

Field Trial Covid-19 Protocols

Please read the following protocols which have been established to promote health and safety of everyone while attending a picnic trial or licensed trial. **It is assumed that submitting your entry means you accept and will abide by these protocols.**

- If you are sick, please do not attend the trial. Anyone returning from international travel and required by law to self-isolate may not attend the trial. Entries will be refunded.
 - All attendees (handlers, judges, marshals, gunners, helpers, and visitors) are required to follow protocols that apply to the region (province) where the event is held.
 - All attendees are encouraged to bring their own personal protection equipment (face covering, gloves, and sanitizer) and essential supplies.
 - All attendees will provide personal contact information for contact tracing.
 - We encourage all those participating to be respectful of the community they are visiting. If food or lodging is required, please research and arrive prepared.
 - Practice physical distancing with individuals that are outside your bubble. Avoid congregating to the extent possible, only small groups of 2 to 6 people, keep 2 m apart, avoid handshaking and hugging, and limit your time together, especially in the gallery.
 - Where maintaining physical distance **anywhere on the grounds** is not possible, **using a non-medical mask or face covering is required.**
 - Avoid touching dogs or equipment that are not your responsibility.
 - Park with sufficient distance between vehicles if possible.
 - Follow the marshal's instructions regarding running order and entering the holding blinds.
 - Any special instructions from the judges will be posted in the last holding blind.
 - **Handlers must wear a mask when coming to the line to watch the test dog.**
 - Anyone on line will maintain adequate distance from the handler as blowing a whistle could project a vapour.
 - Handlers will deposit birds in a bucket, for judges' inspection after the handler leaves the line to ensure physical distance is maintained.
 - Judges are encouraged to bring their own equipment – judge's books, chairs, coolers, pens/pencils, flagging tape, sunscreen, bug spray. Where judges cannot maintain physical distance, **using a non-medical mask or face covering is required.**
 - **Marshals will be asked to wear a non-medical mask or face covering if physical distance cannot be maintained when carrying out their duties.**
 - **Volunteers assisting with bird changes or setting up equipment may be asked to wear a non-medical mask or face covering.**
 - **Where holding blinds cannot be placed 2m apart, handlers will be required to wear a non-medical mask or face covering until called to the line.**
 - Hand sanitizer will be made available.
 - All shared equipment will be wiped between users.
 - If anyone is uncomfortable using any shared or provided items/equipment, they are asked to bring their own.
- Please do not be offended if you are reminded of these protocols during the event.

