

# **COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN**

## **Communicable Disease Prevention 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 the September 25<sup>th</sup>, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, CKC Obedience Trial and Sep 24<sup>th</sup> 2021 pre trial practice only.

The trial will be held at All Things Dog Room, 877 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Courtenay, B.C.

#### **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,
- inside the class assembly area
- at check in
- inside at awards table (if applicable)

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

- moving and setting up jumps, posts, and chairs,
- setting out Utility Scent Articles, and
- judge close to exhibitor in the ring.

We have identified equipment that people share:

- chairs
- jumps
- Judge table

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 trial ring area to six (6), with the potential for additional people for group stays and at the conclusion of each level of judging for award announcement. A designated area may be available for spectators. There will be 1 Judge, 2 Ring Stewards, 1 Secretary, 1 Superintendent, 1 Exhibitor.

- Each trial will have a maximum of 3 ½ hours of judging, based on CKC recognized formula of 6 per hour for Utility, 7 per hour for Open, 8 per hour for Novice and 9 per hour for Pre-Novice with adjustment for possible additional group stays.
- There will be one (1) judging ring only.
- There will be a small class assembly area in the front of the building
- There will be an area for next dog/handler in the ring behind the double doors which lead into the trial ring.

### **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 Club members, judges and exhibitors will have current copies of our Safety Plan (available on the club website, [www.fpotcdogtraining.ca](http://www.fpotcdogtraining.ca)) Copies will be posted and available in the facility.

#### Entrance and Exit Doors

- There will be one entrance door, monitored by the Gate Steward, one exit only door from trial ring area.
- The exit only door will remain open;
- People
  - Only exhibitors, judges, stewards, secretary, superintendent and members of the Obedience Trial Committee and Club Executive will be allowed in the building.
  - Exhibitors should remain in the class assembly area or outside the building until the gate steward has called their #
  - Exhibitors are to arrive in time to check in, be on time for their class
  - There may be a limited number of spectators allowed in the trial ring area.

## Interior Spaces

- The entrance door opens into a crating area that is 312 sq ft with the exhibitor washroom on the right.
- There is a separate area with kitchen and washroom for judge and stewards' lunch.
- The "on deck" area for next exhibitor in the ring will be 60 sq ft
- Trial ring will be 1720sq ft with only 1 Judge, 2 Ring Stewards and 1 Exhibitor allowed.

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

- As an extra precaution, masks are requested to be worn in accordance with Public Health Orders, whilst inside the building.

### **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.  
Wipe down jumps, posts, chairs, table at end of each trial.
- Before each trial, all touch points will be sprayed with sanitizer. This includes door handles, tabletops, 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 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**

- No person will be allowed to attend these trials if proof of full or partial vaccination status has not been presented.
- No person will be allowed to attend the trials 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 reasonable physical distance from each other, except for emergencies or judge examining exhibitors' dogs or Ring stewards restraining a dog during group stays. Hands should be sanitized after doing so.
- Visitors such as extra family members or friends are not permitted in the building 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 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 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>

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/covid-19/bcs-four-step-restart>

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<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/law-policy/occupational-health-safety/searchable-ohs-regulation/ohs-guidelines/guidelines-for-workers-compensation-act#SectionNumber:G-P2-21>

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

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/proof>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restrictions>

ORDER OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER

GATHERINGS AND EVENTS (Pursuant to Sections 30, 31, 32 and 39 (3) Public Health Act, S.B.C.2008)

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>