



## AAC Sanctioned Trial – Sept. 20-21, 2025

Indoors on dirt – Okotoks Agriplex  
Snow, Wind, Rain, or Shine

**ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY IN AGILITY ROCKS ([www.agilityrocks.com](http://www.agilityrocks.com))**

**JUDGE & CLASSES OFFERED** (event order subject to change):

|   |                                 |                        |                                      |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Judges: Denise Reid-Clarke & Shannon Elves            |                                 |                        |                                      |
| September 20 (Saturday)                               |                                 | September 21 (Sunday)  |                                      |
| Jumpers (MA, AD, ST)                                  | Denise – Masters & Steeplechase | Gamble 2 (ST, AD, MA)  | Shannon – Starters & Advanced Gamble |
| Steeplechase 1 (All)                                  |                                 | Steeplechase 1 (All)   |                                      |
| Standard (MA, AD, ST)                                 | Shannon - Advanced & Starters   | Biathlon Agility (All) | Denise – everything else             |
| Gamble 1 (MA, AD, ST)                                 |                                 | Biathlon JWW (All)     |                                      |
| Closing date: September 5, 2025 @ 6 pm (Alberta time) |                                 |                        |                                      |

**ENTRY FEES -** (*do NOT send payment until you receive a confirmation email*)

Individual Rounds: \$16.00

\$15.00 (RMAC Members Rate)

Junior Handlers: \$10.00 per run (participating under AAC Junior Handler program)

**\*\*FEO entries** will only be accepted if space allows unless running in the correct class level.\*\*

**Rubberized Contacts and Electronic Timing will be used.**

**BIS (Bitches in Season) will be allowed at this trial (see details next page)**

**ENTRY OPENING DATE: August 20, 2025 – 9:00AM**

**CLOSING DATE: September 5, 2025 – 6:00PM**

Entries received after the closing date may not be accepted

Please remit payment to [rmapayments@gmail.com](mailto:rmapayments@gmail.com) only **AFTER** you have received your Trial Confirmation and Invoice

TRIAL CHAIR: Deb Deane

TRIAL SECRETARY: Cheryl Wilke ([rmactralsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:rmactralsecretary@gmail.com))

*Sanctioned by the Agility Association of Canada*

## **NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS**

***EXHIBITORS, THROUGH SUBMISSION OF ENTRY, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF AAC RULES AND REGULATIONS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING...***

This event will be held in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Agility Association of Canada (AAC). The obstacles shall be chosen from those described in the current edition of the rules and regulations of the AAC and shall conform to AAC specifications

All breeds and mixed breeds eighteen months of age and older (no exceptions) are eligible to compete. Blind, lame, or aggressive dogs are ineligible, or dogs suffering from any deformity, injury or illness, which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance (judge's discretion).

**\*\*All dogs must have an AAC number before their entries will be accepted in an AAC sanctioned trial. Dogs with numbers pending will not be eligible to compete. Everyone must show their height card before running at each trial. If you already have a completed card, you may send a copy of it with your entry to avoid needing to check-in (will be kept on file). Anyone needing measuring must produce their new card when measuring is called.**

### **Communicable Diseases**

By submitting your entry to this trial, you acknowledge that you and/or your dog(s) may be exposed to communicable diseases and are prepared to assume the risk associated with such exposure.

### **Effective July 1, 2024: Leashes**

Tugging on Leashes (231209) Tugging in the ring before the start of the run and after the end of the run should be allowed without penalty. Tugging could be on a leash or a toy, however the toy **MUST** be attached to the leash. The attached toy must not contain food. The leash/toy is to be placed at the exit of the ring and cannot be kept by the handler throughout the run. (i.e. on their person). The leash/toy should be placed by a ring crew member in such a way that it is clearly not a target at the end of the run. During team, tugging would be allowed in the box, but that should be discussed by the handlers.

The following changes to the AAC Official Rules and Regulations are approved:

2.11.2 General Faults - Leashes in the Ring – “Leashes used as toys or with toys attached must be placed at the ring exit and cannot be placed in a handler's pocket or otherwise it becomes an FEO run.”

All dogs must be penned, crated, or leashed when not in the ring. Please take responsibility for your dogs and children. Any exhibitor whose dogs or children create unnecessary disturbances or engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may be asked by the Trial Committee to leave the trial site. There will be no refunds for entries if the dog or handler is *dismissed* from the competition for any reason.

**BIS (Bitches in Season)** will be allowed to compete at this trial following these requirements: 1. Handler must notify trial secretary as soon as they know they might have a BIS, 2. Handler must minimize exposure of their BIS to other dogs and limit their movements around the grounds, 3. There will be a specific benching and potty area, 4. Competitors will be notified during general briefing that there is a BIS onsite and it will be noted on the gate list with “BIS” beside the dogs name, 5. A protective mat shall be supplied by the handler for the start line and BIS will run at the end of the class, 6. The BIS will be required to run in protective panties and those protective panties must be worn at all times on the trial site except when in the specific potty area (this includes when in their benching area), 7. Refund will be available if the handler wants to pull their BIS.

### **LIMITED ENTRY RULES**

- Rocky Mountain Agility Club reserves the right to refuse any entry.
- Anyone not in good standing with AAC or Rocky Mountain Agility will not be allowed entry.
- Online entries only in Agility Rocks will be accepted (no mailed, faxed, or phoned entries).
- Payment (**do NOT** send payment until you receive a confirmation email) via e-transfer (will be auto deposited, so no password is required) Payment is **due within 72 hours** of confirmation email sent date or the entry will be cancelled, and the space being offered to the next person on the list.
- Participants who wish to use a Guaranteed Entry certificate must email [RMACTrialsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:RMACTrialsecretary@gmail.com) **BEFORE** the opening date with a picture of the certificate. Participants who wish to use a RMAC Free Weekend Package, Half-Price Entry, or One Free Run certificate, must email a picture of the certificate to [RMACTrialsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:RMACTrialsecretary@gmail.com) once you have successfully entered in Agility Rocks.
- Wait List – to join the waiting list, if Agility Rocks has cut off entries, please email [RMACTrialsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:RMACTrialsecretary@gmail.com) . The Trial Secretary will send you a paper entry that must be completed and emailed back.
- Volunteering is required during the event (i.e. Scribe, Time, Gate, Pole Set, Leash Run, and/or Course Build) a minimum of three tasks per day.

## **REFUNDS**

- Refunds will not be given for cancellations after the closing date *except* for bitches in season or injury/illness to a dog, or handler, which physically prevents them from competing.
- Rocky Mountain Agility Club reserves the right to request a medical practitioner's (doctor, vet, chiropractor, or physiotherapist) note prior to issuing any refund and further reserves the right to offer a credit towards a future trial in place of a refund.
- Refunds requested for any other reason will be handled on a case by case basis and will be at the discretion of the Trial Committee.
- A \$10.00 administration fee will be applied to any refund request.
- *There will be a \$25.00 charge on NSF cheques.*

## **VENUE DETAILS**

- Directions to the Okotoks Agriplex (7049 – 306 Ave. East, foothills, Alberta, T1S 1A2) will be sent with General Trial Details closer to trial date or visit <https://okotoksag.com/>
- No concession will be available (please bring your own food & water).

## **CLASS CHANGES**

Class changes and/or withdrawals made after the closing date may not appear on the gate lists. Please make every effort to get your changes to the trial secretary ASAP.

Move-ups will be allowed between events on Saturday and the same event on Sunday. Please complete the Move-up list on the volunteer table before the end of the day on Saturday.

## **HEIGHT CATEGORIES, JUMP HEIGHTS, AND FEO**

Your dog's height category is based upon its measured height as entered on its AAC height card.

Anyone wishing to run "*For Exhibition Only*" will be charged the same as the regular competitors. By AAC rules, you will be ineligible for placings, qualifiers, or prizes. Please indicate on your entry form that you are running "FEO" and specify the division & height that you want to run your dog in. This will not be reflected on your dog's permanent record.

**Regular Division:** Open to all dogs, 18 months of age or older, as described within the current AAC rules.

**Special Division:** Open to all dogs but intended for dogs which are of a size or stature that limits their jumping ability. *Dogs in this category must jump one jump height lower than the height listed for regular dogs.*

**Veteran Division:** For dogs 7 years of age or older that are currently competing in any division and for dogs 5 years or older which have competed in the Special Division for a minimum of one calendar year. *Dogs in this category must jump one jump height lower than the height listed for regular dogs. At the handler's discretion, the dog can jump two heights lower than the height listed for regular dogs (Veteran Double Drop Division).*

**Junior Handler:** Must have a Junior Handler ID number from the AAC. *Dogs running in this category must jump at least one height lower than the height listed for regular dogs.*

**Accessibility Option:** Section 2.7.2.6 Senior handlers 65 years and over, and handlers of any age with a disability may request a modified course time and a modified points requirement (see below for details). Handlers can choose this option at any given trial, provided they use the Accessibility Option for the whole of the trial. The handler's dog shall be entered at its current competition jump height and category, including Junior Handler: The modified time and reduced point requirements are a concession for the handler, not for the dog. Proof of disability or age will not be requested by the host club. A handler must indicate on the entry form (i.e., by checking the AO box) if they are requesting an Accessibility Option in order to receive the modified times/reduced number of points.

**Effective July 1, 2022:** Giant Breed Height Concession - for dogs measuring over 22". Dogs considered giant breeds may jump one or two jump heights lower than their measured Regular height when they compete in the Specials category. Dogs who have double dropped in jump height as a Special may enter the Veterans category and receive Veteran time at the age of five. *(They will not drop a third height).* For awards by jump height, giant breeds competing as a 16" special shall be ranked with other dogs in that same height and not in a separate category. For a dog to be considered a giant breed, it must satisfy one of the following criteria: 1. Be one of the breeds listed below. Or a mixed breed with substantially similar look, OR 2. lean body weight (lbs) to height (inches) ratio >4, OR 3. height at the withers >27". Giant Breeds: Alaskan Malamute, Bernese Mountain Dog, Black Russian Terrier, Bloodhound, Bouvier de Flandres, Bullmastiff, Cane Corso, Dogue de Bordeaux, Great Dane, Great Pyrenees, Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, Irish Wolfhound, Kuvasz, Leonberger, Mastiff, Neopolitan Mastiff, Newfoundland (includes Landseer, Saint Bernard (Section 2.6.2.2)

From *AAC Official Rules & Regulations V9.0 2023*:

## 2.8.2 Jump Heights

*Table 2.8.2- Allowed Jump Heights, by Category*

| Dog's Measured Height | Allowed Jump Heights, by Category (divisions in brackets) |                   |                         |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------------|
|                       | Regular   | Special           | Veteran/Junior Handler* |
| 12" or less           | 8" (mini) or 12" (medium)                                 | 4" (mini)         | 4" (mini)               |
| >12" to 15"           | 12" or 16" (medium)                                       | 8" (medium)       | 4" or 8" (medium)       |
| >15" to 18"           | 16" (medium) or 20" (open)                                | 12" (medium)      | 8" or 12" (medium)      |
| >18 to 22"            | 20" or 24" (open)   | 16" (open)        | 12" or 16" (open)       |
| >22"                  | 24" (open)  | 20" or 16"*(open) | 16" or 20" (open)       |

\*Giant breed dogs measuring into 24" Regular may choose to compete 1 or 2 heights lower in Specials (see 2.7.2.2)

Where two jump heights are listed, the handler may choose which height their dog will jump at that trial. The dog must jump the same height for the whole trial, unless the dog changes categories during the trial.

Regular dogs may compete one height higher than their measured height.

Dogs entered in the Special category MUST jump one height lower than the lower of the two heights listed for Regular dogs.

Dogs entered in the Veteran and Junior Handler categories MUST jump one height lower than the lower of the two heights listed for Regular dogs (SD veteran), but may, at the handler's discretion, jump two heights lower (DD veteran), where available.

\*Veteran dogs entered in the Junior Handler Category will also have the option of jumping three heights lower than the lower of the two heights listed for Regular dogs, where available.

### **BIATHLON CLASSES – brief overview (see official rulebook for complete description and details)**

Introduced as a pilot project starting July 1, 2024. Biathlon classes are "ALL LEVEL", open to all dogs to compete with no pre-requisite required (open to Starters, Advanced, and Masters level dogs). Uniquely designed to be an Agility AND a Jumpers with Weaves class, but offers **three** ways to qualify:

1. Dogs who run BOTH the Agility and JWW rounds under SCT (time plus faults) will earn a Biathlon qualifier.
2. Dogs who run CLEAN under SCT in the Agility Round will earn a Standard Agility qualifier, at whatever level they are currently competing. Running without fault will be equivalent to a Standard qualifier at Master/Advanced/Starts level.
3. Dogs who run CLEAN under SCT in the Jumpers with Weaves Round will earn a Jumpers qualifier, at whatever level they are currently competing.

A dog who has a fault in the Agility class may not earn a Standard qualifier and/or a dog who has faults in the JWW class may not earn a Jumpers qualifier; but that dog may still earn a Biathlon qualifier if their faults are low enough to be able to run under (time + faults) SCT for both rounds. AAC recommends that dogs are entered in both Agility and JWW within a trial, but it is not required (can run just Agility or just Jumpers with Weaves).

### **RIBBONS AND ROSETTES**

Ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> in each Jump Height Category and qualifying ribbons for Qualifying Rounds.

Title Rosettes are also available.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

#### **Pet Friendly Hotels**

|                           |                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Residence Inn by Marriott | 3710 Market Street SE, Calgary  | (587)-349-8633                   |
| Deerfoot Inn              | 1000, 11500 – 35 St SE, Calgary | (403) 236-7529 or 1-888-875-4667 |

#### **VETERINARIANS**

|                                       |  |               |
|---------------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Southern Alberta Veterinary Emergency | 322233 15 <sup>th</sup> Street East, Okotoks, AB | (403)995-3270 |
| Fish Creek Pet Hospital (8am-8pm)     | 15311 Bannister Road SE, Calgary, AB             | (403)873-1700 |

**NOTE: BY AAC RULES, ENTRIES ARE NOT VALID UNTIL PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES HAS BEEN RECEIVED OR CONFIRMED!**

*Premium version 1.0 – complies with rules as of Dec. 5, 2024*