

Takes 2 to Q has decided to go forward and try our best to make our November 7-8, 2020 CPE trial happen. Our decision is based upon the current state of the Coronavirus pandemic in this area and for as long as things remain reasonably the same. If circumstances change, our decisions on whether or how to proceed may change.

As this will be one of the first indoor CPE trials in this area, we will be instituting some special Covid-19 rules consistent with both CPE and NYS policies, as well as what we determine is in the best interest of the club, the facility, and the participants. Some decisions about changes from our normal protocols have already been made. We are working on some others and, as soon as they are known, they will be released.

1. Unless the weather is unseasonably warm on the weekend of the trial, and we are able to comfortably go without heating the building with all the windows open, we will be limiting the number of humans inside the building at any given time. (Based on past trial experience this is Highly Unlikely, so do not rely on this outcome.)

We have not yet decided the best method to limit participant access inside the building and will be working with the Judge to determine the best way to go forward, in order to make this trial run as well and as conveniently for all participants, as possible, under the existing circumstances. Therefore, the trial may fill based on Participant numbers rather than Run numbers.

NO VISITORS will be allowed to attend this trial under any circumstances.

2. Social distancing rules will be strictly followed inside the building. Masks (or appropriate facial coverings) must be worn at all times when inside the building. These requirements will be strictly policed and anyone who repeatedly violates them will be asked to leave the trial.

3. Dogs will be able to be crated indoors, outdoors, in cars, or any combination of these, but human participant access will probably be restricted (as determined above). Easy Ups may be put up for the weekend in the grassed areas by the outdoor agility field. They may also be put up in the parking lot, but cannot block out other parking spaces and may not be left up overnight (if in the parking lot).

4. We plan to purchase an app that you can add to your phones, so that you can track the current status of the trial from outside the building.

5. We will **not** be providing food or drinks at this trial, so plan to bring whatever you may want for nourishment and hydration.
6. We will have Volunteer Raffles for our well appreciated Volunteers. But we will **not** be awarding any special awards (Judges Merit awards or our annual Veterans awards) or holding our special raffle.
7. We will have ribbons available, run results will be available on labels, and CATCH/CATE bars will be awarded to those lucky enough to achieve one. (But there will be no bar signing.)
8. If you are coming from a state that is listed on the NYS Department of Health Travel Advisory requiring a 14 day quarantine, you may not attend the trial without first meeting the quarantine requirements.
9. Hand sanitizer will be provided at various locations within and without the building. We will be regularly sanitizing items that will be repeatedly touched by participants/volunteers during the trial. The indoor bathrooms will be accessible, but access to them will likely be limited. There will also be outdoor porta potties available. Disposable gloves will be provided to volunteers who require them.
10. Participants will be required to sign and submit a CPE Waiver form before they will be permitted to participate in this trial.

Hopefully this list helps to answer some of your questions and makes it easier to decide whether you want to enter this trial. As stated, we do not yet have all the answers but will be providing them, as soon as possible, after they are definitely determined.

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