

Takes 2 to Q General Briefing

Thank you all for coming to our May 2024 CPE Agility Trial.

To keep our gathering for the briefing as short as possible, below is our general briefing. This information will not be repeated at the in-person briefing. Please also refer to the premium and confirmation letter for additional, important information. We will gather, after dogs are measured, to welcome everyone; introduce key workers, our Hosts, Wendy & David, our judge, Joyce Yaccarino; and announce the details of our Special Raffle that benefits the Guiding Eyes for the Blind organization. For Jackpot (Saturday) we may ask the judge to elaborate on the briefing written on the course maps before we run. If there are any questions for the club or the judge, you will have an opportunity to ask them. Timed walk-throughs will begin after the National Anthems.

First, we will welcome anyone new to CPE, to trialing, trialing with a new dog, or new to High Goal Farm. Please feel free to ask anyone any questions you may have. If that person doesn't know the answer, we'll find out for you.

A huge thank you to Wendy & David Cerilli for allowing us to use their property and their wonderful facility. We are a guest on their personal property, so we need to treat it with the utmost respect. If anyone has a problem with a toilet not flushing or continuously running, please let David know urgently. There are porta-potties over by the wood pile, but I think we'd all prefer to use the indoor bathrooms. Please only use the areas immediately around the building to walk and potty your dogs; and pick up after yourselves and your dog(s). Please always keep your dog on leash, except while running the course.

For hospitality, our club is providing hot beverages, water, light snacks, and special sweet treats for our much-appreciated workers.

We are fortunate to be able to crate inside the building, space permitting. Please remember trial etiquette, including:

- Please keep all food, human and canine, at least 10' from the ring to avoid distracting the dogs running. No squeaky toys inside the building and crate noisy dogs in your vehicle.
- Dogs waiting at the start gate to run and those exiting the ring have the right of way, please give them space as they are likely focused on their run and exiting the ring quickly afterwards.
- To cut down on cross traffic, please consider navigating via the outside of the building; weather, time and ability permitting.
- Avoid congregating, especially with dogs, near the gates and building exits; if you see a crowd around the ribbon/score tables, please consider coming back when it's not so crowded; please be quick getting your scores, ribbons & labels to keep the area clear for others and for the dogs entering/exiting the building; consider taking a picture of your score(s) with your phone to analyze later.
- Maintain physical distance between people and dogs for safety.

Running the course: When it's your turn to run, please remember to enter the ring and be ready to run before the previous dog has finished its course, unless specifically instructed otherwise by the judge, gate steward, or previous handler. Delayed entry to the ring should be the exception, especially for levels 3-C. The judge and the gate steward will tell you at what obstacle or buzzer you should be entering the ring. With your help getting to the line, we can keep the trial flowing efficiently.

Please announce your dog's name as soon as the previous dog completes its run; this will help cut down on entering scores on the wrong score sheet, and the time it takes to fix them. Exiting the ring quickly will also save us a lot of time. If you have been whistled off the course or the horn blows because you are overtime, that means you need to immediately go to the exit because your time is up.

Please read the rulebook for current and some little known rules and their potential penalties, such as excessive delays at the start and finish lines and for continuing to direct your dog to take obstacles if your run has ended, for example, in Snooker being whistled off the course and you continue to direct your dog to take obstacles on the way to the finish.

Scoring: We'll set up a small monitor near the scoring table. If you have a question about your score, please ask Dottie Piroha or Jean Guyon ASAP after your run and we will assist you. If it is necessary to confer with the judge regarding your score, Dottie or Jean will approach the judge at a convenient break in the run order. **Please remember that we cannot change scores after the completion of each trial day.** The results emailed to you after the trial (by Monday), are what is being sent to CPE and cannot be changed.

Title Ribbons & Move-ups: Clipboards will be available near the scoring area to let us know if you've earned a title – we customize the ribbons for you! If you have a move-up in Standard, there will be another clipboard to tell us what level you're moving from and to. We need to have that information after the completion of Jackpot to make the change for the next day. No changes will be made on Sunday morning.

Thank you so much for entering our trial. We wish you many happy moments, successes big & small, and wonderful memories playing with your best friend(s).

Trial Chairperson: Jean Guyon

Trial Secretary: Dottie Piroha

Worker Coordinators: Urszula Janicki; Linda Salzer

Chief course builders: Sheila Jweid-Weber; Gary Guyon

Chief Score keepers: Dottie Piroha; Jean Guyon

Ribbon Coordinators: Anna Schrom; Urszula Janicki

Hospitality and Special Raffle: Jean Guyon; Karen Conklin

Awesome judge: Joyce Yaccarino

Extraordinary hosts: Wendy & David Cerilli

And all T2TQ members and participants who work to make this trial successful & fun.