



COVID 19 plan for safe trials

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Purpose: Create healthy and safe trial environment during COVID restrictions.

Object: Provide a detailed plan with responsibilities for all GSSCC members to follow.

Restrictions: Government in the Province/Region where the trial will be held must allow outside gatherings of at least 50 people and allow low/minimum contact sports. If restrictions oppose this, then no trial will be allowed.

Overview: All GSSCC members including judges, helpers and trial volunteers must follow government restrictions. i.e. 14-day isolation if required.

- ~ At the trial, all people must follow the social distance (2 metres) or wear a mask/face shield
- ~ When reporting in and out maintain the 2 metres
- ~ Articles are not handed over to the judge or track layer
- ~ Handlers can use their own dumbbell(s)
- ~ Handler will not turn over the stick to the judge
- ~ Handler can wear a glove when they receive the stick from the helper and either give it back to the helper or lay it on the ground after they report out
- ~ Handler MUST wash their hands after every critique and before trialing in each phase
- ~ For verification of microchip/tattoo both the handler and Trial Manager will wear a mask/face shield and if the judge is within 2 metres of them, they will also wear one. The Trial Manager is the only person to use and touch the scanner (to avoid contamination).
- ~ The Trial manager will scan the dog and verify microchip numbers

as per judge's instructions. The handler will show the tattoo as per trial rules but masks/face shields will be worn.

Committee/Club Responsibilities:

- ~The trial has to be listed on the GSSCC website, promoted in the club's region and every GSSCC member has to have the opportunity to enter.
- ~ The trial must be open to visitors.
- ~ The number of entries and visitors can be limited to ensure social distancing for everyone attending. This information has to be advertised on the entry form and to the members of the region along with an entry closing date.
- ~ In summary, the event can't be a closed trial but also cannot have so many people attending that social distancing is impossible.
- ~ The club contact or trial manager must acknowledge the details for a GSSCC COVID 19 plan for safe trials and sign that they will follow them (below).
- ~Ensure no more than the maximum number of people allowed by the province are in attendance including all officials, handlers etc..
- ~The club must ensure everyone follows the social distance rule and/or wear a proper mask and/or face shield
- ~**The club can sell food and drinks provided they follow the local government restrictions completely when doing so. i.e. social distancing, wearing masks, individually wrapped utensils etc...**
- ~ They must have washroom facilities where social distancing can be adhered to
- ~ They must have hand cleaning stations and ample hand sanitizer at the tracking field and field for obedience and protection
- ~ They must have a supply of proper masks and/or face shields for all volunteers working the trial.
- ~ Ensure the trial manager receives dumbbells from the handler and that the handler has their name on them.

Judge Responsibilities:

- ~ It is up to the judge if they want to attend the trial (i.e. flying, staying at a hotel etc..)
- ~ Must follow local government restrictions if in place (i.e. 14-day quarantine)
- ~ Must follow the social distance rule or wear a mask/or face shield
- ~ Will not require the handler to report in or out within 2 metres
- ~ Will not take the stick from the handler to give to the helper, the handler will either give it back to the helper or lay it on the ground after reporting out
- ~ Will not take the found articles from the handler, will just observe them
- ~ When completing the trial summary sheet wear a mask and/or face shield

Trial Manager Responsibilities:

- ~ Must follow the social distance rule or wear a mask and/or face shield
- ~ Ensure the committee responsibilities as previously detailed are met
- ~ When giving the trial paperwork to the judge and when completing the trial summary sheet, wear a mask and/or face shield
- ~ Will receive the handler's dumbbells and ensure they are properly marked with the handler's name OR
- ~ If a handler does NOT have their own dumbbell the club must ensure the dumbbells are properly cleaned/ disinfected after each use.

Handler Responsibilities:

- ~ Must follow the social distance rule or wear a mask and/or face shield
- ~ Must wear a mask and/or face shield when within 2 metres of the helper, such as picking up the dog at the helper, disarming the helper, side transport, etc..
- ~ A mask or face shield would NOT be required for exercises where no one is within 2 metres of the handler, example such as the blind search
- ~ Must wash hands before reporting in and after the critique.
- ~ Before the trial begins if the handler has their own dumbbells (all levels) they can use them. Ensure they are marked with the handler's name and given to the trial manager. If they do not have their own dumbbells the club must provide disinfected dumbbells.

Helper Responsibilities:

- ~ Will bring their own water or if its provided by the club the outside of the bottles will be disinfected
- ~ Can wear a mask and/or face shield if they wish but not mandatory
- ~ No spitting anywhere
- ~ Can wear a glove as per trial rules

Special restrictions for each phase**Tracking:**

- ~ Everyone must maintain a distance of 2 metres from each other or wear a mask and/or face shield (when measuring tracking lines, when temperament tests are being done etc..)

