

## NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

This event will be held in accordance with the current rules and regulations of the Agility Association of Canada (AAC). **EXHIBITORS, THROUGH SUBMISSION OF ENTRY, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF CURRENT AAC RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

All breeds and mixed breeds eighteen months of age and older (no exceptions) are eligible to compete. Blind, lame, or aggressive dogs are ineligible, as are bitches in season, or dogs suffering from any deformity, injury or illness which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance (judge's discretion).

As of January 1, 2001, all dogs must have an AAC number before their entries will be accepted in an AAC sanctioned trial, even if only to compete FEO. An application form for dog ID cards is available here: [http://www.aac.ca/official\\_forms.htm](http://www.aac.ca/official_forms.htm)

No leashes, collars, toys, food, or other training devices shall be allowed on the course. The only exception to this rule is that a toy may be used (as described in the AAC rules) during FEO runs AND at the CLUB'S discretion. Our expectations, if we are to offer FEO runs, is that you be courteous of other dogs around you and/or those entering & exiting the ring - do NOT play tug, or throw the toy, where it may distract or disrupt the team currently on the course. FEO is not intended to be a "free for all" for the maximum course time - it is intended to give actual ring/trial experience (at any height/category/class) without being dismissed for using a toy to reward (tugging permitted) & without results being part of the dog's permanent record. Until AAC legislates otherwise, it is our interpretation that handlers should be **trying** to run the course (or play the game) as they would in normal competition. If you only want to TRAIN specific obstacles (contacts, for example), please let the judge know & please make the repetitions fast, fun & rewarding for the dog. Deliberately repeating the same obstacle, or sequence of obstacles, results in the whistle blown at Open SCT. *Note: With well nested courses, judges may dismiss you for unsportsmanlike conduct if they deem you are deliberately practicing a sequence from an upcoming class.*

All dogs must be penned, crated, or leashed when not in the ring. Please take responsibility for your dogs and children. Any exhibitor whose dogs or children create unnecessary disturbances or engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may be asked by the Trial Committee to bench in your vehicle or leave the trial site. There will be no refunds for entries if the dog or handler is dismissed from the competition for any reason.

### LIMITED ENTRIES

***We reserve the right to limit the entries to what we consider a manageable number (approximately 100 runs).***

- Alberta (AB) Herding Dog Rescue reserves the right to refuse any entry.
- Anyone not in good standing with AAC or Alberta (AB) Herding Dog Rescue will not be allowed entry.
- E-Mailed entries ONLY please. Entries dated before the opening date or after the closing date *may not* be accepted (dependent on whether our manageable runs limit has been reached).
- Cheques are to be made out to the **Alberta (AB) Herding Dog Rescue** & due at trial check-in. Email money transfers can be sent anytime after receiving confirmation of entry & prior to trial date.
- Refunds will not be given for cancellations after the closing date except for bitches in season or injury to a dog, or handler, which physically prevents them from competing.
- **Refunds requested for any other reason than the above will be handled on a case by case basis and will be at the discretion of Alberta (AB) Herding Dog Rescue.**
- A \$10 administration fee will be applied to any refund request received after the closing date **unless** a credit towards future Sunday Samplers is acceptable instead.
  - There will be a \$25 charge on NSF cheques.

**NOTE: BY AAC RULES, ENTRIES ARE NOT VALID UNTIL PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES HAS BEEN RECEIVED OR CONFIRMED.**

### CLASS CHANGES

Class changes and/or withdrawals made after the closing date may not appear on the gate lists. Please make every effort to get your changes to the trial secretary ASAP.

### HEIGHT CATEGORIES AND JUMP HEIGHTS

Your dog's height category is based upon its measured height as entered on its AAC height card. Anyone wishing to run "For Exhibition Only" will be judged the same as the regular competitors but you may choose any jump height, any category, any class &/or level. By AAC rules, you will be ineligible for placements, qualifiers or prizes. However, this will not be reflected on your dog's permanent record.

2018 Height at Shoulders:	≤ 12"	>12" & ≤ 15"	>15" & ≤ 18"	>18" & ≤ 22"	>22"
Regular Jumping Height	8" or 12"	12" or 16"	16" or 20"	20" or 24"	24"
Specials Jumping Height	4"	8"	12"	16"	20"
Single Drop Veteran/JH* Jump Height	4"	8"	12"	16"	20"
Double Drop Veterans/JH* Jump Height	N/A"	4"	8"	12"	16"

*\*JH heights depend on dog's current competition height but MUST be at least 1 jump height lower than the Regular height category for that dog, as noted on ID card.*

### RIBBONS & AWARDS

Flat ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> placements will be offered & qualifying ribbons for qualifying rounds are available.. Title ribbons available for dog/handler teams who receive an official AAC title on a qualifying round.

## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

### **FEO (For Exhibition – or Experience or Entertainment – Only)**

Open to all dogs, 18 months of age or older, as described within the current AAC rules. The handler can choose to enter a dog FEO in any category, any class and/or any level or jump height but they will not be competing for placements or titles and the results will not be reflected on the dog's permanent record. See FEO rules under "Notice to Exhibitors".

### **Regular Division**

Open to all dogs, 18 months of age or older, as described within the current AAC rules.

### **Specials Division**

Open to all dogs but intended for dogs which are of a size or stature that limits their jumping ability. A dog may no longer compete in standard classes after being entered at an official trial in any Special class. However, they are eligible for the Veteran class level.

### **Veterans Division**

For dogs seven years of age or older that are currently competing in any Standard Agility Class and for dogs five years of age or older which have competed in the Specials Agility Class for a minimum of one calendar year.

### **Junior Handler Division**

Open to handlers under 18 years of age, as described within the current AAC rules, with a valid **Junior Handler Number**. Junior Handlers may run under Junior Handler rules or under regular rules. If under JH rules, titles are awarded to the Junior Handler, not the dog and the dog MUST jump one height lower than their Regular height or, if already competing at a lower height, they may jump one height lower than they are currently competing at.

### **Standard Class**

**Standard** agility classes demonstrate the dog's ability to perform the minimum equipment & handling requirements of the various performance levels (starters, advanced, masters).

**AAC Challenge** demonstrates the dog & handler's ability to manoeuvre, at speed, through a standard course designed more to world & international levels

### **Games Classes**

**Snooker** demonstrates the handler & dog's versatility as they work together against the clock. The object of the game is to accumulate as many points as possible in the opening and closing sequences within the allotted time.

**Gamblers** demonstrates the handler's strategy and the dog's ability to work at a distance from the handler. The object of this game is to accumulate as many points as possible during the opening sequence and successfully complete the gamble.

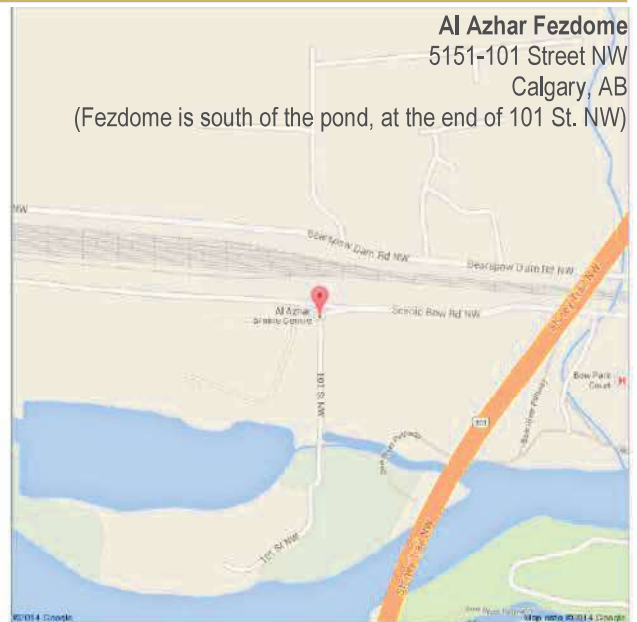
**Jumpers** demonstrates a dog's natural jumping ability. The dog is required to complete a course comprised of hurdles and tunnels as prescribed by the judge.

**Team Relay** consists of 2 dogs, each with a different handler. The game demonstrates team spirit, strategy and sportsmanship.

**Steeplechase** demonstrates the dog's ability to run and jump at speeds while maintaining control on the A-frame and weave poles.

### **VETERINARIANS**

1. **Calgary North Veterinary Hospital & Emergency Service**  
4204-4<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
403-277-0135  
*Open 24 hours*
2. **Western Veterinary Specialist & Emergency Centre**  
1802-10<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW  
403-770-1340  
*Open 24 hours*



### **Course Set Up, Benching, Check-In, Measure-In**

1:00 - 1:30 will be for setting the course, check & measure in. Right after the last dog runs, equipment needs to be put away as expeditiously as possible & many hands will make light work. These can only be short, fun afternoons if everyone helps. Thank you in advance!

**We need your help to make these trials fun & fast!**

**We will have a volunteer sign-up sheet available at check in.**