

Conducting Agility Events During Covid-19 Level 2.

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Any updated Government directions and/or advice overrides these Guidelines. Further information can be found at <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

Please remember to **Be Positive and Kind** in your interactions with each other.

Agility events conducted during Covid-19 Alert Level 2 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!**
- **QR Codes** and a **Sign-in Sheet** **MUST** be made available and every individual entering the grounds **MUST** either scan the code or fill in the sign-in sheet. It is the responsibility of the organising club to ensure that everyone signs in (this is a legal requirement). The club should have one person allocated to this task for the day. This must be done as people enter the grounds.
- To create a QR Code: <https://covid19.govt.nz/business-and-money/businesses/get-your-qr-code-poster/>
- The sign-in sheet must include fields for date, name, phone numbers, address, time in and time out. **This cannot be filled out from a pre-entry list.** The register must be kept safely to protect the privacy of the people on it. The register must be retained for a minimum of 4 weeks after which it should be responsibly destroyed.

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- Events are limited to 100 people (this limit excludes judges and officials)
 - Judges and Officials are: Judges, A Show Manager, Ring Managers, Scribes, Show Secretary and Disputes Committee.
 - The names of these people MUST be printed in the front of champ show catalogues, and must be included in all ribbon trial flyers, for the purposes of record keeping.
 - See below for AC guidelines for limiting entry numbers.
- Always maintain and encourage 1m distance at a minimum, more if possible.
- Government guidelines are to wear a mask whenever possible. At a minimum, masks should be worn when you can't maintain a safe distance from other people not in your bubble. Your bubble for the show can include people you are sharing accommodation with. Examples of times when masks must be worn include:
 - Course Walking
 - Course building
 - Show Manager's briefing
 - Call stewarding/visiting the call board
 - Lining up for your run if there are other people in close proximity
- Some people have an exemption from wearing a mask.
 - If you have an exemption, please let the Show Secretary know before the show and provide proof of the exemption.
 - For the safety and comfort of others, if you can't wear a mask, please try to maintain social distancing from people not in your bubble.
- Competitors can carry their mask in their pocket while running.
- Sanitiser and hand washing facilities with paper towels available and clear signage relating to hand washing should be visible.
- A range of downloadable posters with key messages are available here <https://covid19.govt.nz/posters/> Clubs are encouraged to display these as appropriate.
- Show managers are 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 – remember, your dogs are part of your bubble.
- 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 sanitiser, soap and disposable paper towels.
- No sharing of chairs/poo bags or borrowing any equipment from others.

Catering

- Catering discouraged at Level 2 - people should provide their own food (includes judges)
- It is possible to have a professional caterer in a truck (The people operating these are not required to be counted in the 100 person limit, however a record of them being on site must be held for contact tracing purposes.)
- Clubs should not provide self-service tea and coffee facilities

Course Walking

- Clubs could consider staggering course walk starts to reduce congestion at course walks.
- Clubs could consider limiting course walks per person due to the extra time required, with copies of courses provided or available online

At the Ring

- The callboard is to have at least 1m clear space around it – clubs are encouraged to mark this space with spray paint or similar where possible. Only the callboard steward is 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 should consider bringing their own bucket to put the lead, toys, treats etc in.
- Handlers can take their own bucket to the finish line, but if a lead runner is used, the lead runner can wear gloves if desired to protect hands and/or use sanitiser between each competitor. Handlers should be mindful not to be in the holding area at the same time as the previous dog is finishing.
- Clubs may provide buckets and lead runners, but handlers should not touch the bucket when they put their leads etc in the bucket. The only person touching the bucket should be the lead runner. The lead runner should tip the contents of the bucket on the ground at the finish. The lead runner can wear gloves if desired to protect hands and/or use sanitiser between each competitor. At a minimum the buckets **MUST** be sanitised between classes or when lead runners are swapped.
- If handlers need to have their dog on lead prior to the first jump, then they should throw their lead out the side of the ring where they can pick it up later (not into the holding area) and ensure that a second lead is in their bucket. Lead runners are not to pick up leads or toys etc.
- Lead runners must wear masks and should maintain a 2m distance from competitors.

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Workers

- Pole pickers and course builders can 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 should be made available to sanitise scribe tables

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 (e.g.: 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.
- 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
- Clubs may wish to order undated ribbons which can be used for a future show in the event of a late cancellation.

Judges

- Some judges may elect not to accept/honour contracts while the country is under Level 2 conditions.
- Judges may decline to be billeted under Level 2 – so clubs may need to arrange alternative options.

The AC supports our judges' individual choices at this time.

Limiting Entry Numbers

If entry numbers exceed 100 handlers, excluding the named officials, clubs should follow the following protocol to reduce entries:

Clubs should first call for voluntary scratchings. These are to be refunded in full.

If forced scratchings are required, the main focus should be to keep in line with the official government guidelines and mantra of 'stay local'. Restrictions should be made by first accepting entries from those who live closest to the event, and widening the radius until the limit is reached. Any entries not accepted are to be refunded in full.

A recalculation of entry numbers for splits, ribbons and challenges etc will be required after scratchings (both voluntary and forced) are taken into account.

Levies are not payable on scratchings made to limit entry numbers.

Please note, the AC fully supports any clubs that wish to include judges and officials in their 100 in order to keep numbers small, and this should be accepted by the agility community as well.

Ribbon Trials

Ribbon Trials at Alert Level 2 are required to be pre-entered with a firm closing date prior to the event. No entries are to be taken on the day. This is to enable clubs to limit entry numbers to 100 competitors in accordance with Government guidelines. Protocols for limiting entry numbers are as outlined above.

As with Championship shows, the 100 competitors do not include Judges and Officials as detailed above. These people must be named either on Ribbon Trial flyers, or clubs may publish a catalogue which includes the names of officials on the front page.

Agility Regulation 11.3.9 is suspended with the approval of Executive Council.

Measuring

- No measuring to be done at shows during level 2.

List Of Recommended Supplies for Club:

- QR Code Posters
- Sign-in sheets
- Handwashing posters
- Sanitiser:
 - At sign in
 - In the toilets
 - At each ring
- Antiseptic wipes at each ring
- Rubber gloves at each ring
- Disposable face masks for helpers
- Soap and paper towels in toilets:

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