



# AAC SANCTIONED AGILITY TRIAL

Judge: Sharon Ransom

(Designing Judge for Biathlon: Aaron Froud)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**

BIG SKY DOG CENTRE, 4445 FLORIDA ROAD, HARROWSMITH, ON K0H 1V0

Opening Date for Entries: **8:00 AM on Tuesday August 13, 2024**

**ENTRIES RECEIVED BEFORE THE OPENING DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

*Bitches In Season Will Not Be Allowed Onsite During The Trial*

**16 Events:** Steeplechase (2), Starter Gambler (1), Starter Standard (1), Starter Snooker (1), Starter Jumpers (1), Master Jumpers (1), Master Snooker (1), Master Standard (1), Master Gambler (1), Advanced Jumpers (1), Advanced Snooker (1), Advanced Gambler (1), Advanced Standard (1), Biathlon Agility (1), Biathlon Jumpers With Weaves (1)

Closing Date: Thursday September 5, 2024 (Or when trial is full)

One outdoor fenced ring. Grass surface. Rubberized contacts. Electronic Timing.

*A limited number of Dry Camping spots are available. (No water or electricity available.)*

- 8:00 AM Arrival & Set-up
- **9:00 AM First Dog on the Line**

We are using the Agility Gate App for this Trial. Download the app here:



## TRIAL PROCEDURES:

- 1) You may set up in your car or in a shade tent.
- 2) Course maps will be available two (2) hours before the trial on the Agility Gate app and by email. They will also be posted onsite. A limited number of printed copies will be available.
- 3) A general briefing will be emailed before the trial.
- 4) RUNNING ORDERS: Running Orders will not be emailed ahead of the trial.
- 5) WALK-THROUGHS will be 5 minutes each. There will then be 5 minutes before the first dog runs.
- 6) GATE STEWARD & CHECK IN: Please check in on the Agility Gate app or with the Gatekeeper. It is the handler's responsibility to be on time and ready for your run.
- 7) LEASH RUNNER: If there is no Leash Runner available (or if you prefer not to use one), please use a leash that fits in your pocket or use two leashes (one at each end of the course).
- 8) VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers are critical to the success of our trials. Please consider adding your name to our sign-up sheet.
- 9) TRAINING BUILDING: Only the Judge, Trial Secretary, and Chairperson have access to the building. If you need to speak to any of these individuals, please see them outside. Indoor crating is not available (Above mentioned authorized persons excepted).
- 10) RESULTS will be posted near the course maps. Please do not crowd the area. Take a photo and move on if others are waiting.
- 11) RIBBONS and ROSETTES will not be formally presented at the trial. **We are very happy to provide your ribbons though!** Please let us know and they will be made available for you. If you are **not** going to keep the ribbons, we will happily accept returns after you take your photos.
- 12) **DOG MEASUREMENTS:**
  - Dogs **Under 2-Years** of age: Judges will provide a one-time measure. A temporary measurement card will be e-mailed to the handler to be used during this time. Dogs under 2 years of age may compete with their temporary card until they reach 2 years of age.
  - Dogs **2-Years and Older:** These dogs will require an official measurement. Judges will sign Dog ID cards for dogs 2 years and older. Dogs over 2 years of age must be measured until they have their final height circled on their ID card.
- 13) **REFUND POLICY:**
  - a. If the trial is cancelled, a full refund will be provided.
  - b. If your dog comes into season before the start of the trial, a full refund will be provided. A veterinarian's note is not required.
  - c. Dogs who are injured or ill before the start of the trial will receive a full refund providing the Trial Secretary receives a veterinarian's certificate at least 48 hours before the start of the trial.
  - d. A \$15 service fee will be applied to refunds provided for withdrawals before the closing date.
  - e. There shall be no refunds in the event a dog and/or handler are dismissed from competition, regardless of the reason for such dismissal, or in the event of inclement weather.

## Notice to Participants and General Information

Competitors, through the submission of their entries, acknowledge that they know the AAC rules and regulations. **All dogs must have an AAC ID number that must be on the entry forms.**

Note: AAC regulations require the handler to obtain an ID card directly from the AAC at the following link: <http://aac.ca/en/Dog-Forms> Junior Handler ID: <http://aac.ca/en/Junior-Handlers-Forms> . Please note that it takes several weeks to get an AAC ID card.

**Title Trial:** The dogs will be divided into 3 divisions (Mini, Medium & Open) and five height categories.

Regular Jump Heights: 8", 12", 16", 20", 24"

Special Jump Heights: 4", 8", 12", 16", 20" (1 jump height lower than regular)

Veteran Jump Heights: 4", 8", 12", 16", 20" (1 jump height lower than regular)

Double Drop Veteran Jump Heights: 4", 8", 12", 16" (2 jump heights lower than regular)

**Move Ups** will be permitted over the course of the trial providing the Trial Secretary is informed prior to the 'moved-up' event.

**Confirmations** will be emailed to each competitor. Cheques may be deposited any time after the closing date.

**Obstacles:** All obstacles conform to AAC specifications and may include - A-Frame, Dog Walk, Teeter, Weave Poles, Table, Flexible Tunnels, Self-healing Tire, Triple Jump, Double Jump, Panel Jump, Single Jumps. All jumps may be winged or wingless.

**Facilities:** This is an outdoor event that will proceed rain or shine.

- The ring measures 140 ft. by 130 ft. and has a grass surface.
- Electronic Timing will be used.
- One jump will be provided for warm up.

### Awards:

- Qualifying Rosettes will be available for achieving an AAC qualifying score.
- Placement Ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place will be available in each category by jump height.
- Categories may be combined for placement depending on the number of entries received.
- Title Rosettes will be available to all dogs and/or Junior Handlers receiving a Title.
- Dogs receiving their Agility Trial Champion of Canada (ATChC) will be recognized with a Rosette.
- Rosettes will be available to all dogs receiving Awards of Merit and Lifetime Awards of Excellence.
- Rosettes will be available to all dogs receiving Expert Titles.

### Dogs:

- All dogs must be kept in an x-pen, crate or on leash when not in the ring.
- Handlers are responsible to keep their dogs quiet at all times except when running in an event.
- Handlers are responsible to clean up after their dogs.
- Any dog engaging in aggressive behaviour at any time will be required to leave the trial grounds. There will be no refunds.
- Any handler displaying inhumane or aggressive treatment of any dog, physically or verbally, while on site, will be asked to leave the trial grounds. There will be no refund of fees in such instances.

### Directions:

**Coming from Kingston? Hwy 38 / Gardiners Road:** We are approximately 15 minutes from Hwy 401. Follow 38 north and turn left at Yarker Road. Take the first left onto Henderson Road. Take the first left onto Florida Road. We are approximately 5 minutes down Florida Rd. Our property is on the left side at 4445 Florida Rd.

**Coming from Hwy 401? Exit 599 County Rd 6 / Wilton Road:** We are less than 10 minutes from Hwy 401. Follow County Rd 6 north to the flashing light at Simmons Rd. Turn Right. Proceed through the village of Wilton. Continue along Simmons Road. It ends at Florida Road. Turn Right. Our property is on the right side at 4445 Florida Road.

# Biathlon

The object of Biathlon is to provide a new “Biathlon Agility” and a “Biathlon Jumpers with Weaves” stream that tests speed and handling skills of the agility dog and handler with courses that are open, smooth, fast, flowing, and challenging. For more information, see the [AAC Rulebook Update v. 9.3 January 1, 2024](#)

**Eligibility:** The International Biathlon classes are “All Level”, open to all dogs eligible to compete in other AAC qualifying events at any performance level, and in any category. No pre-requisite is required. FEO runs are allowed.

## Two Options for Entering Biathlon at Big Sky:

1. Enter the Money Round. For an entry fee of \$44 per handler/dog team, you’ll be entered in both Agility and JWW. You’ll be eligible to win prize money, and to earn a Biathlon Q.
2. Enter one of Biathlon Agility or Biathlon JWW at our usual entry fee of \$20. You will not be eligible for a Biathlon Q or Prize Money, but you could still earn a Standard or Jumpers Q.

**Scoring:** Scoring for the Biathlon classes will be Time PLUS Faults. To earn an International Biathlon Q a dog must run under the Standard Course Time (SCT) after their time and faults have been combined, in both the Biathlon Jumpers **AND** the Biathlon Agility rounds. For more information, see the [AAC Rulebook Update v. 9.3 January 1, 2024](#)

**How to Qualify:** Dogs who run CLEAN under SCT in the Agility Round will earn a Standard Agility Q, at whatever level they are currently competing in. Dogs who run CLEAN under SCT in the JWW Round will earn a Jumpers Q, at whatever level they are currently competing. To promote the unique flavour of the International Biathlon class, dogs who run BOTH the Agility and JWW rounds under SCT (Time PLUS Faults) will also earn an INTERNATIONAL BIATHLON Q. A dog who has faults in Standard class may not earn a Standard Q and/or a dog who has faults in the JWW class may not earn a Jumpers Q; but that dog may still earn an International Biathlon Q if their faults are low enough to be able to run under SCT for both rounds.

## Money Round

- Both Rounds of the Biathlon class must be run to be eligible to win prize money.
- Running FEO or DNR in either round will remove dog from being able to win any prize money.
- Dogs with 2 Eliminations cannot win any prize money.
- In the event of a tie, the Agility round will be the deciding factor. If there is still a tie, the pot will be split evenly.

TABLE OF PRIZE MONEY FOR COMBINED BIATHLON TIME PLUS FAULTS SCORING

Dogs Entered in Height	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Total Fund	Fund Percentage	
1	\$4.00		\$4.00	100%	
2	\$8.00		\$8.00	100%	
3	\$12.00		\$12.00	100%	
4	\$16.00		\$16.00	100%	
5	\$20.00		\$20.00	100%	
6	\$24.00		\$24.00	100%	
7	\$28.00		\$28.00	100%	
8	\$32.00		\$32.00	100%	
9	\$36.00		\$36.00	100%	
10	\$40.00		\$40.00	100%	
11	\$30.80	\$13.20	\$44.00	70%	30%
12	\$33.60	\$14.40	\$48.00	70%	30%
13	\$36.40	\$15.60	\$52.00	70%	30%
14	\$39.20	\$16.80	\$56.00	70%	30%
15	\$42.00	\$18.00	\$60.00	70%	30%
16	\$44.80	\$19.20	\$64.00	70%	30%
17	\$47.60	\$20.40	\$68.00	70%	30%
18	\$50.40	\$21.60	\$72.00	70%	30%
19	\$53.20	\$22.80	\$76.00	70%	30%
20	\$56.00	\$24.00	\$80.00	70%	30%

# ENTRY FORM

Trial Date: Sept 14-15, 2024 **Entries Open: August 13, 2024 at 8:00 AM** Entries Close: September 5, 2024 or when trial is full  
Trial Secretary: Selena Willemsen Mail Entries to: Selena Willemsen, 995 Pembroke Cres, Kingston, ON K7P 1M8 or send by email to [trials@bigskydogcentre.com](mailto:trials@bigskydogcentre.com)

**PREFERRED:** For entries use our easy **Online Form**. For Payments we prefer e-transfers to: [trials@bigskydogcentre.com](mailto:trials@bigskydogcentre.com)  
Cheques will not be cashed until after the closing date. \$35 fee for Returned Cheques.

No refunds after the closing date except as noted in the premium. **PLEASE READ REFUND POLICY ON TRIAL PROCEDURES PAGE.**

Signed waiver must be submitted with payment and entry form. Electronic signatures accepted.

For Information or Questions email: [trials@bigskydogcentre.com](mailto:trials@bigskydogcentre.com) or phone: 613-545-7027

## IF YOU HAVE TRIALED WITH US PREVIOUSLY, ONLY COMPLETE THE ITEMS MARKED WITH \* (Unless there are changes)

* Name: _____	* Dog's Call Name: _____
Address: _____	Breed: _____
City: _____	Date of Birth (YYYY-MM-DD): _____
Province/State: _____	Height: _____
Postal/Zip Code: _____	* Dog's AAC #: _____
Phone: _____	Junior Handler AAC #: _____
Email: _____	Jump Height at this Trial (4",8",12",16",20",24"): _____
Handler (If not owner): _____	Category for this Trial (Regular, Specials, Veteran, Double-drop Veteran): _____
Emergency Contact: _____	Jump Height circled on AAC Card: _____
Phone: _____	

\* Accessibility Option: YES  NO

### \* Events Entering:

SATURDAY			SUNDAY		
• Starter Gamblers	<input type="checkbox"/>	FEO: <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Handler: <input type="checkbox"/>	• Starter Jumpers	<input type="checkbox"/>	FEO: <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Handler: <input type="checkbox"/>
• Advanced Gamblers	<input type="checkbox"/>	FEO: <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Handler: <input type="checkbox"/>	• Advanced Jumpers	<input type="checkbox"/>	FEO: <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Handler: <input type="checkbox"/>
• Master Gamblers	<input type="checkbox"/>	FEO: <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Handler: <input type="checkbox"/>	• Master Jumpers	<input type="checkbox"/>	FEO: <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Handler: <input type="checkbox"/>
• Starter Standard	<input type="checkbox"/>	FEO: <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Handler: <input type="checkbox"/>	• Starter Snooker	<input type="checkbox"/>	FEO: <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Handler: <input type="checkbox"/>
• Advanced Standard	<input type="checkbox"/>	FEO: <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Handler: <input type="checkbox"/>	• Advanced Snooker	<input type="checkbox"/>	FEO: <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Handler: <input type="checkbox"/>
• Master Standard	<input type="checkbox"/>	FEO: <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Handler: <input type="checkbox"/>	• Master Snooker	<input type="checkbox"/>	FEO: <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Handler: <input type="checkbox"/>
• Biathlon Agility	<input type="checkbox"/>	FEO: <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Handler: <input type="checkbox"/>	• Steeplechase (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	FEO: <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Handler: <input type="checkbox"/>
• Biathlon JWW	<input type="checkbox"/>	FEO: <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Handler: <input type="checkbox"/>	• Steeplechase (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	FEO: <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Handler: <input type="checkbox"/>

Entering **Combined Biathlon Money Round**  @ \$44.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ (You may enter just 1 Biathlon event for \$20.)

Total Events Entered by Closing Date: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00/Run = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Events Entered After Closing Date: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$22.00/Run = \_\_\_\_\_

Total FEO and/or Junior Handler Events Entered: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$14.00/Run = \_\_\_\_\_

Less Big Sky Bucks Redeemed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ List Serial Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL FEES: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fees accepted by cheque, cash, or e-transfer (Preferred). Make cheques payable to: Joe Stewart

For Information about Camping onsite, please contact Joe Stewart at [trials@bigskydogcentre.com](mailto:trials@bigskydogcentre.com)

## PARTICIPATION WAIVER AND RELEASE

Handler Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

AAC Dog(s) ID#(s): \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry by the **Agility Association of Canada** (“AAC”) and **Big Sky Dog Centre** (the “Organizing Club”) and the opportunity to have the Dog participate, compete in and/or be judged at this event or trial (the “Event”), I, the undersigned, agree as follows:

- 1) I certify that I am the actual owner of the Dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner of the Dog and that the Dog is not a hazard to persons, property or other dogs.
- 2) I agree that the AAC or the Organizing Club for the Event may refuse my entry for any reason that it deems to be sufficient.
- 3) I understand and acknowledge that participation in the Event carries certain risks, including, but not limited to injuries (including serious injuries and death) to myself, the Dog, another dog under my control or persons attending as my guests (my “**Related Parties**”), damage to property and other losses. I waive any and all claims that I have or may have in the future against, and release from all liability and agree not to sue the AAC, the Organizing Club or any of the directors, executives, committees, representatives, employees, volunteers or agents of either the AAC or the Organizing Club (the “**Personnel**”) for any injury, death, property damage or other loss that I or my Related Parties sustain due to any cause whatsoever, including negligence, breach of contract, breach of duty, statutory or otherwise, or mistakes or errors of judgment of any kind.
- 4) I assume full responsibility for the conduct of myself and my Related Parties during the entirety of the Event. I agree to indemnify and save harmless the AAC, the Organizing Club and the Personnel from and against any and all claims that may be made against them or costs, fees, expenses or liability (including, without limitation, lawyers’ fees on a solicitor and own client basis) incurred by the AAC, the Organizing Club or the Personnel that may arise due to:
  - (a) any act or omission of myself, my Related Parties or any party for whom I am liable at law; or
  - (b) aggressive behaviour by the Dog or any other dog under my control.
- 5) I have read and do understand the rules of competition and the additional rules (if any) appearing in the trial schedule for the Event, as well as the policies of the AAC pertaining to discipline (collectively, the “**Rules**”). I agree to abide by the Rules and to conduct myself and the Dog in accordance with the Rules. I understand that myself and/or the Dog may be subject to disciplinary procedures or sanctions for breach of the Rules and agree to respect and be bound by any disciplinary decision made by the AAC.
- 6) I understand that the AAC and/or the Organizing Club may, in the course of administering the Event or conducting its activities generally, collect, use or disclose my personal information and that any personal information collected, used or disclosed by the AAC and/or the Organizing Club will be treated in accordance with AAC policy and applicable privacy and personal information laws. I hereby consent to the collection, use and disclosure by the AAC and/or the Organizing Club of my personal information.

### Media Release & Rights of Privacy Waiver

I hereby grant to the AAC and its affiliated companies, representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permission to use or appropriate his/her and their dog’s name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia of identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media known now or in the future.

### Waiver of Rights to Privacy, Publicity & Personality

Further, I hereby release the Agility Association of Canada Inc., and its affiliates, representatives, agents and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of publicity, right of personality, or any similar rights.

I have been given the opportunity to read and understand the terms of this Agreement before signing it and have in fact done so. I understand that by signing this Agreement, I am restricting my legal rights and I sign this Agreement voluntarily and of my own free will.

**Entry not valid unless Agreement is signed, dated and submitted with the correct fee.**

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

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

*(Legal Guardian must sign for persons under 18 years of age)*