

Canine Sports & Grooming Agility Trial

Exhibitor Briefing April 17-19, 2026



Hello and thank you for supporting the Canine Sports & Games agility trial. We are very excited about our first trial of this year.

Please read through this letter as there is a lot going on this weekend. This letter will be posted near with maps. I tried to make this as comprehensive as possible to save time at the briefings in the morning.

CRATING & SPECTATING

Crating is designed to be back-to-back. Please be considerate of other folks and only take up the space you need. If you are not showing consecutive days, you may be asked to condense your space to make room for others on days you are not at the site.

ADC requires mats **under both your crates and chairs**. Remember the taped lines on the blue mat mark the larger aisles for back-to-back crating or chair in front of your crate. The narrow aisles are for walking. If you need help with finding space, please see someone at the secretary table in the morning.

No toys or food allowed within 10 feet of the ring. Only toys in the ring should be for Training in the Ring and must be approved by the judge prior to your run.

BE MINDFUL OF YOUR DOG AND OTHERS

We will be crowded so please take extra care with your dog(s) both inside and outside to encourage good manners. We sometimes forget to watch our dogs as we visit with others. Please be mindful of dogs around you, at the gate, and continue to keep respectful distance while waiting to go in the ring.

We ask that you do not let your dog run back to its crate as this can excite or surprise dogs in their crates that you pass. Please do not let your dog hang out in the aisles for extended periods as this is a busy trial and folks want to be able to get to and from their crates without incidents. Your dog may be fine, but others might not be, please be respectful.

DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES

We will be taking Day of Show entries. **Please add the \$2/per run fee** to any runs after the closing date and email Michelle at csgagility@gmail.com ahead of time to speed up registration in the mornings.

There is no early set-up for exhibitors on Thursday night as the committee needs time and space to prep for the trial and to accommodate special needs. The building will open at 7 a.m. each day of the trial for general set-up, measuring and check-in will take place between 7:15 - 7:45 each morning and the judge will call for dogs who need to be measured.

Reminders:

1. No toys or food are allowed within 10 feet of the ring.
2. Mats should be placed under all crates **and** chairs on the blue mat.
3. Speed limit is 5 miles per hour in the parking lot, please watch out for both people and dogs.

COURSE MAPS

Course maps are expected to be sent out by 6 p.m. each day. Michelle signs off her computer at 7 p.m. each night. If for some reason you haven't received maps, they will be posted each morning at the trial

site. If you are staying at the Holiday Inn Express, sometimes people send maps to the front desk to print copies, check there if you would like a printed copy.

WALKING YOUR DOG/EXERCISE AREA

The north and east sides of the building between the parking lot and the softball fields is available for walking your dogs. If something is man-made, please do not let your dog pee on it. Please pick-up after them, there are plastic bags located on your way out of the building if you forgot yours. **Do not** go behind the building (south side) and please do not walk your dogs near Mayfield Tavern or on the softball fields. All Dogs Can does not own those properties and we need to be respectful. If you are staying at the hotel, please pick up after your dog so we don't lose the privilege of staying there.

WALK THROUGH

Walk throughs are 5 minutes and separated by small (4-12 inch dogs) and tall (16-24 inch dogs). Once the first group has walked, handlers are asked to ready their dogs and be set to go when the next group has finished walking. On any Double Down runs, there will be no additional walk through. We will start the next round as soon as we reset the timer and bars.

JUDGE'S BRIEFING

Notes will be on the maps for each day. The judge will give short briefings before each class and be available for questions at that time.

CHECK-IN/RUNNING

The gate sheets will be posted outside the entry gate before each class. Check off your dog to indicate you are present and intend to run. **Be sure to check you are entered in the right level and class.** We can make changes before your run, but not after it has been scored.

When you are on the start line, please say your dog's name loudly to the scribe's table so they can make sure they have the correct score sheet since dogs are sometimes moved or absent. We have a lot of new folks and there have been some mix ups when folks change places in line. Always say your dog's name to the scribes.

MOVING YOUR DOG IN THE RUNNING ORDER

If you need to move your dog, it needs to be done in 2 places: 1) the Gate Sheet and 2) the Scribe Sheets. If you are unsure how to do this, just see someone at the secretary table. If you will be absent from any classes try to let the secretary know so we are not calling for you.

COURSE BUILDERS AND RING CREW

Please sanitize your hands before and after you course build or work in the ring. Our head course builder for this trial is Linda Karalambo. If you wish to help, please see her for assignments.

LEASHES

Dogs may run with a flat buckle collar without tags. Handlers have their choice to drop their leash for the Leash Runner, pocket it, or safely loop it around their waist or neck. It cannot be carried. It does not have to be out of the dog's sight, however, if the dog plays with it during the run, it would then be considered a toy. Please be mindful of where you toss your leash so you don't hit a member of the ring crew.

RESULTS/RIBBONS

We will use the Real Time results during each class and printed results will be placed in our book(s) at the back of the room and if you Qualified (Qd) in a run, you will find a label with the details. Only qualifying runs receive placement ribbons at any level.

Please check your results after each run as we cannot make any changes after the day is done. If you have a question, see someone at the at the Secretary Table and review your score sheet to see if it needs to

be addressed by the judge. Obviously, it is much easier to correct any errors while the judge still has a good memory of the class. We are not responsible for errors caught after the trial has wrapped on Sunday.

RIBBONS

Qualifying ribbons are self-serve next to the results books. **Teal ribbons are for levels 1-5, Rainbow ribbons are for level C only.** If you choose not to take ribbons, we will have label sheets for you to save your results labels. Please do not tear the label sticker sheets for your sticker. If there are blank labels, we can use them, but not if the sheet is torn.

MOVE UPS

We will be taking day to day move ups for repeated classes. There will be a sheet near the results to indicate your move up/down for the next day's classes. Please remember to double check the gate sheets the following day to confirm the move ups were processed for your dog.

TITLES

If you expect to earn a title at our trial, please complete the title form at [this link](#) so we can prepare for your celebration.

FOOD

We provide lunch for our judge, committee members and workers in that order. If there are leftovers, we might be able to open up and ask for a donation for non-workers. Please donate even a couple bucks as food is quickly becoming a large trial expense. If you don't want the lunch provided, there are a number of restaurants nearby.

Water will be provided for workers. Please plan to bring water for your dogs.

WORKER BUCKS AND RAFFLE

We can't run our trials without volunteers. You get a Worker Buck for every class you work; this is good for \$1 off your next CSG trial. Worker Steward of the day will be announced during the morning briefing, tell the Steward how many classes you worked, and they will give you ticket for that amount.

We have worker raffles. Take one raffle ticket for every class you work. We also have a daily NQ raffle, slips of paper will be on the NQ raffle table. You can win one worker raffle each day and one NQ each day. Raffles are drawn near the end of the day.

STAYING AT THE HOLIDAY INN IN LAPEER

As always, pick up after your dog and please adopt stray poops so we can keep using this hotel for future trials.

If an illness for you or your dog prevents you from attending, please email the trial secretary and we will issue a credit for a future trial.

**Thank you very much for supporting Canine Sports & Games
throughout this first year.**

Good luck and have fun running at the trial.