

Rainier Agility Team

Fun Run Guidelines

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Fun Runs provide an opportunity for members and prospective members to have access to agility equipment outside a class setting and to work their dog(s) in a variety of locations. This opportunity is provided free of charge to members and the cost of the facility rental is paid for by the club. For non-members, a waiver must be signed and a minimal fee will be charged. The purpose of these Guidelines is to ensure that Fun Runs move smoothly and are a productive and enjoyable time for everyone present.

Who qualifies for regular fun runs?

In order to participate in the fun runs you must be a club members (or the guest of a club member) and meet **one** of the following requirements:

1. The handler must have earned a minimum of an Elite/Masters/Excellent title on a dog that they have trained.
2. The handler must be currently enrolled in classes and have taken at least two sessions of those classes with the dog(s) that will attend. In addition, the dog must be familiar with all the equipment that will be used.
3. The handler must have permission from the Person in Charge (PIC).

Individuals who have submitted a signed membership application and their membership dues to the Membership Committee, but who have not yet been elected to membership as specified by the Bylaws and Constitution, may participate provided that they first obtain permission from the Person in Charge (PIC).

The PIC or Person in Charge.

One person will be in charge of any given fun run. This person is responsible for providing a course or drills to be worked on as well as running the event.

Responsibilities of the PIC.

The following is a list of guidelines for the PIC or Person in charge.

1. Ensure that all guidelines are followed.
2. Make sure equipment is properly and safely set up and put away.
3. Set the amount of time per run.
4. Make arrangements with the facility owner for the event to occur.
5. Be there early and open any gates or trailers.
6. Determine what time and day the event is to be held.
7. Contact the fun run committee to arrange the event.
8. Publish the event at least 72 hours prior to the event.
9. Notify the club treasurer when an event is scheduled including facility, date and duration. This includes submitting any required paperwork (ie reimbursement form)
10. Be responsible for asking a dog-handler team to leave if a dog or handler is behaving inappropriately.
11. Be responsible for stopping a dog/handler team from working on equipment with which they are clearly not familiar.

Eligibility requirements to be a PIC.

The PIC (person in charge) must have competed at the Masters/Elite/Excellent level or equivalent at agility trials and have the approval of the Fun Run Committee. The Board can approve special cases where the PIC does not meet the competition requirement.

Guidelines/Rules for Handlers and Dogs at an event.

1. All participants are required to be at the event to set up and tear down the course.
2. It is the responsibility of the participants to know in advance what time the event occurs. Information can be obtained from the website and is circulated via the email list. Equipment set up will occur at the time posted. Participants may only arrive late if they have prior approval from the PIC.
3. Every dog attending is required to be supervised at all times. The dog may be in an x-pen, crated,

- leashed or physically restrained in some manner.
4. Participants will be expected to stay and tear down the equipment and not leave early.
 5. Each handler/team is allowed to run up to two dogs.
 6. Participants may use their time as appropriate for their training objective. They may choose to run the course as set or not. Participants are encouraged to train their dog at a level appropriate to their dog's experience level; for example, a Masters level course may be too hard for a Novice dog.
 7. The PIC has the authority to deny a team the opportunity to train if the team demonstrates a pattern of poor adherence to these guidelines (for example, by arriving late, unsafe handling, or disruptive or unsportsmanlike conduct).
 8. The PIC has the final authority to plan and set the course, specify the time allowed for each handler and dog team on course, and to decide if a timer is to be used.
 9. Exceptions to these rules include emergencies, illness etc. This policy should be enforced using "common" sense decisions by the PIC.

Organization.

1. Participants will add their dog's names to the sign-up board.
2. Running order will be by jump height.
3. The next handler team should be on "deck" and ready to run when it is their turn.
4. If a timer is used, the clock will start when the previous team leaves the course or a jump height change has been completed.
5. Please ask in advance if you want assistance, i.e. targets, judges, stewards etc.
6. All participants are expected to help set courses, change bars, straighten chutes etc.
7. In the event of a smaller event, the PIC may choose to relax these guidelines.

Novice Dog Events.

A PIC may elect to hold a special event focused on the needs of relatively inexperienced dogs that may not yet be ready for regular fun runs. The PIC shall identify this practice as a "Baby Dog" or "Novice Dog" fun run. Other experienced dogs may attend the fun run, but the focus shall be on the inexperienced dogs. At these special events, attendees must still meet the minimum requirements for regular events, but the regular guidelines and organization may be altered. For example, there can be flexibility with the course arrangement; more time can be allotted per dog; target plates, toys and other aids can be placed on the course; or other concessions can be made as the PIC sees fit.

Guest Policy.

1. Guests may participate at the invitation of a qualified club member.
2. The PIC should be notified, in advance, of any guest who will be attending.
3. Guests and their dogs will be held to the same minimum requirements, responsibilities, and guidelines as members.
4. Fee per event will be \$10.00

Public Events

With Board approval, the Fun Run Committee may schedule and hold events that are open to the public. These shall be in keeping with the spirit of these guidelines. Details of these public events will be decided by the Fun Run Committee and the Board.

All attendees will be required to sign a release of liability waiver before being able to participate.