experience.

To promote an expectation of fun and good sportsmanship, with a focus on learning not winning. K9 Kup is rooted in the values of the AAC.

To encourage responsible dog ownership and safe participation, and to educate the public on the sport of agility, as rooted in the Paws4Fun mission statement.

K9 Kup overview

Events are held monthly, on the last Sunday of the month, from June until September.

Standard, Gamblers and Jumpers will alternate with Standard, Snooker and Steeplechase each month.

K9 Kup is a team competition, with 15 teams, each of which has a captain. Each team has 8 participating dogs, and the top 3 dogs on each team score for the team in each class.

Teams are split into three divisions (blue, green and pink) that will run concurrently in 3 rings.

Judge Mentor role at K9 Kup

K9 Kup provides an opportunity for those who are interested in learning more about the role of an AAC judge and possibly becoming an AAC judge in the future.

Judge Mentors support a Judge-In-Training during K9 Kup. Each Mentor Judge will be partnered with a Judge-In-Training for a specific date and class (Standard, Jumpers, Gamblers, Snooker or Steeplechase).

The role of the Judge Mentor is to be in the ring with the Judge-In-Training to answer any questions they may have before the event and before/after a dog runs, and to proactively step in after a run to discuss, in a positive, supportive manner, any questionable calls they may have made, or anything they seem unsure about. The Judge Mentor should be judging the run in their head, and then discussing any differences between what they would have done and what the Judge-In-Training did.

Judge Mentors are asked to familiarize themselves with the K9 Kup Scoring document which differs slightly from AAC Rules.

They will provide guidance to the Judges-In-Training on the following items:

- Judges briefing.
- Determination of calls during runs.
- Further explanation of the rules as required.
- Support during scribe, timer or competitor questions, as required.
- General guidance as required.

Other

- Judge mentors are expected to be on-site from 8am to approximately 3pm on the event day.
- Lunch will be provided. All volunteers should bring a refillable water bottle.
- Mentor Judge parking will be indicated on the site map.