

Conducting Agility Events following Covid-19 Level 2.

In response to the Global Covid-19 Pandemic, all agility events in New Zealand were cancelled or postponed until the end of June 2020.

If under Level 2 agility events are to recommence, these will need to be conducted with strong Health and Safety precautions that abide by government advice and protect the wellbeing of all attendees.

The following is a list of perceived pressure points and suggested mitigation for clubs running events in Alert Level 2.

Nothing produced here is intended to force clubs to hold shows under Level 2 conditions or where they feel uncomfortable doing so and it is important that clubs consider their members who may be at risk. Be kind and understanding and do not expect everyone to be able to assist at shows run under these conditions.

It is worth noting that these restrictions may impact on club's ability to run the same number of events per weekend as they were pre-Covid and they should be encouraged to carefully consider this.

General Requirements

- **IF YOU ARE DISPLAYING ANY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS, STAY AT HOME!**
- **Sign in sheet must be completed for every individual entering the grounds** – date, name, phone numbers, address, time in and time out of everyone who is present on the grounds. The club should have one person allocated to this task for the day. This must be done as people enter the grounds and cannot be filled out from a pre-entry list. The register must be kept safely to protect the privacy of the people on it. A copy should be sent to the AC for records. The register must be retained for a minimum of 4 weeks after which it should be responsibly destroyed.
- Always maintain and encourage 1m distance at a minimum, more if possible
- No more than 100 people in total at one time on the competition grounds as of the date of publication of this document.
- Hand washing facilities with paper towels available and clear signage relating to hand washing is visible
- Show manager to outline all safety procedures at the start of each day to all people on the grounds.

On the Grounds

- Space between vehicles
- Don't run dogs in large packs on the grounds
- Clubs should consider if they can reduce the number of rings they use as a way of increasing space and improving physical distancing
- Toilets should have good supplies of antiseptic wipes and soap, hot water, and hand sanitiser available.
- No normal towels for washing hands – disposable hand towels only
- No sharing of chairs/poobags or borrowing any equipment from others.

Catering

- Catering discouraged at Level 2 - people provide own food - includes judges
- Possibility to have professional caterer in a truck
- Clubs should not provide self service tea and coffee facilities

Course Walking

- Clubs must ensure individuals maintain social distancing while walking courses – clubs to consider staggering course walk starts
- Clubs to consider limiting course walks per person due to the extra time required, with copies of courses provided or available online

At the Ring

- Callboard to have at least 1m clear space around it - clubs encouraged to mark this space with spray paint or similar where possible. Only the callboard steward to touch the pen, and it should be wiped down before the next person uses it.
- No more than 1 combination in the holding area at once
- All competitors must bring their own bucket to put the lead in. As a suggestion, clubs to purchase buckets that competitors can buy from the club if they forget their own bucket
- Handlers are responsible for taking their own bucket but if a lead runner is used, the lead runner can wear gloves if desired to protect hands and as a minimum MUST use sanitiser between each competitor
- If no lead runner is used, then judges to ease issues around toys/leads being moved from start to finish by designing courses with start/finish in same area.
- No dog other than the one running to enter the area until the previous dog has left.

Workers

- Pole pickers and course builders wear gloves if desired to protect hands and as a minimum must use sanitiser between each requirement for touching the gear. Others are not to handle any equipment.
- Scribe sheets need to be put into a box by the scribe to be collected by a runner. Runners not to touch the sheets at all, just collect the box to take to the show secretary. (2 boxes will be need per ring for rotation).
- Wipes available to scribe tables
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Prizegiving

- Minimum distances maintained
- No hand shaking
- Clear round certs may not be made available at the show – people can request for them at a later date with no contact (eg: posting them), or a single person could distribute all clear rounds at the end of the show. The intention is however it is done, you need to limit the number of people touching each piece of paper.
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- Ribbons / Prizes – people involved in handling ribbons/prizes to sanitise prior to handling them. At prizegiving, the same person should put these on a table or similar for place getters to pick up one at a time
- Prize money to be internet deposited instead of cash
- Potentially no prizegiving - controlled pickup of prizes

Judges

- Some judges may elect not to accept/honour contracts while the country is under Level 2 conditions. The AC supports our judges' individual choices at this time.
- Judges may decline to be billeted under Level 2 – so clubs may need to arrange alternative options

Measuring

- No measuring to be done at shows.

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