

# Kootenay Underdogs



With the support of the Balfour Recreation Commission is proud to present a limited entry AAC Sanctioned Agility Trial

## **The Michel Landry Memorial Trial**

**October 4, 5 and 6, 2024**

Outdoors (rain or shine) on grass in beautiful Balfour, BC (Next to the Kootenay Bay Ferry Landing), fully fenced (four feet high).

**Our wonderful judges are Donna Kloc and Denise Reid-Clarke**

Opening Date: August 12, 2024

Closing Date: In the Trial Secretary's hand on September 25, 2024 or when limit has been reached.



## NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Competitors, through submission of entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable about AAC rules and regulations including, but not limited to, the following rules regarding entry:

**Bitches in season are permitted to compete in this trial.** Special requirements as per below:

- Handlers are required to notify the trial secretary they will be running a BIS at the event as soon as it is known.
- Handlers should minimize exposure of their BIS to other dogs and limit their movements about the grounds.
- Competitors that have BIS will be allowed to withdraw and receive a full refund.
- Kootenay Underdogs allows any competitor wishing to withdraw (with refund given) due to BIS being on the premises.
- Competitors will be notified there is a BIS on site.
- A protective mat shall be used at the start line. Kootenay Underdogs will provide the mat. However, the competitor may choose to bring his/her own mat.
- Kootenay Underdogs will allow the BIS to run without panties.
- BIS will run as a group at the end of each class.
- "BIS" will be noted next to the dog's name on the gate sheet so that other competitors, ring crew and the Judge(s) are aware.
- BIS must use a designated separate relief area.
- BIS must wear protective panties when not running or not within the designated relief area.

**All dogs must be registered with AAC to compete in the agility trial.** Photo of AAC ID CARDS (both sides) must be emailed directly to the Trial Secretary immediately after your entry form is submitted if we do not have a record or your dog still needs to be measured.

**Measuring** - If your dog is under 2 years old or has not had their first measurement, you must have your dog measured. Limited measuring will be available on Friday before the start of the trial and the morning of Saturday/Sunday. In order to limit unnecessary contact and to eliminate the need for measuring at every trial, judges will provide a one-time measure for dogs under 2 years. A temporary measurement card will be e-mailed to the handler to be used during this time. Dogs under 2 years of age may compete with their temporary card until they reach 2 years of age, at which point they will require an official measurement. Judges will resume signing Dog ID cards for dogs 2 years and older. Dogs over 2 years of age must be measured until they have their final height circled on their ID card.

**Safety** shall always be of foremost consideration in actions and conduct by handlers at all times. Handlers, through entry at this event, accept full responsibility for themselves and the actions of their dogs.

You must not attend the trial if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or feeling unwell or have been in contact with someone that has the virus. You will be asked to leave the trial site immediately if you are visibly unwell.

- Always maintain a minimum 2 meters distance from other individuals: be respectful of other peoples' bubbles!
- Be mindful: avoid unnecessary or inadvertent touching of equipment on course or surfaces anywhere on the trial site.
- Bring an adequate supply of masks, gloves, and disinfectant for your personal use during the trial. Masks are optional during walk through and judge's briefing.
- Anticipate that many of the usual routines we have come to expect at trials are changing. Be gracious and kind in adapting to the 'new normal' of agility trialing. Without changes we will be unable to continue with any trials.
- Remind one another to adhere to the protocols and measures that are in place at this trial to ensure everyone is safe. This is a shared responsibility. Recognize that people may inadvertently slip up and offer a gentle, kind reminder.

**Obstacles** shall be chosen from those described in the rules and regulations of the AAC and shall conform to this organization's specifications. All contacts are rubberized; Kootenay Underdogs does not have electronic timing. Please note, a Gallican "barn door" tire will be used and a broad jump MAY be used.

It is expressly understood that competitors alone are responsible for the behaviour of their dogs and/or children. Any competitor whose dogs and/or children create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behaviour may be asked to leave. NO REFUND of fees will be paid.

All dogs must be penned, crated or on leash when not in the ring. **All dogs must be under control when they leave the ring after their run.** Any dog engaging in aggressive or out of control behavior when leaving the ring will be disqualified and/or required to leave the trial site. NO REFUND of fees will be paid.

Trial organizers reserve the right to refuse any entry and if an exhibitor must be asked to leave the show grounds for any reason, they will not be issued a refund.

**Collars in the ring** – dog will be allowed to wear a close-fitting collar, with no attachments, in the ring.

All entry forms must be complete and accompanied by the proper fee to be valid.

**All competitors are expected to volunteer during the trial.  
These trials cannot happen without your ongoing support as volunteers.  
We are GRATEFUL for your help!**

There will be a volunteer sign-up sheet in the Gazebo, please sign up for at least 2 jobs per day to keep the trial running smoothly and on time.

***Teams competing 'For Exhibition Only' (FEO) may bring a non-audible toy into the ring to tug with or toss to their dog.***

## **Amendments to AAC Rules**

Please note the following changes to our trial:

### **Tugging on Leashes (231209)**

Tugging in the ring before the start of the run and after the end of the run should be allowed without penalty. Tugging could be on a leash or a toy, however the toy MUST be attached to the leash. The attached toy must not contain food. The leash/toy is to be placed at the exit of the ring and cannot be kept by the handler throughout the run. (i.e. on their person). The leash/toy should be placed by a ring crew member in such a way that it is clearly not a target at the end of the run. During team, tugging would be allowed in the box, but that should be discussed by the handlers

The following changes to the AAC Official Rules and Regulations are approved:

2.5.6.6. Leash Runner - add after, away from the last obstacle, in the 3rd line, "in such a way that it is not a target for the dog at the end of run."

2.11.2 General Faults - Leashes in the Ring – add "Leashes used as toys or with toys attached must be placed at the ring exit and cannot be placed in a handler's pocket or otherwise it becomes an FEO run."

### **Food in an FEO run (231210)**

Use of sealed food containers in the ring during an FEO run will be allowed. Food containers must be made of such material, structure and in such a way as to ensure there is no leakage of crumbs or treats, and no chance of accidental spillage should the container be tossed, dropped or grabbed by the dog. The handler cannot feed the dog during the run, or in the ring.

The following changes to the AAC Official Rules and Regulations are approved:

2.5.6.3. Gate Steward – add the words "or food container" in brackets after with toy. Should read "with toy, or food container, if appropriate).

2.6.1.1 FEO with Toy - Change “handlers maybe permitted to take a toy into a declared FEO run”. To “Handlers may be permitted to take a toy and/or sealed food container into a declared FEO run but cannot feed the dog during the run or in the ring.

2.11.2 General Faults - Performance Enhancing Items in the Ring – remove the word “toys” as the 3rd word. Add the words “or sealed food container” to the last sentence after suitable toy.

Appendix A – Scoring Summary - Add the words in brackets. Food, toys (unless attached to the leash), or training devices (including timers) on course, unless run is FEO with Toy

## CLASSES AND TENTATIVE ORDER OF EVENTS

### Friday

Event #	Event	Judge
1	Master Jumpers 1	Denise Reid-Clarke
2	Advanced Jumpers 1	Denise Reid-Clarke
3	Starter Jumpers 1	Denise Reid-Clarke
4	Master Snooker 1	Denise Reid-Clarke
5	Advanced Snooker 1	Denise Reid-Clarke
6	Starter Snooker 1	Denise Reid-Clarke

### Saturday

Event #	Event	Judge
7	Steeplechase 1	Denise Reid-Clarke
8	Master Gamble 1	Denise Reid-Clarke
9	Advanced Gamble 1	Donna Kloc
10	Starter Gamble 1	Donna Kloc
11	Master Standard 1	Denise Reid-Clarke
12	Advanced Standard 1	Donna Kloc
13	Starter Standard 1	Donna Kloc
14	Master Standard 2	Denise Reid-Clarke
15	Advanced Standard 2	Donna Kloc
16	Starter Standard 2	Donna Kloc

### Sunday

Event #	Event	Judge
17	Starter Standard 3	Donna Kloc
18	Advanced Standard 3	Donna Kloc
19	Master Standard 3	Denise Reid-Clarke
20	Starter Snooker 2	Donna Kloc
21	Advanced Snooker 2	Donna Kloc
22	Master Snooker 2	Denise Reid-Clarke
23	Steeplechase 2	Denise Reid-Clarke
24	Starter Jumpers 2	Donna Kloc
25	Advanced Jumpers 2	Donna Kloc
26	Master Jumpers 2	Denise Reid-Clarke

**Obstacle Familiarization:** Available for all dogs on contact equipment only and is dependent on equipment included in the first runs. Preference will be given to starter dogs.

**Regular Runs:** \$16.00 including GST.

**Junior Runs:** \$14.00 including GST.

**FEO Runs:** \$12.00 including GST. FEO Teams may bring a non-audible/non-food toy into the ring.

**DRY Camping** available on site at a cost of \$25 per night.

**Trial Chair:** Tania Arnold

**Trial Secretary:** Jane Charest

Email: [tskootenayunderdogs@gmail.com](mailto:tskootenayunderdogs@gmail.com)

Snail mail: 1052 Bridgeview Crescent, Castlegar BC, V1N 4L1

**Make cheques payable to:** Balfour Recreation Commission or **etransfer** to [tskootenayunderdogs@gmail.com](mailto:tskootenayunderdogs@gmail.com), (password KUDMLM2024).

**AAC ID Cards: You MUST have a valid Dog ID Number and ID card from the Agility Association of Canada [AAC] to compete for Qualifying runs and Titles.** <http://aac.ca/en/Dog-ID-Registration>.

### **Confirmations**

Confirmations will be emailed. We reserve the right to cancel the trial at any time up to and including the day of, if any conditions are present that would deem it unsafe to go ahead. In which case full refunds will be provided to all entrants.

### **Refunds**

Because this event is strictly limited, anyone cancelling before September 25, 2024, will be charged a \$25.00 cancellation fee. **No refunds** will be issued on or after September 25, 2024, except for participants who provide a doctor's note, a veterinarian's note, if their spot can be filled from the waitlist, or who have a Bitch In Season. We will consider any other refunds on an individual basis. Please contact the Trial Secretary for further assistance.

**Crating** – Competitors can use shelters or crate in cars at the venue. Please keep areas in and around your crating site clean and free of debris. **In order for us to continue to keep using this venue for future events, please make sure you clean up after your dog.**

**AGILITY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA (“AAC”)  
PARTICIPATION WAIVER AND RELEASE**

Handler Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog Name (the “Dog”): \_\_\_\_\_ AAC Dog ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog Name (the “Dog”): \_\_\_\_\_ AAC Dog ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry by AAC and the **Kootenay Underdogs** (the “Organizing Club”) and the opportunity to have the Dog participate, compete in and/or be judged at this event or trial (the “Event”), I, the undersigned, agree as follows:

1. I certify that I am the actual owner of the Dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner of the Dog and that the Dog is not a hazard to persons, property or other dogs.
2. I agree that AAC or the Organizing Club for the Event may refuse my entry for any reason that it deems to be sufficient.
3. I understand and acknowledge that participation in the Event carries certain risks, including, but not limited to injuries (including serious injuries and death) to myself, the Dog, another dog under my control or persons attending as my guests (my “Related Parties”), damage to property and other losses. I waive any and all claims that I have or may have in the future against, and release from all liability and agree not to sue AAC, the Organizing Club or any of the directors, executives, committees, representatives, employees, volunteers or agents of either AAC or the Organizing Club (the “Personnel”) for any injury, death, property damage or other loss that I or my Related Parties sustain due to any cause whatsoever, including negligence, breach of contract, breach of duty, statutory or otherwise, or mistakes or errors of judgment of any kind.
4. I assume full responsibility for the conduct of myself and my Related Parties during the entirety of the Event. I agree to indemnify and save harmless AAC, the Organizing Club and the Personnel from and against any and all claims that may be made against them or costs, fees, expenses or liability (including, without limitation, lawyers’ fees on a solicitor and own client basis) incurred by AAC, the Organizing Club or the Personnel that may arise due to:
  - a. any act or omission of myself, my Related Parties or any party for whom I am liable at law; or
  - b. aggressive behaviour by the Dog or any other dog under my control.
5. I have read and do understand the rules of competition and the additional rules (if any) appearing in the trial schedule for the Event, as well as the policies of AAC pertaining to discipline (collectively, the “Rules”). I agree to abide by the Rules and to conduct myself and the Dog in accordance with the Rules. I understand that myself and/or the Dog may be subject to disciplinary procedures or sanctions for breach of the Rules and agree to respect and be bound by any disciplinary decision made by AAC.
6. I understand that AAC and/or the Organizing Club may, in the course of administering the Event or conducting its activities generally, collect, use or disclose my personal information and that any personal information collected, used or disclosed by AAC and/or the Organizing Club will be treated in accordance with AAC policy and applicable privacy and personal information laws. I hereby consent to the collection, use and disclosure by AAC and/or the Organizing Club of my personal information.
7. I have been given the opportunity to read and understand the terms of this Agreement before signing it and have in fact done so. I understand that by signing this Agreement, I am restricting my legal rights and I sign this Agreement voluntarily and of my own free will.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian must sign if the Handler is under 18 years of age.

Date (mm/dd/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry not valid unless Agreement is signed, dated, and submitted with the correct fee.**

# Kootenay Underdogs Entry Form

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>City:</b>	<b>Province:</b>
<b>Postal Code:</b>	<b>Phone Number:</b>
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Handler, if other than owner:</b>	
<b>Junior Handler #:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Senior or Disabled Handler</b>	

## Dog #1 Information

<b>Call Name:</b>	
<b>AAC #:</b>	<b>Breed:</b>
<b>Dog Height:</b>	<b>Birthdate:</b>
<b>Circle Dog's Jump Height:</b> 4" 8" 12" 16" 20" 24"	
<b>Circle Dog's Status:</b> Special Vet Single Drop Vet Double Drop Regular	
Junior Handler Giant Breed Double Drop Special	

## Dog #2 Information

<b>Call Name:</b>	
<b>AC #:</b>	<b>Breed:</b>
<b>Dog Height:</b>	<b>Birthdate:</b>
<b>Circle Dog's Jump Height:</b> 4" 8" 12" 16" 20" 24"	
<b>Circle Dog's Status:</b> Special Vet Single Drop Vet Double Drop Regular	
Junior Handler Giant Breed Double Drop Special	



## Price and Totals

Dog 1 Name: _____	Starters	Advanced	Masters	Senior Handler	Regular Price (\$16)	Junior Handler (\$14) or FEO (\$12) Price
<b>Friday</b>						
Jumpers 1						
Snooker 1						
<b>Saturday</b>						
Steeplechase 1						
Gamble 1						
Standard 1						
Standard 2						
<b>Sunday</b>						
Standard 3						
Snooker 2						
Steeplechase 2						
Jumpers 2						
Dog 2 Name: _____	Starters	Advanced	Masters	Senior Handler	Regular Price	Junior Handler or FEO Price
<b>Friday</b>						
Jumpers 1						
Snooker 1						
<b>Saturday</b>						
Steeplechase 1						
Gamble 1						
Standard 1						
Standard 2						
<b>Sunday</b>						
Standard 3						
Snooker 2						
Steeplechase 2						
Jumpers 2						
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Dog All Events \$160 (10 runs @ \$16)</b>						
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Dog All Events \$150</b>						
<b>Subtotal</b>						
<b>Kootenay Underdogs Member Discount 5%</b>						
<b>Camping Fee</b>						
<b>Total Owed</b>						

### SITE

**Directions from Nelson:** Follow BC-3A to Busk Road (towards the Kootenay Lake Ferry Landing), continue on Busk Road, turn left on Charles Street and turn right at pickleball/tennis courts.

**Directions from Kaslo:** Follow Balfour-Kaslo-Galena Bay Highway/BC-31S, turn left onto Busk Road, turn left on Charles Street and turn right at pickleball/tennis courts

**Amenities:** Washrooms on site, running water, large gazebo/shelter, parking and dry camping. There is a gas station, a small grocery store, and bakery within a few blocks as well as accommodations (hotels and Airbnb) and RV parks within 10 minutes of the venue.

**Crating & Set-Up:** *The site will be available after 10 am on Friday.* Lost or damaged personal property is not the responsibility of the Balfour Recreation Commission.

## AWARDS

AAC qualifying ribbons will be awarded, as will AAC 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> placement ribbons. As we are brand new to trialling, please let us know if you are close to a title ribbon so that we can order in advance and celebrate your accomplishment.

## MOVE UPS

**Move-ups from prior trials must be reported no later than one week prior to the trial.** Please contact the Trial Secretary. We will attempt to also accommodate same day move-ups when possible.

**FOOD:** There are a number of places for refreshments close to the venue. These include the Old World Bakery, Gill and Gift and the Superette.

**VETERINARIAN ON CALL:** (To be confirmed) North Kootenay Veterinary Services, 9580 Cowichan Road, Kaslo, BC, V0G 1M0, (250) 353-7125.

This completed form, payment, and the signed participation waiver on the previous page must be received by the closing date.



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