

ATBA July, 2020 Trial Guidelines Advisory Letter and Liability Waiver Statement—please sign at end

ATBA's July herding trial entries open for acceptance on Wednesday, June 10, 2020.

Please remember, we are all in this health crisis together. The ATBA is trying to use the best, most reasonable practices. We are monitoring the Covid-19 situation and stand ready to modify our practices based on regulations and unfolding events. The following is our current advice as of June 9, 2020.

Trial Cancellation Trial decisions will be in accordance with Pennsylvania Governor's executive orders. Should regulations prevent holding herding trials, the trials will be cancelled. The club also reserves the right to cancel based on insufficient number of entries. Decisions on the trial cancellation will be made on closing day, and full refunds will be available if ATBA cancels the trial for this reason.

Covid-19 Entry Withdrawal Handlers and anyone in their party should not come to the trial facility and should withdraw their entry(ies) if they have been in close contact with anyone with Covid-19 symptoms or are symptomatic themselves at any point within 14 days prior to the trial. When withdrawing, please reference "Due to Covid-19" and your entry fee will be refunded.

**Liability Waiver Statement: Your attendance to the July 17-19, 2020 ATBA herding trials is at your own risk. If you, your family, anyone in your party, or animals show any sign or develop any symptoms of Covid-19, you(they) agree not to hold liable the ATBA, AKC, AHBA, Raspberry Ridge Sheep Farm, LLC, or any persons or agents either working on their behalf or invited to the property on their behalf.**

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The following guidelines will be in effect (The ATBA reserves the right to modify these guidelines as the need arises. Please check with ATBA herding committee members should any questions arise.):

1. **No Day-of Entries will be accepted.** All July trial/test entries must be made 10 days in advance for the AKC trials and 7 days in advance for the AHBA trial.
2. **No FEO (For Exhibition Only) entries will be offered.**
3. No more than twenty five (25) people will be allowed on the farm property at any one time. We do not anticipate that this rule will present any difficulties. However, we may assign "Run Time Windows" for competitors to be on the farm that are shorter than a full day. Competitors will be contacted with this information as necessary.
4. The Obedience Hall will be closed to the public, and no unauthorized persons may enter. Run results will be posted outside.
5. Trial paperwork and ribbons will be mailed to the handler of record after the trial weekend is completed unless you make other arrangements by e-mail with the Trial Secretary.
6. When you arrive, self check-in (bring your own pen) at the sign-sheet posted near the entry gate for your course/class/test, not with the Trial Secretary.
7. Bring your own armband with number to the trial. You will receive your entry number(s) and day/course/class information by e-mail.
8. Unfortunately, there will be no food or beverages offered at this trial. Bring your own, please. We also ask that, if possible, you pack out your own garbage when you leave.
9. Competitors are required to park twelve (12) feet apart and respect a social distance of at least six (6) feet between people and dogs everywhere on the property. Stewards will be available to help direct parking. Face masks should be at-the-ready to be worn properly should you come or anticipate coming within 6 feet of another person.

10. Bring hand sanitizer and personal protective equipment (gloves, masks, etc.).
11. Competitors are encouraged to practice excellent hand and face hygiene protocols.
12. For your safety, stewards will be sanitizing common gates, and emptying and filling water buckets and dog wading pools. Dilute bleach or chlorine tablets will be added to water to sanitize. Water is also available for animals from the yard hydrants should you wish to bring your own container.
13. The porto-potty will have hand sanitizer and a spray sanitizer available. We ask that after use, you spray surfaces that you have had contact with, i.e., the seat, urinal, walls, and door handles.
14. Changes in our usual AKC trial protocols:
  - a. Duck entries will be split over 2 days with a maximum of fifteen (15) entries per day.
  - b. Sheep PT, HT, and HIT will be offered over two days, Friday and Saturday.
  - c. Change in the AKC ducks and sheep "PT" and "A Course" procedure: White panels and A-B-C orange cones will mark the A Course obstacles, and unmarked orange cones will mark the PT obstacles. Both panels and cones will remain in place for all PT and A Course classes.
  - d. Change in the AKC Sheep "B Course" procedure: White drive panels will mark the Advanced class drive legs, and orange cones will mark the Started/Intermediate drive legs. Both panels and cones will remain in place for all Sheep B Course classes.
15. Changes in our usual AHBA trial protocols:
 

Ducks/Sheep HTAD and JHD: Panels mark the HTAD obstacles and orange cones mark the JHD obstacles. Both panels and cones will remain in place for all HTAD & JHD runs.
16. Suggested check list (besides the dog, dog supplies, your arm band number(s), pen, and yourself): Water, Food, Shade (either an umbrella or canopy), battery operated fan for humans & dogs, portable chairs, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, bug spray & rain gear just in case....

Before you enter our July trials, be sure you are familiar with these new guidelines. This trial will probably take longer than usual to run, but we feel this will be the safest way to do it. We are hoping everyone will comply with our suggestions and make the ATBA's first trial experience in these unusual times comfortable for everyone. Any suggestions or feedback will be appreciated.

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I acknowledge I have read this trial advisory letter and liability waiver statement. I agree both to the liability waiver and to abide by this letter's suggestions. I will monitor and advise anyone in my party so that we comply with this letter. **I will include at least one dated & signed copy of this letter with my trial entry.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Owner and/or handler of dog who will be on-site)

I plan to travel with \_\_\_\_\_ (number) people in my party/vehicle(s), other than myself.