

# **Merrimac Dog Training Club Obedience & Rally Run-Throughs Instructions Open to Both Members and Non-Members**

## **A. Registration Merrimac Dog Training Club (MDTC)**

All registration MUST be submitted by e-mail by 5 PM the Tuesday before the Run-through date to provide ample time to process registrations (i.e., 5 PM Tuesday 03 January for a Run-Through scheduled for Saturday, 7 January).

Submit the following for each dog you wish to run by Email to Jim Swimme ([vestra@verizon.net](mailto:vestra@verizon.net)) at the earliest practicable date.

- **Handler's name:**
- **Handler's phone number:**
- **Dog's name:**
- **Breed:**
- **Each Obedience and/or rally class entered (and number of times you wish to run in each class. (See paragraph E.4 below about multiple runs):**
- **Jump height where applicable:**
- **Whether you want to run A or B for Open and Utility Obedience**

## **B. Fees & Payment**

1. Payment is required on the day of the run-through by check or **exact change** to minimize handling of paperwork and money
2. The registration table will be open for fee collection from **8:30AM - 10:30 AM.**
3. Showing starts at 9 AM and goes till we run out of customers
4. Obedience Run-through fees:
  - i. \$8 for one dog, 1<sup>st</sup> run
  - ii. \$7 for same dog, 2<sup>nd</sup> run
  - iii. \$5 for the same dog, 3<sup>rd</sup> run
5. Rally Run-through fees: \$5 for each Rally run
6. See paragraph E.3 below for "Facility-Ring Familiarization" class.

## **C. Covid Policy**

Signing a Covid specific waiver is no longer required for attendance. However, by signing up for this event you are agreeing to stipulations of the attached COVID policy statement.

## **D. Judging Schedule**

Everyone will be notified of the earliest start time for your earliest class via e mail, as soon after we close registration as practical. Runs will be grouped by class to minimize crowding in the building.

## **E. Run-Through Rules Policies and Procedures Showing starting** at 9 AM

1. We will have three rings. One ring for Rally & two rings for Obedience.
  - a. Rally Novice walk through will start at 8:45 with showing starting at 9 AM.
  - b. Beginner Novice (BN) then Novice Obedience (CD) and Utility (UDX) will start showing at 9 AM. Open level (CDX) will follow Novice (CD) or Utility (UDX) depending on which one finishes first.
  - c. Individual Handler Training equipment (e.g., "Go-out" targets, "Place" mats, "Front and Finish boxes", etc.) will not be allowed except if specifically approved beforehand by the judge and their use will normally be strictly limited to one repeat of one exercise.
  - d. We will only support AKC Obedience and Rally classes.

2. The “Judges” are in total control of everything related to their ring and may terminate any handlers time in the ring if they find their actions disruptive to the event.

3. To aid customers with new dogs/puppies, a special “Facility-Ring Familiarization” class will be offered. Fee for this is \$5 per dog. Dogs registered for a regular Rally or Obedience class are not eligible for this

a. Dog should have all shots appropriate to its age.

b. Dog must be able to maintain reasonable control (opinion of MDTC staff) in the building and when crated

c. Dog and Handler will have approximately 10 minutes in whichever ring finishes first (or after Utility if it moves to the rally ring).

4. We will be limiting registration to a maximum of 50 Obedience Runs (or maybe a little more) with a limit of 15 Open and 15 Utility runs. CLASS LIMITS MAY BE ADJUSTED BASED ON ACTUAL RECEIVED REGISTRATION and the following:

**A. For OBEDIENCE:** Except as noted below, the order of showing will be as noted in E.1. above.

1) Second (or third, etc.) runs of the same dog and handler in the same class will be on a space available basis for Obedience. The same team may enter 2 or more classes but please do not ask for a class that is not what you want based on this. We expect to be able to meet all requests. Slots are assigned based on order received if class or event fills so register early.

2) To facilitate operations if we have an extremely large Obedience registration, some classes may be divided or done in a separate ring. This will be a smaller ring but will still meet AKC ring requirements. If this is done, crating will not be allowed in much of the area at the end of the Rally Ring. Crating will be at the end of the Obedience ring, at the end of the added ring on the side with the Rally Ring, and in Building 17 (Barn Hunt Space).

**B. For RALLY:** Except as noted below, the order of showing will be Novice first, Then Advanced and Intermediate together, Excellent and Masters.

1) Second (or third, etc.) runs of the same dog and handler in the same class will be on a space available basis for Rally. The same team may enter 2 or more classes but please do not ask for a class that is not what you want based on this. We are likely to be able to honor all request.

2) The **Novice Rally** walk through will be from 8:45 - 9 AM. The Novice class will not be interrupted for additional Walk Throughs. An additional walk through will follow at the completion of the Novice Runs. Walk throughs maybe combined for the remaining classes.

3) Rally runs will be in order of class and jump height to minimize resets.

### **F. Planned Future Run Throughs**

Dates have not been established yet for other 2023 run-throughs.

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