

General Briefing

Here is your general briefing. The purpose of this is to minimize the time needed during the briefing to relay everything to you, to give you a chance to read, digest and ask any questions and to make sure everyone gets the information. We've done this the last 2 years and it worked really well!

- If you have not already done so, please join the UKI Northeast Cup Facebook page https://tinyurl.com/mtc235hk
- We want to thank our sponsors: 1-TDC Works So Well, Flying Dogs Agility, Wild at Heart and Saint Rocco's Treats. Please thank them throughout the weekend!
- Thank you to our dedicated Show Committee: Dan Burke, Marianne Pieper,
 Diann Gastley, Alaina Axford, Cliff Anderson, Vince & Cindy Madeiros, Judy
 Reilly, Kathleen Schaefer and Jacky Mento. A special shout out to Elsie
 Maylott from Flying Dogs who can't join us this weekend!
- Thank you to our judges: Marco Magiolo and McKenzie Minto
- Please support our vendors
 - Wild at Heart
 - Peak Performance Rehab
 - Wounded Warriors Food!
- Friday afternoon through Sunday we will have a practice ring in the Red Building (ring 2). All proceeds will go to 2025 WAO Team USA. Thank you

- to Beverly Melcher for donating the ring for this purpose! Further details are on our Facebook page and will also be published at the event
- We have Scout Troop 76 out of Chester County that will be providing us with some volunteer ring crew throughout the event.
- There is NO speeding in the driveway 10 mph. Also, police are known to issue speeding tickets on Church Street
- This is private property and we MUST stay within the area of the dog training center:
 - o There is a very large hornet's nest near the row of trees to the left of the driveway. DO NOT go near this area. As long as it is safe and feasible, we are going to try to rope that area off before Thursday.
 - Do not go across the driveway to the left unless you have an RV over there. Do not go in the area behind those RV's.
 - o Do not go beyond the RV's behind the green building
 - o Do NOT go on the Fast Cat or drive on the Fast Cat track
 - o Do not go towards the front of the property past the sheep pen
 - o The sheep pen is available for off leash dogs
- Do not allow your dogs to potty anywhere near the buildings, on anything manmade, or on anything a human has to touch
- If you are setting up a tent outdoors for the weekend, you must lower it at night to protect it from becoming a flying E-Z Up in case of storms
- There are indoor bathrooms. No need to use the outdoor port a potties
- We will have a workers raffle which is CASH!
- We will have workers hospitality
- Ribbons for individual classes are self serve
- You may not move yourself on the gate without permission of MEB, Diann, Dan or Marianne
- We will be using Agility Gate (see General confirmation). There will be no paper gate sheets.
- NFC and Repeat and Move on are allowed
- All Eliminations, RMO and NFC will receive maximum course time of 60 seconds
- For the preliminary rounds that are running in groups, we will not start the next group until the previous group has finished. There will be a 5-10 minute break

- between rotations. Start times will be announced as the groups start to wind down.
- Gate Sheet Displays Thanks to tech guru Dan Burke We have monitors that are mirroring what the gate steward is seeing on their iPad. THESE ARE NOT TOUCH SCREENS! PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH!
- We all love agility and love to compete at these types of events. We really need your help volunteering in order to make it through this event.
 - o Any assistance is appreciated even if only for a few dogs
 - o We have snacks, water and CASH prizes for you!
 - o Please see Jacky or Kathleen with any questions or to volunteer
- If you are volunteering for ring crew (THANK YOU) we will be leaving the 4" cups in the jumps in the Green building all weekend. There will be a second set of cups for height changes
- If you are volunteering for course building (THANK YOU) we do not bag the tunnels or put the bags up against the tunnels until the course has been tweaked. Basically, we only move the tunnel bags once (worker smarter not harder!). Putting the bags up against the tunnels before tweaking means they will need to be moved out of the way to adjust the tunnels

Thanks for reading!

Mary Ellen & the rest of the A Team

