

## 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, or dogs suffering from any deformity, injury or illness which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance (judge's discretion).

**Bitches in season will NOT be allowed to compete at this trial.**

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 or securely sealed food container may be used (as described in the AAC rules) during FEO runs. 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 or food container, 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 250-300 runs).***

***BITCHES IN SEASON WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE.***

- 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.
- Mailed or E-Mailed entries accepted. 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** & must be included with mailed entries or due at check in if entry was emailed. Email money transfers can be sent to [HerdingDogRescue@telus.net](mailto:HerdingDogRescue@telus.net) & due **upon receiving confirmation** of entry
- 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 \$5 administration fee may be applied to any refund request or change in entry information received after the closing date.
  - There will be a \$20 charge on NSF cheques.

***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. Same day or next day move ups will be allowed (ex: if you receive a title Q in round 1, you may move up in round 2). Please inform the score table & add/remove your dog to the Gate Lists & Scribe Sheets before that next run.

### 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.

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.