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Sanctioned Agility Trial
For the Nova Scotia / Newfoundland Region

The Agility Association of Canada, Regional Championship is an event unto itself. Dogs must qualify at their Regional Championship to be eligible to enter the AAC National Competition.

April 26 & 27, 2009
(Immediately following the Steeplechase run being held in the morning on both days)
AGRIDOME, Truro
(inside on soccer turf)
The arena will be heated
Truro, NS

Claude Dionne will be our Judge for this event!

REGIONALS: The Regional Qualifier for Nationals (Masters level courses with modified Masters rules). Offered for Regular, Specials, and Veterans dogs. No Q's are available for regionals. Dogs are not required to have any titles to enter the Regionals. This event is open to all dogs registered with AAC and over the age of 18 months. All dogs must enter and run 2 Standard, 2 Jumpers, and 2 Gamblers courses.

STEEPLECHASE: there will be an AAC sanctioned steeplechase (for Q's) run each morning before we run the regional courses. Judge is Claude Dionne as well. You don't have to enter regionals to enter the Steeplechase. Use the regional entry form in this premium to enter steeplechase.

ENTRY CLOSING DATE: Friday, April 3, 2009

Payment must accompany entry

(Post-dated cheques accepted if dated before April 4).

NOTE: Due to a number of changes to venue and organization of these regionals, we do not anticipate refunds to exhibitors as we have enjoyed in the past.

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Notice to Exhibitors

Exhibitors, through submission of entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of AAC rules and regulations including, but not limited to, the following:

This event will be held in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Agility Association of Canada (AAC). The obstacles shall be chosen from those described in the current edition of the *AAC Official Rules and Regulations* and shall conform to AAC specifications.

All breeds and mixed breeds eighteen months of age and older (no exceptions) are eligible to compete. Blind, lame, or aggressive dogs are ineligible as are bitches in season, or dogs suffering from any deformity, injury, or illness that may affect the dog's physical or mental performance (judge's discretion).

All dogs must have an AAC Registration Number before their entries will be accepted in an AAC sanctioned trial. The registration form is available at www.aac.ca, General Information, Official Forms. Dogs with numbers pending will not be eligible to compete.

No toys, food, or other training devices shall be allowed on the course.

All dogs must be **under control** (ie. penned, crated, or leashed) when not in the ring. Please take responsibility for your dogs and children. Any exhibitor whose dogs or children create unnecessary disturbances or engage in unsafe or disruptive behaviour may be asked by the Trial Committee to leave the trial site. There will be no refunds for entries if the dog or handler is *dismissed* from the competition for any reason.

ENTRIES

- The Canine Agility Association of Nova Scotia (CAANS) reserves the right to refuse any entry.
- Anyone not in good standing with AAC / CAANS will not be allowed to enter the trial.
- Cheques are made payable to CAANS and dated no later than the closing date.
- Refunds will not be given for cancellations after the closing date except for bitches in season or injury to a dog (veterinarian certificate required), or handler, which physically prevents them from competing. Refunds requested for any other reason will be handled on a case by case basis and will be at the discretion of the CAANS Trial Committee.
- By AAC rules, entries are not valid until payment of entry fees has been received or confirmed.

AAC CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Regular: Dogs will jump standard heights and course times as set by AAC rules.

Specials: Open to all dogs; Course times and jump heights will be as per AAC rules. A dog may no longer compete in the Regular classes once entered at an official trial in the Specials division. Dogs may move from the Specials division to the Veterans division.

Veterans: For dogs 7 years of age or older in the case of dogs who have been competing in Regular classes; for dogs 5 years of age or older who have been competing in the Specials division for a minimum of one year. Once a dog has entered an official trial in the Veterans division, they may no longer compete in the Regular or Specials divisions. Course times and jump heights will be as per AAC rules.

VOLUNTEERS

It is extremely difficult to find timers and scribes for the Regional Championships as these people cannot be competing. If you have someone you'd like to volunteer, or would like to come out and volunteer even though you are not entered, please let Leslie know (leslie.lord@dal.ca). As in other years, ring crew duties will be performed by those competing once their class is complete.

RING READY!!

Exhibitors are required to check in at the gate for each event and be ready to run when it is your turn.

OBSTACLE FAMILIARIZATION / WARM-UP AREA

- There will be no obstacle familiarization.
- A warm-up area will be provided as required by AAC rules. The warm-up area is for the use of dogs that are about to run.

TRIAL INFORMATION:

Running Order for each day: Steeplechase, 3 Regionals courses

Saturday: 7:00 ring set up
 7:45 measuring
 8:00 general announcements, judge's briefing, walkthrough
 8:15 first dog on the line

Sunday: 8:00 judge's briefing and walkthrough

FOOD: there is no canteen onsite, but there are a number of fast-food restaurants close by.

DIRECTIONS:

Agridome (Exhibition Grounds) - Bible Hill, Truro

From either direction off the 102:

Exit 14 (Truro/Bible Hill) - turn left or right at exit depending on what direction you came from so that you pass the Giant Tiger store. Go 1 km (passing Staples/Ponderosa/Cdn Tire on the right) to set of lights (cemetery on left). Turn left at lights (Sears/Marks Work Warehouse will now be on your right) - road goes behind the mall. Go 2 km to a 4 way stop - turn left and follow road to 1st set of lights (1 km). Right at the lights, to Ryland Ave on the left (about 1 km.). There is a sign for the Truro Raceway about 1/2 way to Ryland Ave (don't turn yet!). Go to Ryland Ave and turn left on Ryland Ave. (big white building on corner) and go about 1/2 km. to the next sign that says Truro Raceway on the left. Now turn here... and there you are, the building is facing you on the left. The entrance is at the end near the racetrack.

VOLUNTEER LIST:

The volunteer list will be posted to the CAANS website in advance of the trial and at the gate.

NS/NFLD - REGIONAL ENTRY FORM – April 25 / 26, 2009
STEEPLECHASE entry form (Please use a separate form for each dog)

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ Prov. _____

Postal Code _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Dog _____ AAC ID # _____

Breed _____ Date of Birth _____

Height of Dog (VERY IMPORTANT): _____

JUMP HEIGHT: 6" 10" 16" 22" 26"

DIVISION: Regular Specials Veterans

Important: for Veteran dogs only: Indicate if jumping
 1 ___ or 2 ___ jump heights less than if running as a regular dog.

All dogs entered must enter and run 2 Standard, 2 Jumpers, and 2 Gamblers runs over the two days. Please indicate the jump height and division you will be running in.

ENTRY FEE: \$120.00 _____
 Confirmations will be e-mailed. You may opt for confirmation via Canada Post by checking here:

Steeplechase Entry

Steeplechase (Saturday) (\$12.00) _____

Steeplechase (Sunday) (\$12.00) _____

Total Regionals _____

Total Stple _____

Total _____



AAC Registration Agreement

Note: This agreement must be signed before your dog can participate in this event.

I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the organizing committee shall deem to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, the holding of this event and the opportunity to have the dog participate or be judged, I (we) agree to hold the organising committee, the organisation which it represents, including its members, officers and directors, owners of premises upon which the event is held and their employees, harmless from any claim for loss of injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person of thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss disappearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence or any other person, or any other cause or causes. I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and same the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expenses (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposes by the law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting there from sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused or may have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or any other person.

Signature _____ Date: _____
 (Children under 18 must have this agreement signed by parent or guardian)

VOLUNTEERS! We are in need of some volunteers who are not entered in Regionals. If you can encourage, persuade, entice (or bribe) a relative or friend to spend some time with us that weekend, please contact Leslie Lord. Prior experience not required.

CLOSING DATE: Friday April 4, 2009

Return this completed form with entry fees payable to:

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