



## Dog Obedience Committee

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## H&S - COVID-19 Obedience Event Management Plans

### Conducting Obedience Events following Covid-19 Level 2.

In response to the Global Covid-19 Pandemic, Executive Council recommended that all Dogs NZ Sports events in New Zealand were postponed until the end of June 2020 and a decision was made to cancel NDOA 2020.

Under Alert Level 2 Obedience events have the opportunity to recommence as long as they abide by a range of public health measures which promote good hygiene, social distancing and contact tracing to protect the wellbeing of all attendees.

The decision to recommence Obedience events is at each club's discretion and you should only do so once you are happy that you have the proper protocols in place to manage any health risk to your club officials and exhibitors.

The following is a list of general principals and recommended mitigation on perceived pressure points for clubs running events in Alert level 2.

These restrictions may impact on a club's ability to run a traditional obedience show but it is the "new normal" while we are under Alert Level 2. Be kind and understanding and do not expect everyone to be able to assist at shows run under these conditions.

### General Show Principals

- **IF YOU ARE DISPLAYING ANY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS, STAY AT HOME!**
- **For track & trace purposes sign in sheet must be completed** for every individual entering the venue / grounds – date, name, phone numbers, address, time in and time out of everyone who is present on the grounds.
- Always maintain and encourage 1m distance at a minimum, more if possible (ideally 2m)
- No more than 100 people in total at one time on the competition grounds / venue
- 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 / venue.

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## COVID-19 H&S Critical Risks

Critical Contagion Risks specifically introduced by COVID-19 have been identified as the following:

- \* Hygiene and Distancing General Practices
- \* Competitors and Officials on site
- \* Breaks / Catering
- \* Grounds/ Arena Operations
- \* Meetings

## H&S - COVID-19 Hygiene and Distancing

Personal Action Key Points

ALWAYS	NEVER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Wash hands following the washing guide, at start and end of time in the ring and before giving dog treats.</li> <li>* Stay a minimum of 2 metres away from other people.</li> <li>* Do not touch your face.</li> <li>* Clean surfaces after use.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Make Physical contact, i.e. shaking hands.</li> </ul>

### Procedures:

- \* Wash hands at the start and end of each event participation and whenever moving between areas.
- \* Practice social distancing of 2m.
- \* Transmission is highest through sneezing or Coughing, ensure you do this away from others And into a tissue or your elbow if necessary, Not your hands. Do not touch your face.
- \* Increase cleaning frequencies, particularly on communal/shared contact surfaces such as door handles. Hand sanitizers are available for this.



### Site Preparation:

- \* Ensure there is adequate surface disinfectant Spray and wipes available on site.
- \* Have hand sanitizer at each egress from show area.
- \* Ensure First Aid kits are stocked with appropriate PPE for infection control, including face masks and gloves.



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## H&S - COVID-19 Competitors and Officials on Site.

### Personal Action Key Points

ALWAYS	NEVER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Complete a COVID-19 self-assessment declaration.</li><li>* Travel between car (where parked) and show area must be by the most direct method possible.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* No non-competitors or authorized show officials permitted on show grounds for duration of show.</li><li>* Remain in competition/training area for any longer than minimally required.</li></ul>

### Procedures:

- \* Limit competition/training area to essential people only.
- \* Maximum number permitted at any one time is 100 people.
- \* All competitors and officials must complete a declaration to enter the show area.
- \* Written form **COVID-19 Self-Assessment Declaration – Competitors/Officials**.
- \* To be kept and made accessible to the Ministry of Health (if required) for up to 4 weeks after the event.
- \* Parking shall be in designated areas only.
- \* Occupants of vehicles must travel directly between their vehicle and permitted areas for competition and training by the shortest route possible.
- \* Discourage spectator congregation.

### Grounds / Venue Setup:

- \* Parking areas shall be designated by physical signage or physical indication, and in a manner that allows for social distancing. Temporary barriers, specific website advice and proactive email communication.
- \* Entry to show areas will be signposted and access restricted.
- \* Competitors must travel between vehicle and required points of attendance by the most direct pathway possible, maintaining physical distance between others.
- \* Separate entry and exit points established for each ring.
- \* Nil seating provided for spectators.
- \* Sanitizer to be made available at entry points and in shared amenity areas.



## H&S - COVID-19 Breaks / Catering

### Personal Action Key Points

ALWAYS	NEVER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Wash/Sanitise hands before and after break/use</li><li>* Wipe down surfaces intended for use before preparing food/beverages</li><li>* Wipe down all surfaces after use</li><li>* Limit number of people in meal area</li><li>* Where possible: have catering in an outside area</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Leave unwashed plates/utensils out for others to touch</li><li>* Linger in catering areas (think of others wishing to use the space)</li><li>* Allow unauthorised persons to use/enter catering area</li></ul>

### Procedures:

- \* Wash hands before and after break/use.
- \* Surfaces cleaned after every use, in particular:
  - Table
  - Bench
  - Taps
  - Fridge and microwave handles/buttons
- \* Maximize staggering of breaks.
  - Ideally 1 person per 4sqm metres at a time in catering area.
  - If more than one person in catering area, limit exposure time to 15 minutes.
- \* Catering for officials only and where practicable, in isolation.
- \* No catering for competitors.
- \* Where possible: utilize lunch bags.
- \* Use sanitizer upon entering and exiting catering area.

### Catering Setup:

- \* 2-metre distances to be marked with tape or around tables to show seating distance, and around floor to show distance between personal interaction.
- \* Hand sanitizer must be available at entrances and exits.
- \* Cleaning spray and wipes must be available on tables and benches.
- \* Entrances to catering areas must be open to allow airflow and avoid contact with door surfaces.
- \* Establish an alternative outdoor eating area.



## H&S - COVID-19 Ground / Arena Operations

### Personal Action Key Points

ALWAYS	NEVER
Place dogs lead in own pocket and out of sight for off lead exercises.	Leave leads on ringside table, or away from self.
Only place dumbbell on ringside table when clear of previous dogs' items.	Place dumbbell on table with another already present.
Wipe table between placement of dumbbells.	Leave any other item belonging to handler (including food treats) on the ringside table.
Handlers wash hands directly after completion of scent exercise.	Touch your face
Scent decoys to wash hands directly after completion of scent exercise	
Maintain a minimum of 2 metres between dogs during stays.	
Wash hands with soap and water before giving dogs a treat.	

#### Procedures:

- \* Handlers must place the dogs lead in their own pocket so that it is out of sight prior to commencing off lead exercises.
- \* Dumbbell for retrieve exercises must be placed on the ringside table, and only after any previous dumbbell has been removed and the table wiped clean.
- \* For stay exercises, competitors are always to enter the ring in single file maintaining a minimum of 2m distancing.
- \* Wash hands with soap and water following the completion of required exercises and BEFORE giving dog any food treats.

#### Area Setup:

- \* Ringside table to have wipes for use between exercises requiring a dumbbell to be placed upon them.
- \* 2-metre distances to be marked in the ring for stay purposes.
- \* All equipment used must be washed and dried before and after use in the or around the ring.

#### Prize giving:

- \* No hand shaking
- \* Certificates will not be made available but can be requested for to be posted or received at a later date
- \* Ribbons / Prizes to be sanitized prior to handling and placed on a table for place getters to retrieve (one at a time).
- \* Prize money to be deposited through internet banking.
- \* No non-cash prizes awarded other than ribbons and trophies.

## H&S - COVID-19 Meetings

### Personal Action Key Points

ALWAYS	NEVER
Observe 2m distancing guidelines Have essential meetings in open spaces where practical	

The following protocols and procedures should be implemented during level 3 lockdown.

#### Procedures:

- \* Non-essential meetings/shows/training cancelled.
- \* Meetings/shows/training to be held outside or in open areas.
- \* If meetings are held inside, limit number of people inside and observe 2m distancing guidelines.
- \* Wipe down furniture when meeting is completed.

#### Area Setup:

- \* 2-metre distances to be marked with tape or around tables to show seating distance, and around floor to show distance between personal interaction.
- \* Hand sanitizer must be available at entrances and exits.

