

# **Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Canada/Chinook Schutzhund Club COVID-19 Requirements**

## **General Required Practices**

1. BMDCC members, judges and exhibitors are required to follow Federal, Provincial, Local and facility guidelines as presented below. Any changes in guidelines between the posting of this Premium List and the starting of each trial will also be followed.
2. Social distancing must be practiced. Maintain a distance of 6 feet / 2 Metres or more unless individuals are part of a family unit.
3. Masks are recommended unless running a dog in a class. Exhibitors are required to bring their own masks for their personal use.
4. Exhibitors may consider wearing disposable or washable gloves unless running a dog in a class.
5. There will be plenty of hand sanitizer around the facility for personal use and wash stations will be provided in the porta-potty area.
6. Wash hands as frequently as possible.
7. No handshakes or hugging.
8. Do not touch dogs that are not your own.
9. Bring your own pen/pencil. No common use pencils, pens or markers will be available.
10. Benching spaces should be at least 6 feet / 2 Metres apart. The benching space should be used for each exhibitor or "family" of exhibitors.

## **Information applicable to all participants**

1. The trial has been limited to 200 humans at the venue at any one time. The 200 human limit applies to entrants, judges, BMDCC members and all persons present (including spouse, significant other, family members).
2. Course maps will not be available in printed form. Course maps will be posted in multiple locations and exhibitors may take snapshots (one exhibitor at a time maintaining social distancing).
3. There will be a self-serve ribbon and prize table. Exhibitors may pick up their own ribbons, and prizes once rounds are completed. Please only touch what you are taking and be sure to maintain social distancing.
4. The trial secretary's designated space will be considered sacred ground. Barriers will be set up using a 6 Feet / 2 Metre perimeter to protect the trial secretary. Anyone who violates the space of the trial secretary will be asked to leave the trial grounds and may not return for the duration of the trials. No refunds for entries will be provided in this instance.

## **Trial Practices**

1. Each exhibitor will provide a completed waiver of liability for BMDCC and Chinook Schutzhund Club. Waivers will be given to the trial secretary as part of your entry package on or before the first morning of the trials. No one will be allowed to participate who has not completed the required waiver. Day of Entries will be accepted but must include an accompanying waiver.
2. Anyone exhibiting COVID symptoms will be asked to leave the trial grounds and will not be allowed to return.

3. It is recommended all exhibitors wear a mask except when running a dog in a class or while in their personal benching area.
4. The sign board will be available near the rings for exhibitors to indicate they are present and running in the class. **DO NOT TOUCH THE BOARD.** A steward will mark you as present and make any run order changes that are needed. A 6 Feet / 2 Metre buffer will be marked around the gate steward.
5. Exhibitors will remove and retrieve their own leashes. A chair or other object will be placed in the ring for the leash.
6. Briefings will be done before handlers enter the ring for the walk through. At the end of the briefing the judge will return to the judges table. If exhibitors have questions they may approach the judge's desk being sure to maintain a 6 Feet / 2 Metre distance. Only one exhibitor may approach the judges table at one time.
7. Walk through group size will be limited to 10 exhibitors per walk through, and competitors will be required to wear a mask.
8. Only the current exhibitor and "on deck" dog may be near the rings at any given time.
9. **MAINTAIN 6 Feet / 2 Metre SPACING** at all times.
10. Equipment will be sanitized at the end of each day and if/when stewards are changed.

## **Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19**