



Burlington Obedience Training Club

AGILITY TRIAL

July 29 – August 1, 2021

TRIAL INFORMATION

The Burlington Obedience Training Club is pleased to have you join us for our July 2021 Agility Trials at The Field House in Shelburne, Vermont. We're looking forward to having you with us for the weekend and trust you will find the following information helpful. If you need additional information, please feel free to email us at Agility@BOTCVT.org If you prefer, you may call Tom's cell phone (802-363-9773) and leave a message (Please be sure to speak slowly, clearly and leave us your name, phone number and the time you called).

Final Confirmation With this note you have received an email with your final trial confirmation information for you and your dog(s). Please review it carefully and let us know right away if there are any errors or discrepancies so we can correct them prior to the Trial.

Thursday Schedule **THURSDAY'S TRIAL WILL START AT 10:00 AM.** We hope this gives those of you driving to Vermont the option of driving here on Thursday morning!! See the Judging Schedule at the end of this information for the full schedule including Class Briefings and Walk-Thrus.

Thursday's Trial running order will be Tall dogs to Small dogs.

Friday / Saturday / Sunday Schedule

Friday, Saturday and Sunday's Trials will start at 8:00 AM each day.
Friday's Trial running order will be Small dogs to Tall dogs.
Saturday's Trial running order will be Tall dogs to Small dogs.
Sunday's Trial running order will be Small dogs to Tall dogs.

Thursday - Agility "B" Match

Due to the Covid situation BOTC will not be offering a "B" Match as part of this weekend's activities. We expect to return this event to our Agility Trials in 2022.

Parking

If we're all polite, there should be plenty of parking at the trial site. RV's will park in the first parking area on the right as you approach the Field House building. All others can park in either of the other two parking areas to the left of the building. Please don't park on the shoulder of the road or on the grass.

Please remember that The Field House also houses an athletic club and a bike touring company. The athletic club is fully open for business again and the bike touring company has a full slate of tours that start and end at the Field House. Please recognize that each of us needs the other to keep this a viable site for all of us.

We will reserve some spaces for their clients and we ask that you respect any spaces that are marked for that purpose. We reserve the right to ask you to move your vehicle if you park in the wrong location.

Set Up

Thursday - The building will open at 9:00 AM for exhibitor set up.

We'll be unloading Max 200's equipment and setting up the ring starting at 8:00 AM and could use a hand if you can help.

Please be careful when unpacking your vehicles and crossing the driveway as Thursday and Friday are business days and the athletic club can be a busy place in the morning.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday - The building will open at 7:00 AM.

Face Masks

Face masks must be worn by all BOTC Agility trial competitors, family, friends and spectators whenever indoors at the Field House except when in the agility ring running a dog.

Armbands

Armbands are no longer required by AKC.

Measuring

All dogs without a jump height card will need to be measured. There will be at least one VMO at the trial on each day. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday we expect to have two VMOs available. See Tom O'Brien if you need to have a dog measured.

- Those dogs competing without AKC height cards (“temporary” or at least one , yellow “permanent” height card) will need to be measured by the VMO before each dog's first run of the weekend. Please plan to arrive onsite at least 1 hour prior to the start of your class to allow plenty of time for measuring.
- Dogs over two years old that already have the first of the required 2 permanent height card measurements will need to be measured for their second measurement at some time over the weekend. Please check with the VMO to schedule a convenient time.

Bathrooms

The Field House has restrooms and showers. These are open and available for our use. As we have done in the past, we will re-sign the Men's Restroom as a Unisex Restroom. The Women's Restroom shall remain exclusively Women.

The Town of Shelburne also owns a small restroom building adjacent to the parking lot. This building is also expected to be open and available to attendees at the BOTC Agility Trial.

Crating

You have the option of crating from your vehicle or within the designated crating area inside the building. If crating from your car, please don't expand into or block adjacent parking spaces. Crating space within the building has been adequate in the past but we ask that you respect the aisles and that you try to keep your crates and other belongings fairly compact. We ask that Xpens only be used if you are crating multiple dogs.

Please also try to maintain some "Social Distancing" when crating your dogs inside the building. As you will note, trial numbers for this event are about 30% lower than is usual for BOTC's July trial – another byproduct of Covid. However, in the case of the crating area, this means there will be more space than usual. We ask that you use this space to maintain some distance between groups.

Volunteers

As always, agility trials run because we all volunteer to help. An online volunteer schedule will be posted. The schedule can be found at the following URL:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1h2NbMGte0XHwBaGBhvccs-hj2CXQoYVrPRL5C4xbqZ0/edit?usp=sharing>

To use this link, you can:

- Copy and paste the link into the address line of your web browser, or
- Double click the link above (does not always work), or
- Click on the "Volunteer Schedule" link at the BOTC Website (www.BOTCvt.org)

To continue the Covid-safety protocols for this trial:

- Ring crew volunteers will get paid in actual cash for classes worked. Course builders names will be entered in a daily raffle.
- BOTC's Volunteer hospitality operations will be scaled back for this trial. We will provide water and soft drinks for volunteers but snack, open-served baked goods and other such items will not be available. We apologize for this but pledge to bring these favorites back in 2022.

If you have problems accessing the volunteer schedule, there is additional help on the "Events/Trials" page of BOTC's website (www.BOTCvt.org).

Food

There will not be a food vendor onsite.

- There are a number of small restaurants and take-out locations in Shelburne Village. BOTC will have information available about these locations.

Food is not allowed on the artificial turf areas of The Field House. There is seating/eating area on the Mezzanine overlooking the Trial Area and there is some additional seating on the main level of the Field House building.

Course Maps

As has been the normal process for most agility trials over the past year, daily course maps for handlers will not be printed.

- Copies will be posted at the Field House each day.
- At approximately 9 pm each evening, course maps for the following day's classes will be posted for downloading as a single PDF file on BOTC's website (www.BOTCvt.org) and BOTC's Facebook page.

DIRECTIONS TO THE TRIAL SITE:

From CANADA, NH, MA, CT, ME and RI: The Field House is approximately 6.5 miles from Exit 13, I-89.

- Take Interstate I-89 to Interstate I-189 (exit 13).
- Follow I-189 approximately 2 miles to its termination.
- Turn left onto US Route 7 south (Shelburne Road) and follow south to the Village of Shelburne.
- At the traffic light in the center of the Village, turn right onto Harbor Road.
- After crossing the railroad tracks, turn right at the second street onto Athletic Drive.

From New York State:

- Travel north on Interstate I-87 (The Northway) to Exit 20 (Queensbury).
- Turn left and follow the signs for Route 149 to Fort Ann.
- In the center of Fort Ann, turn left at the traffic light and drive north on U.S. Route 4 for about 19 miles to Route 22A in Vermont.
- Turn left on to Route 22A North and drive 40 miles thru Vergennes to its intersection with Route 7.
- Turn left on to US Route 7 north and drive to Shelburne.
- In the Shelburne village turn left at the traffic light at the gas station on to Harbor Road.
- After crossing the railroad tracks, turn right at the second street onto Athletic Drive.

BOTC July 2021 AGILITY TRIAL - CLASS INFORMATION

(Revised 7/22/2021)

THURSDAY Trial

Judge: Janet Budzynski

(Tall-to-Small)

Class	<u>Jump Heights</u>							Total
	24C	24	20	16	12	8	4	
Premier/P JWW	-	1	9	7	9	-	1	27
Master/Excellent/P JWW	-	3	16	24	17	10	4	74
Premier Standard	-	-	8	11	11	-	1	31
Master/Excellent/P Standard	-	3	15	22	18	9	4	<u>73</u>
								205

FRIDAY Trial

Judge: Janet Budzynski

(Small-to-Tall)

Class	<u>Jump Heights</u>							Total
	4	8	12	16	20	24	24C	
Time 2 Beat	1	5	11	11	22	2	-	52
Master/Excellent/P Standard	1	8	19	23	20	13	-	74
Open/P Standard	0	1	3	4	6	-	-	14
Novice/P Standard	-	3	2	1	12	1	-	19
Master/Excellent/P JWW	1	9	19	24	22	3	-	78
Open/P JWW	-	-	3	2	9	-	-	14
Novice/P JWW	-	2	1	1	8	-	-	<u>13</u>
								264

SATURDAY Trial

Judge: Rebecca Schnulle

(Tall-to-Small)

Class	<u>Jump Heights</u>							Total
	24C	24	20	16	12	8	4	
FAST (Combined N,/O/E/M)	-	2	23	12	10	4	2	53
Master/Excellent/P Standard	-	2	17	22	20	5	3	69
Open/P Standard	-	-	7	3	2	1	-	13
Novice/P Standard	-	2	13	2	3	3	1	24
Master/Excellent/P JWW	-	2	18	23	20	6	3	72
Open/P JWW	-	-	9	2	2	-	-	13
Novice/P JWW	-	1	9	2	2	3	1	<u>18</u>
								262

SUNDAY Trial

Judge: Rebecca Schnulle

(Small-to-Tall)

Class	<u>Jump Heights</u>							Total
	4	8	12	16	20	24	24C	
Time 2 Beat	1	6	8	12	12	3	-	50
Master/Excellent/P Standard	1	7	15	17	19	4	-	63
Open/P Standard	-	1	3	3	6	-	-	13
Novice/P Standard	1	4	3	2	12	1	-	23
Master/Excellent/P JWW	1	8	15	16	20	4	-	64
Open/P JWW	-	-	3	2	8	-	-	13
Novice/P JWW	1	3	2	3	8	-	-	<u>17</u>
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BOTC JULY 2021 AGILITY TRIAL
THURSDAY/FRIDAY RUNNING ORDER

THURSDAY First Briefing 9:40 AM
 (Tall-to-Small) Walk thrus 9:45 AM
 Judging Begins: 10:00 PM 24”C-4” Premier/P JWW
 24”C-4” Master/Excellent/P JWW
 24”C-4” Premier/P Standard
 24”C-4” Master/Excellent/P Standard

There will be split Walk-thrus for the Excellent/Master Classes
 For JWW & STD: 20/24/24C will walk, Group will Run
 16 will Walk, Group will Run
 4/8/12 will Walk, Group will Run

For Premier STD & JWW 20/24/24C will Walk, 4/8/12/16 will Walk, Group will Run

FRIDAY First Briefing 7:35 AM
 (Small-to-Tall) Walk thrus 7:45 AM
 Judging Begins: 8:00 AM 4”-24”C Time 2 Beat (Mas/Exc/Open/Nov/P)
 4”-24”C Master/Exc/P Standard
 4”-24”C Open/P Standard
 4”-24”C Novice/P Standard
 4”-24”C Master/Excellent/P JWW
 4”-24”C Open/P JWW
 4”-24”C Novice/P JWW

Standard and Jumpers with Weaves

There will be split Walk thrus for Time 2 Beat, Excellent/Master Standard and
 and Excellent/Master JWW.

Walk thrus shall be as follows:

Time 2 Beat: 4/8/12/16 will Walk, then Run
 20/24/24C will Walk then Run
 Mas/Exc STD & JWW: 4/8/12 will Walk, then Run
 16 will Walk, then Run
 20/24/24C will Walk, then will Run
 Open STD and JWW: Group will Walk then Run.
 Novice STD and JWW: Group will Walk then Run.

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SATURDAY/SUNDAY RUNNING ORDER

SATURDAY (Tall-to-Small)	First Briefing	7:35 AM	
	Walk thrus	7:45 AM	
	Judging Begins:	8:00 AM	24”C-4” FAST/P (Nov/Op/Exc/Mas Combined)
			24”C-4” Master/Excellent/P Standard
			24”C-4” Open/P Standard
			24”C-4” Novice/P Standard
			24”C-4” Master/Excellent/P JWW
			24”C-4” Open/P JWW
			24”C-4” Novice/P JWW

FAST (Please Note!) FAST will be the first class of the day. All briefings (Excellent/Master, Open, Novice) and all walk-thrus will occur before the FAST class starts.

Mas/Exc/Open/Novice FAST:	Group will Brief then 20/24/24C will Walk, Group will Run 4/8/12/16 Will Walk, Group will Run
Mas/Exc STD & JWW:	24C/24/20 will Walk, then Run 16 will Walk, then Run 12/8/4 will Walk, then Run
Open STD and JWW	Group will walk, then Run
Novice STD and JWW	Group will walk, then Run

SUNDAY (Small-to-Tall)	First Briefing	7:35 AM	
	Walk thrus	7:45 AM	
	Judging Begins:	8:00 AM	4”-24”C Time 2 Beat
			4”-24”C Master/Excellent/P Standard
			4”-24”C Open/P Standard
			4”-24”C Master/Excellent/P JWW
			4”-24”C Novice/P Standard
			4”-24”C Open/P JWW
			4”-24”C Novice/P JWW

There will be split Walk thrus for Excellent Standard and JWW. Walk thrus shall be as follows

Time 2 Beat	4/8/12/16 will Walk, then Run 20/24/24C will Walk then Run
Mas/Exc STD & JWW:	24C/24/20 will Walk, the Run 16 will Walk, then Run 12/8/4 will Walk, then Run
Open STD and JWW:	Group will Walk then Run.
Novice STD and JWW:	Group will Walk then Run.



COVID PROTOCOLS

FOR THE

BURLINGTON OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB'S

July 2021 Agility Trials

Thursday, July 29, 2021 thru Sunday August 1, 2021

Shelburne Field House 166 Athletic Drive Shelburne, Vermont

Updated July 24, 2021

The Burlington Obedience Training Club is pleased to be able to hold its annual July agility trials this year after having had to cancel all of our 2020 Agility Trials and our April 2021 Trials due to the Covid-19 pandemic. With the increasing rates of vaccinations and the dropping Covid case rates, the State of Vermont is now steadily relaxing its Covid rules and safety protocols. That relaxation is the reason BOTC will be able to offer its July Agility Trials.

Vermont met our Governor's goal having 80% of its population receiving at least the first shot of the Covid vaccine well before the July target date so Vermont has largely re-"opened".

What does this mean for BOTC?

In broad terms, we'll be able to operate our trials in a manner quite similar to our normal practices. However, we will need to respect the lessons Vermonters have learned from the pandemic and balance our enthusiasm for the event with an appropriate degree of caution out of respect for the Covid-19 virus, its new variants, the recent rising infections rates – nationally and here in Vermont – and concern for our friends and fellow agility enthusiasts.

To that end, following are the Covid guidelines that BOTC will be following over the 4-day trial period.

BOTC will operate the trial in as "normal" a fashion as we can BUT:

1. All attendees at the trial - whether competitors, BOTC club members, friends or the public will be required to wear masks when inside the building except when actually running a dog in the competition ring.
3. BOTC will have some other Covid-specific practices in place for the trial period. Generally, these practices relate to the small details of the trial day such as distribution of course maps, managing gate sheet check in and distributing Q and placement ribbons.
4. While BOTC – as a Club – believes that vaccinations are safe and effective, we will not require that you show us proof of vaccination. We believe our "mandatory mask" protocol takes care of the issue of the State's limits on vaccinated and unvaccinated people being together.
5. Here are a few of the specific practices that have been missing from agility trials this past year we think we'll be able to do:
 - A. Crating - Indoor crating will be allowed in the building. As we've done in the past, BOTC will mark out crating areas on the floor. You may crate with in your "group" if you've travelled together but we ask that you try to maintain some distance between you and the next person's area.
 - B. Spectators – Spectators – both our fellow competitors as well as the public – will be allowed into the building to watch the event but they will need to be masked and we ask you to try to maintain some separation.
6. Other Covid Practices will include:
 - A. Onsite Food Vendor – We will not have an onsite food vendor. You are welcome to bring your own refreshments and may eat them in the Mezzanine area. As usual, such food/drink will not be allowed on the indoor athletic fields.
 - B. Vendors - We will be allowing vendors at the trial. Those located within the building will follow the Covid protocols, including wearing masks.
 - C. Course Maps – Course maps will be distributed via BOTC's Website and Facebook page at approximately 9 pm the night before each trial.

D. Volunteers

- An online volunteer schedule will be available to sign up to work classes. Volunteers will be paid in cash to reduce the handling of "tickets".
- There will be a few special raffles each day for workers and a daily "No Q" raffle but the entries will be handled sparingly.
- BOTC will provide water, soft drinks and packaged snacks for volunteers but open snacks have been eliminated for this trial.

E. Gate Sheets – Gate sheets will be available for self-check in each day. While we'll have pens available, we recommend that you bring your own so that we minimize the degree to which we share tools.

F. Scribe Sheets – We've suspended the use of two-part scribe sheets. Hopefully they be back next Spring. We'll get the class results posted as soon as we can.

G. Outdoor Rules and Covid Protocols - For practical purposes, BOTC's Covid protocols will only apply when you are inside the Field House building. Once outside, you must abide by the State of Vermont's Covid rules and regulations. If you've been vaccinated, this means there are very few restrictions and most of them are your burden to comply with. If you've not been vaccinated, this means you should be masked and practicing social distancing at all times when on the Field House site and within the building.

F. Restrooms – Building restrooms will be open to your use. As they are single occupancy, we ask that you respect that including the waiting area outside the Women's Restroom.