

June 14, 15 & 16, 2024

SAA Summer Solstice



AAC Sanctioned Agility Trial - *limited entry*
Preference will be given to full-day entries

Aberdeen Equestrian Sports Centre
Aberdeen, SK
Indoor – sand surface

Our distinguished judges:

Tracey Mallinson (Abbotsford, BC) – All levels
Elizabeth Hughes (Moose Jaw, SK) – Starters/Advanced

Tentative Order of Events:

Subject to change without notice.

Friday Evening

Steeplechase 1
Steeplechase 2

Saturday

Gamblers 1 – MAS
Gamblers 2 - SAM
Standard 1 - MAS
Standard 2 - SAM

Sunday

Snooker 1 - SAM
Snooker 2 - SAM
Snooker 3 - SAM
Jumper 1 - SAM
Jumper 2 - MAS

Opening date: open now

Closing date: Monday, May 27, 2024

Trial Secretary: Kathryn Hiller
Email: saatrials@gmail.com
Tel: (306) 227-5180

Emailed entry and etransfer please:
Email Entries to:
saatrials@gmail.com

Send etransfers to:
saatrialpayments@gmail.com
please use password "agility"

Trial Chairperson: Helena Klomp
Email: helenaklomp@shaw.ca
Tel: (306) 221-6109

Raffle Chairperson: Shirley Fortin
Email: sfortin@sasktel.net

*Donations to the raffle gratefully accepted;
proceeds to charity TBD.*

- *This trial will be limited entry. Preference will be given to FULL DAY & FULL TRIAL entries (for the primary dog).*
- *Handlers entered MUST BE willing to work at this trial! (Including helping with course building, as requested and under supervision of course builders.)*
- *We greatly appreciate your cooperation so we are able to have this time to play!*

Worker's Fees:

Full weekend worker's package \$175 per dog \$165 per additional dog*
(Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 11 classes)

Weekend Worker's package \$145 per dog \$135 per additional dog*
(Saturday & Sunday, 9 classes)

Daily worker's package
(Saturday, 4 classes per day) \$65 per dog \$60 per additional dog*
(Sunday, 5 classes per day) \$80 per dog \$75 per additional dog*

** Same household.*

Individual Worker Classes \$17.50 per class

Non-Workers :

Individual non-worker's Classes **There is no non-worker option for this trial.**

~ ATTENTION ~

**All dogs MUST be registered with the AAC to compete at an AAC sanctioned trial.
Please DO NOT submit an entry for a dog that does not have a valid AAC ID number.
Entries submitted with pending ID numbers WILL NOT be accepted under any circumstances!**

If your dog does not yet have an AAC ID card, the registration form can be found on www.aac.ca/

Move-ups:

Move-ups from previous trials must be reported to the Trial Secretary (saatrials@gmail.com) at least one week prior to the trial start date.

Prizes and Awards:

Ribbons and Prizes for Qualifying Rounds.

Canteen:

There will be access to the fridge, microwave, and kettle; with coffee, tea, hot chocolate and water available by donation.

Raffle:

We will be having a raffle with proceeds to a charity TBD. We gratefully accept donations to the raffle. Please contact Shirley Fortin at sfortin@sasktel.net if you plan to donate. Please pre-pay your raffle tickets with your entry.

Veterinarian on call:

Dr. Liane Bitinsky, Forest Grove Veterinary Clinic, 8-415 115th St E Saskatoon, SK, Tel: 306-955-6111 OR Western College of Veterinary Medicine, Saskatoon, SK, Tel: 306-966-7126.

Trial Site:

Aberdeen Equestrian Sports Centre – North East of Saskatoon on Highway. The site is non-heated arena with separate heated eating/viewing area – please bring appropriate wear/articles to ensure comfort for you and your dog. **The use of shock or prong collars on dogs is not permitted on the trial site.**

Bitches in Heat: SAA does not allow BIH at our trials or on the trial site.

Allowed Jump Heights, by Category, effective January 1, 2018:

Dog's Measured Height	Allowed Jump Heights, by Category (divisions in brackets)			
	Regular	Special	Veteran/Junior Handler*	Veteran Double Drop
12" or less	8" (mini) or 12" (medium)	4" (mini)	4" (mini)	4" (mini)
>12" to 15"	12" or 16" (medium)	8" (medium)	4" or 8" (medium)	4" (medium)
>15" to 18"	16" (medium) or 20" (open)	12" (medium)	8" or 12" (medium)	8" (medium)
>18 to 22"	20" or 24" (open)	16" (open)	12" or 16" (open)	12" (medium)
>22"	24" (open)	20" (open)	16" or 20" (open)	16" (medium)

Where two jump heights are listed, the handler may choose which height their dog will jump at that trial. The dog must jump the same height for the whole trial, unless the dog changes categories during the trial.

Regular dogs may compete one height higher than their measured height.

Dogs entered in the Special category MUST jump one height lower than the lower of the two heights listed for Regular dogs.

Dogs entered in the Veteran and Junior Handler categories MUST jump one height lower than the lower of the two heights listed for Regular dogs (SD veteran), but may, at the handler's discretion, jump two heights lower (DD veteran), where available.

*Veteran dogs entered in the Junior Handler Category will also have the option of jumping three heights lower than the lower of the two heights listed for Regular dogs, where available.

Class Descriptions:

Regular Class: Dogs registered in the Regular category will run with jumps set at the height determined by their measurement referred to as a dog's Regular jump height. The dog may also run with jumps set one jump height higher than its Regular jump height, at the handler's discretion (AKA "jumping up"). The Regular Mini division includes the 8" jump height only, the Regular Medium division include the 12" and 16" jump heights, and the Open division includes the 20" and 24" jump heights.

Specials Class: The Special category is open to all dogs, at the handler's discretion. A dog may start competing in the Special category, or a dog may move to Special from the Regular category. Handlers running a dog in the Special category will have the option to move into the Regular category once during the dog's career. Such a switch will require the handler to notify the AAC via the appropriate Regional Director (a form is available on the website for download), but will not require justification or approval.

Any switch from Special to Regular cannot be made mid-trial. Other than the one time move previously stated, a dog may no longer compete in the Regular category once entered at an official trial in the Special category; however, the dog is eligible for the Veteran category when it reaches the appropriate age.

Dogs registered in the Special category must run with jumps set at one height lower than the lowest of the Regular jump height options.

The Special Mini division includes the 4" jump height only, the Special Medium division incorporates the 8" and 12" jump heights, and the Special Open division includes the 16" and 20" jump heights.

Veterans Class: The Veteran category is for dogs seven (7) years of age or older. This category is also open to dogs five (5) years of age or older who have been competing in the Special category for a minimum of twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the move to the Veteran category. A dog may no longer compete in the Regular or Special categories once entered at an official trial in the

Veteran category. Dogs are not required to move to the Veteran category when they reach the specified age.

Single Drop and Double Drop Veterans Class: All Veteran category dogs must jump at least one jump height lower than the lowest of the two Regular jump height options (“Single drop Veteran dog”), and may jump two jump heights lower (when a lower jump height is available), at the handler’s discretion (“Double drop Veteran dog”). Handlers can opt to have their dogs jump at either allowable height at any given trial, provided they enter and jump the same height for all classes at that particular trial. The single drop (SD) Veteran divisions are the same as the Special divisions, i.e. the Veteran Mini division includes the 4” jump height only, the single drop Veteran Medium division comprises the 8” and 12” jump heights, and the single drop Veteran Open division includes the 16” and 20” jump heights. The double drop (DD) Veteran Medium division includes the 4” and 8” jump height, and the double drop Veteran Open division includes the 12” and 16” jump heights. There is no double drop Veteran mini division.

Junior Handler Program: The Junior Handler category is for youths who are registered with the Junior Handler program, and who have been issued a Junior Handler ID number. The Junior Handler ID application may be downloaded from the AAC website. Entries are made under the Junior Handler ID number, NOT the dog ID number. Any dog that is otherwise eligible to compete and has an AAC Dog ID number may run with a Junior Handler, under Junior Handler Rules, at any level for which the Junior Handler is eligible.

Dogs running in the Junior Handler category must jump at least one height lower than the lower of the two Regular jump height options, even if they would normally run in the Regular category. Handlers have the option of a further jump height drop, if it is considered to be in the best interest of the team. Veteran dogs running with a Junior Handler may enter as a “single drop Veteran”, a “double drop Veteran”, or, at the discretion of the handler, make drop one further height, if available (i.e. a “triple drop”). See Section 2.7.2.

Dog and handler teams running in the Junior Handler category will be subject to the obstacle specifications, times and point total requirements of the Junior Handler category, which will be equivalent to those of the Veteran category for that class and level.

Qualifying scores under Junior Handler rules are recorded under the Junior Handler ID number, and do not count towards titles for the dog.

If you are entering as a Junior Handler, please check the indicated box on the Entry Form and supply your Junior Handler ID number. Note, all Junior Handler entries must be signed by a parent or guardian to be valid.

Team Rules: Team is played at one level only, and is run as a Masters level game with Masters level rules. Refusals are called on all equipment, weave poles are judged by Masters rules, and any off-course or incomplete is an automatic Elimination (E). Any dog at any level (Regular, Specials, Veterans; Starters, Advanced, Masters) can be entered in Team. Teams are composed of dogs and handlers at any combination of levels.

FEO Rules: Same fee as performance dogs. An FEO dog shall be permitted to run at their registered height or any jump height above or below, at any performance level and at any class level.

Accommodations:

The following are some establishments in Saskatoon that will accept guests with dogs. Please help ensure that we have continued acceptance, by keeping your dogs under control and cleaning up after them at all times. Dogs should not be left unattended in the rooms.

Hotel/Motel	Phone
Country Inn and Suites (outdoor access) - 617 Cynthia St	1-306-934-3900
Best Western Blairmore - 306 Shillington Cres	1-306-242-2299

Quality Inn and Suites (outdoor access) - 1715 Idylwyld Dr N	1-306-244-5552
Motel 6 - 231 Marquis Dr	1-306-665-6688
Ramada Inn - 806 Idylwyld Dr N.	1-306-665-6500
Saskatoon Inn - 2002 Airport Dr.	1-800-667-8789
Travelodge - 106 Circle Dr W.	1-800-578-7878
Super 8 Motel (outside entrances) - 706 Circle Dr E.	1-800-800-8000
Travel Inn Motel, Resort and Campground - junction of Hwy 11 and Grasswood Rd.	1-306-373-6806

SAA COVID-19 PROTOCOL AT THE ABERDEEN EQUESTRIAN SPORTS CENTRE

We will adhere to public health recommended COVID-19 protocols in place at the time of this trial, however our COVID protocol is based on what is current at the time of planning for this trial. We continue to strive to ensure all competitors are able to come and play in the safest way possible. This includes:

- We continue to try to keep numbers in the building low. Competitors are requested to keep their guests minimal.
- Kenneling for competitors will be available in the arena. We ask that you maintain adequate social distancing when setting up your kennels and share space together when able.
- Masks are optional.
- There will be no leash runner. We suggest you bring a compact, thin leash that can be carried on your person. If the leash falls out during the run, there will be no fault, as long as the dog ignores it.
- Ribbons and results will be available.
- Courses will be posted on-line and in the arena.
- ALL competitors are required to work at this trial and sign up for Timer, Scribe, Gate Keeper and Ring Crew duties.
- One person can carry out Scribe and Timer duties; the exception being Gamblers & Snooker as it is easier for two people to do these jobs.
- Washrooms will have soap for hand washing and paper towel to dry your hands.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Competitors are asked not to enter Judge and Trial Secretary areas.
- Bring your own eating utensils, there will be no supplies (i.e., cutlery, napkins, plates, cups, salt and pepper, sugar, cream, etc) provided. There will be access to the fridge, microwave, kettle, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and water.
- If you are feeling unwell, have a cough, sore throat, temperature or any other COVID symptoms, or test positive for COVID, we request that you withdraw from the trial.
- Please be respectful of others and maintain social distancing as possible; we all still have different levels of comfort. Thank you for being considerate; we strive to keep our facility and competitors safe so we can all continue to play.
- Please note that SAA may update this info at any point up to and including the trial date if we find the COVID situation deems it necessary. We will announce any specific requirements prior to the trial.