



PREMIUM LIST AAC SANCTIONED AGILITY TRIAL (LIMITED ENTRY)

JULY 20 & 21, 2024

Our Distinguished Judges: Laurie Keith & Pierre Lalonde, Petersfield MB

Trial Chair:

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Trial Secretary:

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Tentative Order of Events

Saturday, July 20th

Small to Tall Starters, Advanced, Masters

Jumpers #1

Laurie Keith

Snooker #1

Pierre Lalonde

Steeplechase #1

Laurie Keith

Gamblers #1

Pierre Lalonde

Standard#1

Laurie Keith

Sunday, July 21st

Tall to Small Masters, Advanced, Starters

Gamblers #2

Laurie Keith

Standard #2

Pierre Lalonde

Steeplechase #2

Pierre Lalonde

Snooker #2

Laurie Keith

Jumpers #2

Pierre Lalonde

Check-in, Benching & Measuring: 8:00 – 8:25 am General and Judge's Briefing: 8:30 am First Walk Through: 8:45 am

FIRST DOG ON THE LINE - 9:00 am

Bitches in season are allowed to run at this trial.

Outdoor trial, fully fenced, on grass.

Rain or Shine!

All Equipment

AAC Approved

Rubberized Contacts

Slatted Dogwalk & Slatted Aframe

Saloon Style Tire

Opening Date:

June 1, 2024

Electronic entries must be signed. Drop off available. Entries postmarked after closing date will not be accepted.

Closing Date:

July 16, 2024 11:59pm or when limit is reached

HOSTED BY:

SLEEPING GIANT
DOG SPORTS
TRIAL SITE: CHIPPEWA PARK
2465 CITY RD
THUNDER BAY, ON

- Premium List is available online at www.sleepinggiantdogs.com or on Facebook at Sleeping Giant Dog Sports
 - Drop Off: Entries may be dropped off in dropbox at Pawsitively Social Canine Adventures,
 899 Fort William Road, Thunder Bay ON P7B 3A6
 - Entries postmarked prior to the opening date or after the closing date will not be accepted
 - The postmark date on mailed entries will be considered as the date the entry is received
 - If postmark is missing/illegible, then the date the entry is delivered will be used

Pre-trial check-in will be offered for dogs with a completed (2018) AAC ID card who have previously competed at trial hosted by Sleeping Giant Dog Sports. All competitors are required to have their signed (2018) AAC ID card with them on the day of the trial.

Dogs with Temporary measurement cards that are under 2 years of age do not need to be remeasured. When the dog is 2 years of age they will be measured using their permanent height card, issued when they originally registered with AAC.

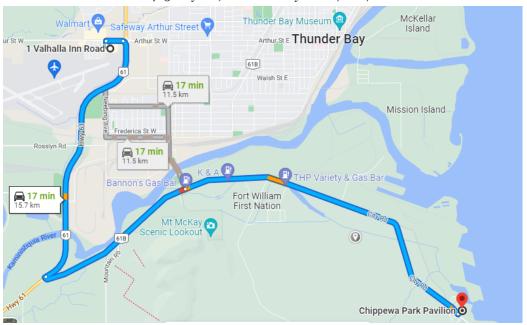
AAC ID Cards:

If your dog does not already have an AAC number, please complete the "Dog ID Card Registration" form found on the AAC website. http://aac.ca/en/Dog-ID-Registration
All dogs competing in an AAC trial MUST have their cards with them at the trial. Pending entries are not accepted. Legs and titles will only be issued to dogs with a valid AAC ID number. All dogs must have a (2018) AAC ID card.

Check In & Measuring: Check in and measuring will be offered Saturday July 20th and Sunday July 21st, 2024 at 8:00 am to 8:30 am each day in order to have an opportunity to receive a measurement from our judge. Dogs over 2 years of age must have at least one official measurement recorded on their Dog ID Card. The club may not tick "height card viewed" in Agility Rocks trial software until the handler has a signed, permanent ID card.

Directions to Site:

The trial will be held at 2465 City Rd, Thunder Bay ON P7J 1J7



From the North – From Thunder Bay North drive south on Highway 61 towards Arthur St. Continue south on Highway 61 until you reach Chippewa Rd. Turn left on to Chippewa Rd and continue to City Road, follow the signs for Chippewa Park, after 6.5 km destination will be on your left.

From the South:

From the US border, continue North on Hwy 61 until you reach Chippewa Rd. Turn right onto Chippewa Rd and continue to City Road. Follow the signs for Chippewa Park. After 6.5km your destination will be on your left.

From the West:

Drive west on Highway 17, turn right onto ON-130N/Arthur St. Turn right onto Highway 61 until you reach Chippewa Rd. Turn left on to Chippewa Rd and continue on to City Road, follow the signs for Chippewa Park, after 6.5 km destination will be on your left.

Additional Site Info:

Fully Fenced Ring, 110 x 110. Parking adjacent to field #3 & #4 please do not drive onto the grass. There will be space to set up tents and kennels available adjacent to the agility field, please bring your own chair and set up at minimum distance of 30ft from the ring. A tent, sunshade or similar is recommended. The site will be open Friday night between 6:00 and 8:00 for tent set up only. Security is on site Friday and Saturday night, however, please note Sleeping Giant Dog Sports assumes no liability for loss or damage to items left unattended at the trial site, all belongings are left at your own risk. There are cabins, tent sites & RV sites available to rent through the Chippewa Park Campground **Dogs must be kept on leash when not in the ring or using the warm up jumps. Please clean up after your dog.**

Local Entries:

Entries can be scanned and emailed to <u>sleepinggiantdogs@gmail.com</u> and payment made through EMT to the same address. Alternatively, local entries can be dropped off using contactless drop off in the mailbox at **Pawsitively Social! Canine Adventures**. Please ensure your entry is complete, signed and in a sealed envelope containing your entry forms and payment.

Prizes and Awards:

A qualifying rosette will be awarded to all dogs that achieve a qualifying score in any class. Ribbons will be awarded 1st to 4th in each height division. Titling rosettes awarded for all new titles. Please advise the Trial Secretary of any titles earned during the trial.

If your dog may be completing their ATChC or a post ATChC title or award at this trial please email us in advance at sleepinggiantdogs@gmail.com

Move Ups:

Move ups will be allowed at the trial. Move-up forms must be completed and submitted to the Trial Secretary prior to the end of each day of trial. Move ups from previous trials must be reported to the Trial Secretary no later than **July 16th**, **2024**.

Vet On Call:

Crossroads Veterinary Clinic – (807)939-2616

-located at 3142 Arthur St W, Thunder Bay, ON P7K oP3

Obstacles:

Obstacles may include: A-frame(slatted), dogwalk (slatted), teeter, weave poles, flexible tunnels, saloon style tire jump, spread jump, double bar jumps, broad jump, single bar jumps. All contact obstacles are rubberized. All obstacles have been inspected and conform to AAC specifications. *Please note the table has been removed from the list of AAC approved obstacles*

Jump Height Table:

(As of January 1st, 2018)

- Handler's choice of two heights
- Indicated Dogs can be entered as Specials at the handler's discretion please see Category Description for details

Division	Category			
(height at withers)	Regular	Specials	Veterans/JH	Double Drop Veterans/JH
Mini	8" (or 12")	4"	4"	n/a
Under 12"				
Medium: 12-15"	12" (or 16")	8"	8"	4"
Medium: 15-18"	16" (or 20")	12"	12"	8"
Open: 18-22"	20" (or 24")	16"	16"	12"
Open: over 22"	24"	20"	20"	16"

Giant Breed Height Concession:

For dogs measuring over 22". Dogs considered giant breeds (see list below) or mixed breed dogs resembling giant breeds in terms of weight to height ratio, may jump one or two jump heights lower than their measured Regular height when they compete in the Specials category. Dogs who have double dropped in jump height as a Special may enter the Veterans category and receive Veteran time at the age of five. (They will not drop a third height) For awards by jump height, giant breeds competing as a 16" Special shall be ranked with the other dogs in that same height and not in a separate category.

For a dog to be considered a giant breed, it must satisfy one of the following criteria:

- 1. be one of the breeds listed below, or a mixed breed with substantially similar look, OR
- 2. lean body weight (lbs) to height (inches) ratio > 4, OR
- 3. height at the withers > 27"

Giant Breeds: Alaskan Malamute, Bernese Mountain Dog, Black Russian Terrier, Bloodhound, Bouvier de Flandres, Bullmastiff, Cane Corso, Dogue de Bordeaux, Great Dane, Great Pyrenees, Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, Irish Wolfhound, Kuvasz, Landseer, Leonberger, Mastiff, Neopolitan Mastiff, Newfoundland, Saint Bernard.

Accessibility Option:

Senior handlers 65 years of age and over, and handlers of any age with a disability may request a modified course time and a modified points requirement. Handlers can choose this option at any trial provided they use the Accessibility Option for the whole of the trial. The handler's dog shall be entered at its current competition jump height and category, including Junior Handler. The modified time and reduced points requirements are a concession for the handler, not the dog. Proof of disability or age will not be requested by the host club. A handler must indicate on the entry form (i.e. by checking the AO box) if they are requesting an Accessibility Option in order to receive the modified time/reduced number of points.

Bitches in Season:

Bitches in Season (BIS) may run at this trial. The following conditions will apply:

- * Handlers are required to notify the trial secretary that they will be running a BIS at the event as soon as it is known.
- Competitors will be notified there is a BIS on site.
- Handlers should minimize exposure of their BIS to other dogs and limit their movements about the grounds. BIS on site will be provided designated benching and walking area. BIS must use the designated BIS relief area.
- BIS must start on a protective mat, provided by the trail, used on the start line.
- BIS will be required to run in protective panties. BIS must wear their protective "panties" when not running or within the designated BIS relief area.
- "BIS" will be noted next to the dog's name on the gate sheet so that other competitors, ring crew and the Judge(s) are aware. BIS will run as a group at the end of each class.
- Competitors with dogs that come into season will be allowed to withdraw and will be offered a refund or credit if they choose not to compete.

Abuse:

Please note that abuse in any form of judges, competitors or volunteers will not be tolerated! Anyone disrupting the trial due to poor sportsmanship or abusive behaviour will be dismissed from the trial. No fees will be refunded, and any legs earned to that point will be null. Remember, Agility is a sport that should be FUN for dogs, handlers, judges and volunteers!

Accommodations:

Camping:

Chippewa Campground (trial site) -2465 City Rd Thunder Bay, ON (807) 623-3912 On site cabins, RV, Electrical and Tent Sites Available -Reservations must be made in advance <u>View on Google Maps</u>

Thunder Bay KOA Holiday - https://koa.com/campgrounds/thunder-bay/ located at 62 Spruce River Rd, Shuniah, ON P7A oN6. Cabins, Tent and RV Sites available, reservations recommended. (35 min from trial site)

Pet Friendly Hotels:

Valhalla Hotel & Conference Centre - www.valhallahotel.ca located at

1 Valhalla Inn Rd, Thunder Bay ON P7E 6J1 (19 min from trial site.

Best Western Nor'Wester - https://www.bwplusnorwester.com/ located at 2080 Highway 61 Thunder Bay, ON(807) 473-9123 (12 min from trial site)

Pot Luck Lunch:

We are excited to be bringing back our popular pot luck lunch! This will be available both days and everyone is welcome to join us! Please consider bringing something to share. Pot luck items can be dropped off at check in each morning. There will be limited food opportunities near the trial site. Competitors are welcome and encouraged to join us for our pot luck lunch. Please help us to plan by filling out the form at the following link and let us know what you would like to bring. www.jotform.com/SGDS/potluck Questions? Please email us at sleepinggiantdogs@gmail.com Water will be available for competitors and volunteers.

Volunteers:

Sleeping Giant Dog Sports appreciates our dedicated volunteers - we can't run trials without you!!!! Volunteers help the day run smoothly and we cannot run the trial without volunteers, therefore your entry in the trial acknowledges that you are willing to volunteer as necessary. Please note that at this trial we are offering a reduced run rate to say thank you to our competitors who choose to volunteer. Please complete the attached volunteer form and return it with your entry. Please come prepared to work when you are not running, warming up or cooling down your dog. All competitors and volunteers must check in with the volunteer coordinator at the show site to receive their assignment on the day. Beverages and snacks are available to all workers throughout the day, lunch is provided all volunteers. If you will be accompanied by a noncompeting volunteer, please note on your volunteer form. Questions? Email our volunteer coordinator, Sam K at sleepinggiantdogs@gmail.com All volunteers will be entered in the volunteer prize draw.

Level Progression:

Starters: Open to dogs that have not earned an ADC title.

Starters Games: Open to dogs that have not earned two legs in that Starters Game.

Advanced: Open to dogs that have an ADC title.

Advanced Games: Open to dogs that have two corresponding Starters Games legs.

Masters: Open to dogs that have an AADC title.

Masters Games: Open to dogs that have three corresponding Advanced Games legs.

Class Descriptions:

Standard Class: This class demonstrates proficiency on all agility obstacles in a numbered course.

Gamblers Class: This game demonstrates the handler's strategy and the dog's ability to work at a distance

from the handler. The object of the game is to accumulate as many points as possible

during the opening sequence and successfully complete the Gamble.

This game demonstrates the handler and dog's versatility as they work together against **Snooker Class:**

> the clock. The object of the game is to accumulate as many points by successfully completing as many obstacles as possible in the prescribed order within time.

Jumpers Class: This game demonstrates a dog's natural jumping ability. The dog is required to complete

a course comprised of jumps and tunnels as prescribed by the judge.

Steeplechase: This game demonstrates the dog's ability to run and jump at high speeds while

> maintaining control on the A-frame and weave poles. This class is open to all dogs eligible to compete in other AAC qualifying events at the Starters, Advanced or Masters Level.

This game consists of 2 dogs, each with a different handler. The game demonstrates team **Team Relay:**

spirit, strategy, and sportsmanship. This class is open to all dogs eligible to compete in other AAC qualifying events at the Starters, Advanced or Masters Level. This class is run in accordance with Masters Standard rules, regulations and course design guidelines.

Category Descriptions:

FEO (For Exhibition Only): Open to all dogs, 18 months of age or older with an AAC ID number, as described within

the current AAC rules. The handler can choose to enter a dog FEO in any division, any class and/or any height but they will not be competing for placements, titles or prizes and

the results will not be reflected on the dog's permanent record.

Regular Category: This Category is open to all dogs, 18 months of age or older, as described within the

current AAC rules. Jumps are set at the height determined by their measurement. At the handler's discretion, the dog may also run with jumps set one jump height higher than its

regular jump height.

Specials Category: The Specials Category shall be open to all dogs but is intended for dogs which are of a size

> or stature that limits their jumping ability. Once a dog has entered an official trial in the Specials class, they may no longer compete in the Regular class unless they make a special application entitled "Request for Official Move from Specials Class Level to Regular Class Level". This move may only be done once during a dog's career. Dogs must run with

jumps set at one height lower.

Veterans Category: This Category is for dogs seven years of age or older. This class is also open to dogs five

years of age or older who have been competing in the Specials class level for a minimum

of twelve months.

Single Drop and All Veteran Category dogs must jump at least one jump height lower than

Double Drop Veterans:

the lowest of the two Regular jump height options (Single Drop Veteran Dog), and may jump two jump heights lower (when a lower jump height is available), at the handler's discretion (Double Drop Veteran Dog). Handlers can opt to have their dogs jump at either allowable height at any given trial, provided they enter and jump the same height

for all classes at that particular trial.

Junior Handler Category: This Division is open to handlers under 18 years of age, as described within the current

AAC Rules, with a valid Junior Handler identification number. Junior Handlers may run under Junior Handler rules or as a Junior Handler under regular rules. If under Junior Handler rules, titles are awarded to the Junior Handler, not the dog and the dog MUST jump one height lower than their regular height with the option of one further drop.

Additional information about the classes and title requirements is available in the AAC Rulebook, available online at www.aac.ca.

Notice to Competitors:

Competitors, through submission of entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of AAC Rules and Regulations, including but not limited to the following:

- This event is held under AAC rules and regulations and is open to all dogs at least 18 months of age, purebred or mixed breed, aggressive dogs, or dogs suffering from any deformity or illness which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance (judges' discretion).
- * All dogs must have an AAC number before their entries will be accepted in an AAC sanctioned trial, which must be produced at measure in. Dogs with numbers pending will not be eligible to compete. Any dog without a card, under two years of age, or without two official measurements on their ID card must be measured before competing. A dog over 23" at the withers can have a signed ID card before two years of age. Dogs must have 2018 measurements.
- Competitors whose dogs measure up may run For Exhibition Only (FEO) if the dog is not prepared to jump the higher heights. No qualifying scores or awards may be earned.
- NEW Food in an FEO RUN The use of sealed food containers in the ring during an FEO run will be allowed. Food containers must be made of such material, structure, and in such a way as to ensure there is no leakage of crumbs or treats and no change of accidental spillage should the container be tossed, dropped or grabbed by the dog. The handler cannot feed the dog during the run or in the ring.
- **Toys will be allowed during FEO runs.** Toys may be of any general configuration & must be in a good state of repair (no stuffing or fur coming loose). Handlers are permitted to interact with their dog by tugging the toy. Food, food containing toys, audible toys and audible training aids are not permitted in the ring. Be considerate of the dog before and after you as the toy may distract or over excite the dog on course or the dog following you.
- * NEW Tugging on Leashes Tugging in the ring before the start of the run and after the run should be allowed without penalty. Tugging could be on a leash or a toy, however the toy must be attached to the leash. The attached toy must not contain food. The leash/toy should be placed by a ring crew member in such away that it is clearly not a target at the end of the run.
- Entry forms may be photocopied, but **MUST** be <u>complete</u> and include the entry form, agreement, and signature in their entirety.
- Entries forms must be accompanied by the proper fees to be valid. Payment must be received by the closing date and are payable in Canadian Funds.
- The host club reserves the right to refuse any entry for cause which they deem sufficient.
- By AAC rules, entries are not valid until full payment of entry fees has been made. Tendering of an NSF cheque in payment of entry fees shall be considered non-payment of entry. In addition, there will be a \$25.00 service charge for each returned cheque, regardless of whether the dog/handler compete in the event.
- After the closing date, refunds will only be given to competitors if a bitch comes into season, or the dog or handler is injured sufficiently to prevent them from competing. The Trial Secretary must be informed prior to the trial date and a certificate from a veterinarian must be provided. All refunds made will be less any AAC or other administrative fees owing on the entry.
- All entries will be confirmed via email only where a valid email address is supplied. If supplying an email address, please ensure that it is valid and legible. If you don't have a valid email address and want your confirmation emailed, please ask a friend to receive it for you.
- No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, Acts of God, public emergency, an act of public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee. *Please see section on COVID related refund policy on previous page*.
- * We will accommodate handlers running more than one dog to the extent possible. Running order will be determined at the club's discretion. Any dog and handler not present for their run when their name is called will be ineligible to run, unless prior arrangements are made with the gate steward.
- Collars in the ring dogs are allowed to wear a close-fitting collar, with no attachments, in the ring.
- Competitors may place the dog's leash in their pockets when running the course. The leash must be small enough to fit completely inside the pocket. Note: if the dog grabs the leash while running or jumps at the handler's pocket, this will be scored as an "E" (toy in the ring).
- No leads, food, toys or any other aids or devices shall be permitted in the ring except as specified above. Toys and food shall not be permitted within 10 feet of the ring except as specified above. Please be considerate of competitors and refrain from using clickers or squeaky toys while a dog is in the ring.
- All dogs must be penned, crated, or leashed when not in the ring, and may not be tied to any obstacle, permanent or temporary, anywhere on the grounds of the trial site. Dogs are not to be left unattended unless appropriately crated. Please take responsibility for your dogs.

- Any exhibitor whose dogs create unnecessary disturbances (including continuous barking while not on the competition field), or engage in unsafe or disruptive behaviour, may be asked to leave the trial site. There will be no refunds for entries if an exhibitor is dismissed from competition for any reason.
- Any dog engaging in aggressive behaviour at any time will be required to leave the trial grounds. As well, any handler displaying inhumane or aggressive treatment of any dog while on site will be asked to leave. In such cases, no refund of fees will be given.
- **\$10.00 FEO RUNS!** FEO is a great way to experience a new venue, introduce a novice dog, or reinforce your dog, with a toy in the ring. Dogs entered as FEO at time of closing are eligible for this \$10.00 reduced rate. Handlers who enter as a regular run may choose to run FEO on the day of trial but for their regular entry fee.
- **\$18.00 COMPETITOR VOLUNTEER RUNS!** Do you jump in and help course build and set bars every trial? We appreciate your help and are now offering reduced run fee for competitors who can commit to volunteering for one or both days at the time of entry.

ONLINE ENTRY PREFERRED.

CLICK HERE FOR THE ONLINE FORM PAYMENT IS BY ETRANSFER, CASH, PAYPAL, ETC.

Email Us to request a printable entry form.