

DWC Covid Protocols For Draft Tests

General Practices

1. Clubs, officials and participants are required to follow state, local and facility guidelines that apply to the area and site where the event is held.
2. Practice social distancing consistent with guidelines in effect at the time of the event. Avoid congregating to the extent possible.
3. Masks must be worn when in close proximity (6-8 feet) to others. Clubs shall provide masks for officials, judges and volunteers as needed.
4. Wash hands as frequently as possible. Have disinfecting spray/wipes at bathroom facilities for people to spray/wipe door handles (or anything else they touch).
5. Provide disposable gloves. Gloves may be used as determined necessary by the individual.
6. If you utilize portable toilets, check with the site to verify you can bring a port-a-potty onto the site. Rent (or set up) a hand washing station(s) to be delivered as well.
7. Consider using a keyed padlock on the port-a-potty to control who can use it (for public places).
8. Avoid shaking hands, hugging, or other physical contact.
9. Avoid touching dogs that are not your responsibility.
10. Avoid common use pens/pencils/clipboards – bring your own.
11. Sanitize surfaces in common use areas as often as possible (tables, chairs, doorknobs, etc.).
12. Clubs should consider not providing chairs. Ask stewards if they can bring their own chair and if they can't, or forget, have one for them to use.
13. Meals - Stagger group lunches if possible. Avoid community items such as salt and pepper shakers, condiments, creamers, etc. Participants should consider bringing their own lunch/drinks if the club isn't ordering boxed lunches.
14. Parking – Park with sufficient distance between vehicles if possible.

Premium List

1. List the Test Site to be used. The site needs to be available for use on the closing date.
2. State that the test may be divided into two sessions, one morning and one afternoon, to limit the number of people on site at any one time. If the club feels the need to divide their test, the following may occur:
 - There will be a draw to determine which session teams are in.
 - Sibling groups (Dogs belonging to the same owner) will be in the same session whenever possible.
 - NO request for which session your team(s) are placed in will be considered.
 - Awards will be done after each session.
 - Handlers will need to vacate the test site before check-in for the next group of teams.
3. Alternates can be added to the test up until and including the day before the test. If an alternate will be added to the second or third day they will need to be contacted the day/night before.
4. Additional Information
 - Masks will need to be worn during the group stay and the freight haul (Knowing this ahead of time will give teams the ability to train for this).
 - A COVID19 Waiver will be provided for inclusion in the Premium List. The waiver will need to be signed before an entry is complete. Any variation/edit to the waiver will have to be approved by the DWC.
 - Send the site requirements out with the final confirmation

Prior to the Test

1. Stay in contact with the point person for the Site. Contact the DWC if the site won't be available.
2. Stay in touch with your judges and make sure they're still comfortable traveling. Contact the DWC if there need to be a change of judge(s).
3. Choose a movable object that can easily be wiped after each handler. One example would be a wagon with a metal handle. Consider assigning a single person to be responsible to replace and wipe in between dogs.
5. **The club must provide a cleanable, impervious object for the load (such as a Rubbermaid container or plastic coffee container) that can be picked up with one hand and easily wiped and sanitized between handlers**
6. Choose distractions, visual and audio, that can easily be wiped down between stewards.
7. Consider offering boxed lunches for purchase by participants.
8. Suggested shopping list for items to have onsite:
 - 70% Isopropyl alcohol (available in one gallon jugs at feed stores that sell horse supplies). The alcohol can be put in a spray bottle for easy use as a sanitizer.

- Nitrile Gloves
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Hand Sanitizer
- Soap and water for hand washing, if possible.
- Small Trash container for all non-toilet paper products, such as wipes and paper towels, used in the restroom/porta-potty. Paper towels, wipes, etc., are specifically not allowed to be disposed of in porta-potties.
- Signage at Porta-potty (if used) that all non-toilet paper products need to be disposed of in the small trash container.

On Site

1. Self check-in must be used. The handlers entry packet shall include the cart number, catalog, armband number (if used add a rubber band), binder clip, and may include a ring favor in a large ziplock-type bag and placed at their cart location. The ziplock bag shall be labeled with the handler and dog's names.
2. The secretary's table will need to have a zone marked off which no one is to enter during the test. The secretary shall not hand their catalog to the handlers for their review.
3. The secretary will handle the clipboards as usual. The secretary and judges are responsible for cleaning anything they handle to the degree they are comfortable with. Disinfecting wipes shall be provided for the secretary's table.
4. Use one entrance and one exit per ring in order to keep teams from coming into close proximity to each other.
5. Consider marking off areas near the rings for exhibitors to set-up personal pop-up tents.
6. The judges will measure the carts and will need to have a scribe provided to write down the cart measurements. The tape measure shall be wiped clean before it's given to the person(s) setting the narrows.
7. The moveable object (MO) must be easily cleaned between teams. A wagon with a metal handle is one example that would be easy to wipe down. Consider leaving wipes with the MO.
8. Self Check-out shall be used. Scoresheets will be put into the Ziplock bag that was originally used for check-in. The Ziplock bag will be wiped down and returned to the original ringside cart location.

Judges

Judges shall take care to protect the teams while they're in the ring. This will require a concerted effort between the judge, stewards and handlers.

- Judges shall wear face masks when they're within 6 feet of others.
- Judges shall wash/wipe hands as frequent as possible throughout the day. For example, after handing each completed scoresheet/clip board to the secretary and before picking up the next scoresheet/clip board, the judges could wipe hands with sanitizing wipe or alcohol wipe. Judges shall also frequently sanitize the pen they are using.
- All teams shall be called in catalog order to provide order and efficiency. The only exception may be for any move-ups for subsequent tests.
- Judges must practice ring awareness, be conscious of spacing, and take appropriate measures to avoid crowding of teams for the **Walk Through, Group Stays** and at all other times.
- Equipment used to measure carts must be sanitized after each check-in.
- Clubs should consider providing boxed lunches for judges and volunteers.
- One judge shall be designated to always handle the back up stick and the other judge will then do the timing.
- Determine where the steward will stand for the Load and Unload since they may need to move into position after the team has arrived and stopped.

Handlers/Volunteers

Participants are expected to follow state, local government, facility and event guidelines. Clubs shall be prepared to enforce the guidelines that apply to their event.

- Must wear masks at all times when within 6 feet of others.
- Handlers will need to be available when their equipment is being checked in.
- If weight(s) for the freight haul needs to be weighed, the handler will be responsible for carrying the item(s) to the scale and back to the staging area.
- Judges will not handle any harnesses or any part of the cart other than what is needed to measure the cart.
- Handlers may go without a mask while maneuvering.
- Handlers must put a mask on before the Load and Unload steward approaches.
- Gate steward will need to use appropriate wipes, gloves, etc when bringing the carts into the ring.
- For the Recall Exercise the handler will take the leash with them and not hand it to a judge.

Exercises

- **Basic Control** – No change
- **Recall** – Handler keeps the leash with them and doesn't give it to the judge.

- **Harness and Hitch** – Judges won't touch the dog or harness. If the judge needs to see any part of the harness or hitch, the handler will make that possible.
- **Load & Unload** – A chair, small table or similar object will be provided to place the load on. The steward will approach once the handler has their mask on and stand near the load. The greeting will be verbal only. During the unload the steward will still pat the dog, two pats is perfect. The handler can choose to wipe the dog's head, if they wish. The club must provide a cleanable, impervious object for the load that can be picked up with one hand and easily be wiped down between handlers. Examples would include a plastic coffee can, Rubbermaid container, plastic dog ball.
- **Slow** – No change.
- **Group Stay** – Keep a distance of at least 6 feet from other handlers – Masks shall be worn.
- **Freight Haul** - Keep a distance of at least 6 feet from other handlers – Masks shall be worn.
- **Awards and Scoresheets** - Ribbons/Trophies are to be available for the handlers to get them themselves. Scoresheets will be put into the Ziplock bag that was originally used for check-in. The Ziplock bag will be wiped down and returned to the original ringside cart location.

Other

- The guidelines shall be followed in the ring and test area, to include the draft ring, secretaries table, equipment area, hospitality area (if there is one) and the Freight Haul activity, not the entire site.
- Each participant is responsible for disinfecting the toilet(s) before/after they use it. The club shall provide a spray bottle of 70% Isopropyl Alcohol and tissues, (wipes, paper towels) or other cleaning supplies for the restroom/porta potty.
- Consider giving sanitizing supplies as ring favors.

A Last Word

- At all times, and especially when in doubt, do what will not cause harm to you or those around you!
- Take charge of yourself and if you need to take extra precautions for your comfort level, please do so.

Stay Safe! Have FUN!!

Covid19 Waiver for BMDCA Draft Tests

COVID-19 Acknowledgement of Risk

I am signing this Statement in anticipation of attending a BMDCA Draft Test (the event).

I understand that COVID-19 is a highly contagious disease that can spread from person to person and can lead to serious illness or death. I agree that if I have any symptoms associated with Covid-19 or if I believe I have been exposed in the previous 14 days to someone who has Covid-19 I will not attend this event.

If I develop any symptoms within 14 days after the tests, I will notify the Test Secretary and/or Test Chair.

If I do attend this event I understand and agree I am voluntarily assuming all the risks associated with Covid-19. I agree to follow all protocols that are in effect for the state and county where the event is being held. I also agree to follow all protocols established by the BMDCA and the sponsoring club, to maintain safe social distancing, and to be responsible for sanitizing and disinfecting my own equipment as appropriate.

I understand and agree that any protocols in place at this event cannot guarantee my health or safety. If I feel at any time that my health or safety has been compromised or if I am unable or unwilling to follow established protocols then I agree that I will leave the event immediately.

Signature

Date