

Confirmation for the 47th Rat Pack Dog Sports - AAC Agility Trial October 23rd, 24th and 25th, 2009 - Orangeville Fairgrounds

Thank for you continued support, please review this confirmation carefully & let me know of any changes, do not wait until the night before. **Sunday is the fullest day, so we all need to be on our toes**, therefore we ask your co-operation & assistance to ensure that all days run efficiently. Be ready on the line, have collars unbuckled and give your dog's name clearly to the scribe. Care has been taken to give people running multiple dogs' sufficient time between, therefore there should be no reason to make changes to the running order, but we will be understanding.

Rubberized contacts: As this will be the first trial using the rubberized equipment, we are planning to do a very quick, organized familiarized time for contacts only before the start of the trial (8:00 – 8:45 on Friday, 7:15 – 7:45 on Saturday and Sunday). This time will be limited to contacts only and will be a time only to do the contacts once. (20 – 30 seconds). This is not a time to practice, but to give the dogs a chance to feel the rubberized equipment. On Saturday and Sunday the time will be open ONLY to dogs that were not entered the days before. (Dogs that ran on Friday and Saturday are not eligible to participate in the familiarization on Sunday.

Handler's responsibility: It will be the handler's responsibility to check off their dog on the gate list upon completion of the walk through for that class. Gate Stewards will be demanding and will not go looking for handlers. **There is no time to waste whatsoever on any day, especially on Sunday.** We ask that the next dog and handler team be on the line when the judge asks, with collars and leashes off. We will be using the "GO" to indicate that the run may start. This means that the dog and handler should be on the line and ready to go prior to the "GO" being sounded.

First dog on the line at 9:00 a.m. on Friday and 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday,

Judges: Francine Lalonde, Billie McLean and Clara Theiss

<u>Friday, October 23rd (9:00 am)</u>	<u>Saturday, October 24th, (8:00 am)</u>	<u>Sunday, October 25th (8:00 am)</u>
<p>(10" and up, Special/Vet 22" & down) Starter Std. (1) (19 dogs) Francine Master Standard (1) (42 dogs) Francine Starter Standard (2) (19 dogs) Clara Master Standard (2) (44 dogs) Francine Starter Gamble (8 dogs) Clara Steeplechase (1) (44 dogs) Clara Starter Jumpers (1) (20 dogs) Francine Master Jumpers (1) (38 dogs) Francine</p> <p>(234 runs)</p>	<p>(10" and up, Special/Vet 22" & down) Advance Gamble (23 dogs) Francine Master Gamble (1) (45 dogs) Francine Advance Std (1) (24 dogs) Francine Challenge (1) (24 dogs) Francine Advance Std (2) (22 dogs) Billie Master Standard (3) (35 dogs) Billie Advance Snooker (19 dogs) Billie Steeplechase (2) (41 dogs) Billie Advance Jumpers (17 dogs) Billie</p> <p>(250 runs)</p>	<p>(Spec/Vet 22" down, then reg 10" & up) Steeplechase (3) (46 dogs) Francine Starter Standard (3) (14 dogs) Francine Master Standard (4) (59 dogs) Francine Master Gamble (2) (59 dogs) Francine Starter Snooker (18 dogs) Billie Master Snooker (55 dogs) Billie Starter Jumpers (2) (13 dogs) Billie Master Jumpers (2) (50 dogs) Billie</p> <p>(314 runs)</p>

These numbers are **as at Tuesday, October 6th**. There will be changes due to move-ups and cancellations. **Veterans & Specials will be run after their appropriate classes on Friday and Saturday and run first on Sunday (before their appropriate class). Veterans & Specials will be run together and in the reverse order of the regular classes to save jump height changes.**

Legend of Classes:

St1 Starter Std. (1)	Ad1 Advance Standard (1)	Ma1 Master (1)
St2 Starter Std. (2)	Ad2 Advance Standard (2)	Ma2 Master (2)
St3 Starter Std. (3)	AdGa Advance Gamble	Ma3 Master (3)
StSn Starter Snooker	AdSn Advance Snooker	Ma4 Master (4)
StJ1 Starter Jumpers (1)	AdJu Advance Jumpers	MaG1 Master Gamble (1)
STJ2 Starter Jumper (2)		MaG2 Master Gamble (2)
StG1 Starter Gamble	Stp1 Steeplechase (1)	MaSn Master Snooker
	Stp2 Steeplechase (2)	MaJ1 Master Jumpers (1)
	Stp3 Steeplechase (3)	MaJ2 Master Jumpers (2)
		MaCh Challenge Class

Self Registration & Measurement 8:30 a.m. on Friday and 7:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. A check in list will be available for you to confirm that your dog's information is correct. If you entered the trial with a "Pending" number and have since received a number please call me at (905) 584 – 1193 or email me at theiss@rogers.com.

Food: There will be no food vendor at the facility. The Town of Orangeville is about 10 minutes drive away. **The food supplied will be for Rat Pack Slaves only.**

Walk Throughs: All walk throughs will be timed to a 7-minute maximum. These times will be strictly adhered too, the timing systems buzzer will sound at 7 minutes.

Crating: Crating of dogs will be allowed at ringside along the walls or in the balcony area. There will be ample crating available, **with the use of the balcony area.** However, there will be a lot of dogs, your co-operation is appreciated in stacking crates & using the balcony area. **Please take care to keep all dogs quiet when there is a dog in the ring.**

MAJOR CHANGE TO Parking: There is ample parking at the fairgrounds in the actual parking lots, however, there is no longer parking in the driveway or road outside the building. This is a fire route and must be keep free of all vehicles. Please be considerate and leave an area for unloading on the roadside in front of the green man doors and then move your vehicles to the **parking lots.**

The human washroom facilities (**no dogs allowed pleased**) will be in the building. There is plenty of "exercise areas" for dogs, please keep all areas clean and **always pick up after your dogs**, garbage cans will be available if caught not picking up future entries will be refused. **REFRAIN from using the garbage cans inside the building for liquid garbage (coffee, pop etc, please take to a sink or outside) this makes taking the garbage bags out very unpleasant not to mention messy.**

Assistant Required: In order to shorten the days for everyone, we will require patience, flexibility & assistance from competitors to help with the setting of bars, leash running & score sheet running etc. Feel free to offer your help, with assistance we could make the days run smoother & end quicker. To those who have offered your help already, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, and please check the slave list for your assignments, *for those who did not check of the "helpers" box, but meant to please jump in if I call for volunteers.* We would greatly appreciate bar setting help in a couple of the classes through the 3 days, watch for "**volunteer needed**" on the slave list posted each day. As the Master Classes are large we have asked master handlers to assist before or after they have run their dogs. Remember; if you are in the ring when I am walking around with the slave tickets you are entitled to a ticket for the great prizes at the end of each day after judging is completed, even if you help only for one class. If I miss giving you a ticket just let me know. **PLEASE FEEL FREE TO JUMP IN AND HELP REMEMBER YOU WILL GET MORE SLAVE TICKETS IF YOU ARE IN THE RING HELPING, THE MORE YOU HELP THE MORE TICKETS YOU GET, Don't forget to check out the kitchen for lunch, refreshments and snacks. Our way to say THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.**

Events Entered: Please check your confirmation carefully to ensure that all information is correct (jump height, classes, move-ups etc), have been recorded correctly and your AAC number is correct. Report any errors immediately to: Clara Theiss (905) 584 – 1193 leave a message or by e-mail at theiss@rogers.com

PLEASE NOTE: The building will not be open until 7:30 a.m. on Friday and 7:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday

There maybe be limited set up on Thursday night after 6:45 pm, please confirm just in case

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