



# THE MARITIME GROUP 7 CLUB

## COVID-19 EVENT PROTOCOLS

- Face Mask - all Competitors must provide their own
- Hand Sanitizer
- Entries are encouraged to be done electronically if possible. You can enter via [DogShow.ca](http://DogShow.ca)

### Upon Arrival at the Trial

You will be asked to line up outside (without your dog) and wait to come into the building while maintaining social distancing of 2m in the designated line-up area.

- Scheduling will be done to ensure that there will be no more than the government mandated limit number of people in each of the two separate rooms on the show site at any time.
- Competitors will pick up their awards from a masked Event Official following all COVID-19 restrictions. Competitors have the option of receiving either an electronic or hard copy of their scoresheets.
- There will be limited crating space in designated areas indoors clearly marked. Please prebook your space.
- Hand Sanitizer is to be used on entering & exiting the building, in addition to when necessary, on the show site.
- The judge and stewards will be masked.
- Any judge's briefing will be done with social distancing enforced.
- Walk-throughs may also be split depending on class size. If split, order will be based on ring order.
- You will be placing your leash and dumbbell on a tray beside the ring.
- For Open and CDI competitors, you will be responsible for getting your dumbbell during your time in the ring. For Utility competitors, you will be responsible for getting your glove and articles.
- When leaving the ring, you will wait at a marked area so that the next exhibitor team can enter.
- Dogs should arrive in adequate time for their class (allowing for absentees). The Club requests that the competitor vacate the trial grounds when their class is complete and awards are presented.
- Masks must be worn correctly. All participants are to provide their own face masks. The Maritime Group 7 Club will not have masks available for participants.
- Anyone who is not following the Covid-19 Protocols as laid out, and is unwilling to follow those rules, even after being reminded, can be asked to leave the premises without refund.

### The Maritime Group 7 Club will be following:

All Federal, Provincial and local health rules when holding a trial.

### Allowable Temporary Changes:

The following are **allowable temporary changes** to the **Obedience Rules and Regulations** applicable while operating under COVID restrictions:

- The chair where the leash and other equipment is to be placed should be located at a convenient place determined by the judge but can be located in the ring or if not appropriate, just outside of the ring such that the handler can obtain the item without leaving the ring. The chair will be cleaned between exhibitors.
- If a re-throw of the dumbbell is required, the handler should be allowed to ask the dog to stay and the handler will go and pick up the dumbbell and return to where the dog was left. If the dog moves during this process, it will not be judged unless it is out of control.
- For the article exercise in Utility, the handler can retrieve the articles to be scented from the article bag and put them on the 'article' chair.
- In the Rally Advanced Class, the handler can put the leash in their pocket or hang it around the neck as in the Pre-Novice recall.
- The exhibitor may either leave the dog on a sit stay or heel with the dog to the location of the chair to both obtain and return their leash and articles used during the exercises.
- Only those dogs earning a qualifying score will receive ribbons. No awards will be presented in the ring but will be available at a separate location & be awarded observing COVID restrictions. The Maritime Group 7 Club will NOT mail ribbons or awards to exhibitors.

### **Ring Procedure**

In the Novice Intermediate, Open and Utility classes, before the handler enters the ring they shall place the dumbbell, glove and articles on a chair/table in a place designated by the judge until required and upon completion of their routine the handler shall retrieve the dumbbell, glove and articles before exiting the ring. The leash shall be placed by the handler in the same location as the dumbbell, glove and articles once they enter the ring. The handler shall retrieve the leash from the location designated by the judge before leaving the ring.

### **Exercises and Scores**

The judge will post the choice of a Group Sit or Down at least 30 minutes before the start of the class and not more than one hour before the start of the trial in a location available for viewing by all competitors. This location may be inside or outside if the trial is held indoors.

Figure 8 - Pylons will be used for this exercise instead of Ring Stewards.

Sit or Stand for Examination - The judge will approach the dog (from the side) and touch its head only.

Group Sit or Down Exercise - A dog who fails any of the individual exercises is not eligible to participate.

Jumps - The high jump in all classes will be set according to Rally jump heights. There will not be any additional accommodation made for veteran jump height given the lowered levels. The Broad Jump will be spaced to cover a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump.

Routines to be used will be Routine #1 only, i.e. the routine used in the A class. For CHANGE OF POSITIONS in the 18B class, Sequence (a) will be used.

Articles for the 'Seek Back' & "Scent Discrimination' will be visually approved by the judge.

Rally Walk-Throughs - A & B classes of each level will be combined and given a 10-minute walk-through in groups of 10 exhibitors & then each group of 10 will be judged. The next group will then have their walk-through, be judged, etc. until the level is completed. Social Distancing **MUST** be maintained during the walk-through & masks **WILL** be worn by the exhibitors.