



CWBSA COVID-19 Temporary Trial Policy

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With recent changes in federal, provincial, and local policies on social distancing it is now possible to hold trials again. This is a very welcome change, and I imagine many of you are excited to get out there and start trialing your dogs. Of course, though, we need to be safe and mitigate any possible spread of the COVID-19 virus. With that in mind we have drawn up some guidelines for all CWBSA clubs to follow in any upcoming trials that they may be holding. These guidelines will be in effect until federal and provincial COVID restrictions are lifted.

1. Local, federal and provincial restrictions and guidelines must be followed at all times, as they are at the time the trial is held.
2. Provincial restrictions on the number of individuals allowed at outdoor gatherings or events may impact the normal definition of whether a trial is considered “full”. If the number of people in attendance, including all trial officials/help, handlers and spectators (if allowed) would exceed that allowed by COVID restrictions, trial organizers may limit the entries and overflow to another day without reaching the standard 36 phase per day judging limit.
3. Persons experiencing any flu or cold like symptoms including but not limited to an elevated temperature, runny nose, difficulty breathing, sneezing are not permitted to take part in the trial in any capacity and should self-isolate.
4. Ensure that your judge is (1) willing and able to travel, (2) that they have safe and adequate housing and (3) that they are comfortable with your club’s adherence to federal/state/local guidelines, and (4) that they are able to follow their own federal and regional policies on travel and quarantine.
5. To ensure your club is able to maintain the safety of the judge and all trial participants:
 - a) Clubs should have hand sanitizer, disposable masks, and latex or nitrile disposable gloves freely and easily available to all trial participants, although participants may use their own masks and gloves (must be disposable and fresh gloves used in every phase).
 - b) Face masks may be worn by competitors, judges and any other trial participants but are not required unless mandated by the Provincial or local jurisdiction
 - c) Spectators are not allowed where prohibited by provincial, regional or local COVID19 policies.
 - d) 2m distancing must be maintained at all times when possible, this includes maintaining distancing in any BH-VT test and during the heel through the group in the Obedience phase.
 - e) There will be no shaking of the judge’s hand while reporting in or reporting out
 - f) For reading of microchips, if it is done by the handler, they must use a fresh disposable glove,

otherwise if done by the judge or assistant the chip reader needs to be sanitized between each dog.

- g) During the Tracking phase the handler can pick up articles with a gloved hand and place the article in a Ziploc or equivalent see through bag in their pocket. This bag can then be shown to the judge at the end of the track (IGP1 and IFH-V are exempt). Note that tracklayers should not wear gloves while laying the track so that articles take on the scent of the tracklayer.
- h) In the Obedience phase handlers can wear fresh disposable gloves to handle the dumbbell. All competitors if not wearing fresh disposable gloves are required to sanitize their hands on entry and exit from the field.
- i) In the Protection phase there will be no disarming of the helper, so the stick will stay with the helper and not be handed off.