

Welcome to the Paws4Fun 13-14 July 2024 Sanctioned AAC Trial!!

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY, some things may have changed just to keep you on your toes!

Note this briefing and that everything attached to it is also available on the Paws4Fun website at <https://www.paws4funagility.ca/trials-events>. Attached here are: Event Schedule, Running Order (as of 8-July), All Entries List, Site Map.

ALL ENTRIES

- Attached is the current All Entries List. Please check your dogs' #ID, height, and registered classes. A small "v" beside the dog's height indicates that the dog's AAC Card has been checked. If you do not have that next to your dog's height, please email me a picture of the dog's AAC Height Card, front & back, or show it to me at the Trial.

SCHEDULE / RUNNING ORDER

- Attached is the current schedule to help you plan your weekend. Note that no class will begin more than 1 hour before the time on this schedule. **We are not taking a lunch break on Sunday - say thank you to your judges and volunteers for working through to get you home sooner.**

- Attached is the current running order. Always check the gate list, as this will inevitably change.

- The walkthrough will be 7 minutes. There is then 5 minutes allocated in the schedule between end of walk through and first dog on the line. This does not mean that the first handler has to take 5 minutes, if they are ready in 2 minutes, all the better to make our day shorter. But the first few handlers should not be rushed, they need to do their pre-run routine just like everyone else.

REGISTRATION / CHECK-IN / MEASUREMENTS

- You do not need to check-in with the Trials Secretary unless you need to show a height card, or have questions or change requests.

- Make sure that you check-in with the Gate Keeper for each class.

- There will be a call for dogs that need to be measured at about 8:30am. Measurements will be done at the shed (see the attached site map). If you are not there at that time, because you're not running in the first class, no worries - when you arrive, go the Information/Scoring/Ribbons area and let Sandy or I know that you need a measurement, and we will find a judge to do that for you.

MAPS & RESULTS

- Maps will be posted on the Paws4Fun website (<https://www.paws4funagility.ca/trials-events/>) at approximately 6am on each trial day. Email will be sent to competitors, and a notice posted on FB, with a link to the courses when they are available. Paper copies will be posted at the venue. Paper copies at the venue will be available only on request, please bring your own if possible.

- Results on paper will be posted on site as soon as possible after each class.

- Internet connectivity allowing, results will also be posted on the Paws4Fun Agility Club FaceBook group at the time each class completes, which you may find helpful for timing your arrival at Paws4Fun.

- Results will be posted on the Paws4Fun website at the end of the day (<https://www.paws4funagility.ca/trials-events/>).

VOLUNTEERS

- While we have attempted to fill all volunteer slots without the help of competitors, there may be openings on the day. Please consider stopping by the Volunteer Tent, located between Rings 1 and 2, to fill in any open volunteer positions. Thank you in advance. **For this trial, we are in need of Ring Crew, please help out if you can.**

RIBBONS

- Please go to the area on the Site Map marked "Ribbons & Prizes".

- Q and placement ribbons are self-serve.
- there will be a list for title rosettes. Fill in your name, your dog's name and the title. We will make your rosette, personalized with your dog's name, and present it to you at a walk-through or briefing.

HOUSEKEEPING

- Attached is a site map, not to scale but good enough for you to get an idea where to find things you need to find.
- Note that there is a parking area called "LARGE SPACE PARKING". This is for BIS, but also for dogs that need some space. If you park in this area, please leave a large space between cars.
- We are using 2 rings for this trial. Ignore the Ring number in the running order document.
- The site opens at 8am, please try not to arrive before then (it's not always possible to be that accurate in your arrival time, so do go ahead and come in if you are a few minutes early).
- There will be no food vendor on site, and no potable water, please bring your own.
- There is a cooling pool for the doggies.
- There is a photo booth, location indicated on the attached map, please take pictures of your wonderful dogs whether or not they Q or title!
- Dogs must be on leash, with a person holding that leash, at all times when not in a crate, xpen, or car, or in the ring, or having their photo taken at the photo booth. Flexi-leads are not allowed at Paws4Fun.
- Please pick up after your dog everywhere on the property.
- Garbage, recycling, and poop containers are available ring side.

BIS

- Bitches in season (BIS) are allowed at this trial. If you are bringing one, please let me know asap.
- Handlers with BIS will park in an area removed from other handler parking. BIS will wear panties at all times, including while running the courses. They will run last in all classes, and they will use a start line matt.

OH SO CLOSE PRIZES

- At the area on the Site Map marked as "Ribbons & Prizes", you will find "Oh So Close" prizes. If you qualify for a prize, your run will be marked on the posted results sheet, and you can go to the table and select the prize of your choice.
- You get an "oh so close" when you were tantalizingly close to getting a Q, but didn't get it:
- in Jumpers, Standard, Steeplechase and Team Relay you miss your Q by 5 or fewer faults;
- in Gamblers, you get the final Gamble, but do not get a Q;
- in Snooker, you miss your Q by 7 or fewer points.

CATCH AREAS

- At the ring exit, on the outside of the exit gate is a secure catch area.
- When your run is complete, this is where the leash runner will leave your leash/collar/harness.
- When your run is complete, exit the ring and put on your dog's leash/collar/harness in the catch area. This saves significant time on the trial day, as the next competitor can start their run while you are still leashing up.
- Please make sure to close the gate on the catch area when you leave it so it is secure for the next dog.
- Per the AAC rulebook (v9.1a) "All dogs must leave the ring under control AND be put on a leash before leaving the ring and/or picked up to be carried out of the ring. In instances where a catch area is provided, the requirement to be on-leash or in the handler's arms when leaving is extended to include this contained area just outside the ring (i.e. the dogs must leave the catch area under control AND be put on a leash and/or picked up to be carried out of the catch area)."