

# COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

## Forbidden Plateau Obedience & Tracking club

FPO&TC is an all-breed and mixed-breed dog training club. We are licensed by the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) and are a member of the Association of Island Obedience Clubs (AIOC). Our club is a 100% volunteer organization.

We offer Obedience and Rally Obedience dog training and trials. This document refers to Rally Obedience Trials only.

The trials will be held outdoors at Merville Hall, 1245 Fenwick Road, Merville, B.C. V0R 2M0

### 1. RISK ASSESSMENT OF FACILITY

We have reviewed our procedures and identified areas of risk: Namely, person to person transmission and surface transmission.

We have identified where people gather:

- in the parking area,
- at check in
- at awards table

We have identified tasks and processes where people are close to each other:

- moving and setting out course signs, jumps, and chairs,
- judge close to exhibitor in the ring
- table steward close to ring
- timer close to ring

We have identified equipment that people share:

- chairs
- jumps
- course signs

We have identified surfaces that people touch often:

- external door handles
- tables
- chairs
- jumps
- toilets
- washroom faucets

## **2. IMPLEMENTATION OF PROTOCOLS TO REDUCE RISK**

We have reviewed relevant protocols on WorksafeBC.com, from the Provincial Health Officer and the BCCDC, the Government of Canada, the Canadian Kennel Club, and the safety plans of similar dog training groups. (See Appendix A, page 5)

### **2.1 First level protection: elimination**

We have limited the number of people who will be consistently in the ring area to three (3), with the potential for additional people at the conclusion of each level of judging for award announcement. There will be 1 Judge, 1 Ring Steward, and 1 Exhibitor. Timer, Gate steward and course builder will be outside the ring area.

- Each trial will have a maximum of 3 ½ hours of judging, based on CKC Covid-19 adjusted formula of maximum 10 dogs per hour with adjustment for additional time for walk throughs and cleaning time.
- One Ring Steward will be solely responsible for handling course signs
- There will be one (1) judging ring only
- There will be no coffee, tea or snacks available.

### **2.2 Second Level Protection: Barriers**

Not applicable

### **2.3 Third level protection: Administrative Controls**

We will maintain a register of all exhibitors, judges, and Club members in attendance each day.

All attendees must sign and submit a Covid-19 declaration and Waiver form upon arrival

All Club members, judges and exhibitors will have current copies of our Safety Plan. Copies will be posted and available in the facility.

#### Entrance and Exit Doors

- Entrance to the building will be for washroom access only

#### People

- Only exhibitors, judges, stewards, secretary, superintendent and members of the Obedience Trial Committee and Club Executive will be allowed in the trial vicinity Exhibitors should remain by their vehicles until the gate steward has called their #
- Exhibitors are to arrive each day in time to check in, be on time for their class and depart immediately after unless they are entered in 2 classes in the same trial (Advanced/Excellent/Master/Intermediate) or are entered in both trials.
- Socializing in groups between trials is discouraged unless with those in same “bubble”. and must maintain 3 metre physical distance. There will be no spectators allowed within the trial vicinity.

#### **2.4 Fourth Level Protection: PPE**

- As an extra precaution, we will require all people to wear masks whilst within the trial precincts.
- Masks may be temporarily removed outside while drinking or eating, but a physical distance of two (3) metres is required between people.
- Gloves will be provided for the handling of course signs and holders.

## 2.5 Cleaning Protocols

We have established protocols for cleaning surfaces and equipment.

- Trial ring protocols as per Ring Steward duties,
  - Each steward will have their own pens, tape measure, rulebook, and any other required equipment
  - Hand sanitize before handling jumps, ribbons, rosettes, and filled score sheets
  - Wipe down jumps, cones, chairs, table at end of each class and trial.
- Before and after each trial, all touch points will be sprayed with sanitizer. This includes door handles, table-tops, chairs (limited number available), and washroom touch points.
- Hand sanitizer will be available inside the building.
- Hands must be washed or sanitized before handling club equipment.
- Only Ring Stewards, Judge, Superintendent, and members of Rally Obedience Trial committee are permitted to move or handle equipment unless directed to by a Committee member, and the above rule is also followed.

### **3. DEVELOP POLICIES**

- All attendees will be required to sign and submit a Covid-19 declaration and Waiver form.
- No person will be allowed to attend the trials as an Exhibitor, Judge or Trial official if they are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19, or have been told to self- isolate, or have been in contact with anyone exhibiting symptoms in the previous two weeks.
- Any person who starts to feel ill during a trial will be asked to leave. The names of those in close contact with the person will be recorded. Any surfaces touched by the person will be sanitized.
- All people will maintain a physical distance of at least two (3) metres from each other, except for emergencies. Hands should be sanitized after doing so.
- Visitors such as extra family members or friends are not permitted in the trial vicinity and are discouraged from attending unless needed to drive an exhibitor.

### **4. DEVELOP COMMUNICATION PLANS AND TRAINING**

- We will share our Safety Plan with all club members, judges, and exhibitors.
- The Club's Executive and Rally Obedience Trial Committee will be thoroughly familiar with the Plan and be prepared to answer any questions arising.
- The Plan will be posted in the Training room and on the club website

### **5. MONITOR FACILITY and PROCEDURES**

We will review our facility and procedures prior to trials and update our Safety Plan as needed.

### **6. ASSESS AND ADDRESS RISK FROM RESUMING OPERATIONS**

We have completed our assessment and find that there are no additional risks from resuming operations.

## APPENDIX A

### Documents reviewed in preparation of the FPO&TC Safety Plan:

WorkSafeBC: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-returning-safe-operation>

Current Orders, Notices and Guidance of the Provincial Health Officer: -

Government of Canada: Risk mitigation tool for gatherings and events operating during the COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/mass-gatherings-risk-assessment.html>

Canadian Kennel Club: New Guidelines: Obedience and Rally Obedience Rules & Regulations during COVID-19. <https://www.ckc.ca/en/Files/Forms/Shows-Trials/Event-Rules-Regulations/COVID19-Obedience-and-Rally-Rules-General-Guidelines>