

2010 AAC AB/NWT Regional Championships – Competitor Information Notice

June 18 – 20, 2010
Salisbury Athletic Park, Sherwood Park, AB

Are you getting excited yet??? We sure are ... and can't wait to see you here!

Here are all the important details you need to know for the upcoming weekend.

First and foremost, this is our biggest regionals ever. We have 228 dogs entered in regionals and 252 runs entered in Steeplechase 1 and 2 combined. Thankfully we have over 85 volunteers ready to help, which is fantastic. Here's how the regionals entries break down according to the various classes.

NUMBERS ENTERED IN EACH JUMP HEIGHT

	6"	10"	16"	22"	26"	TOTAL
Regular		5	22	40	28	95
Specials	7	17	19	12		55
Veterans	10	15	14	6		45
Veterans Double Drop	6	15	12			33
	23	52	67	58	28	228

We are just finishing up the final tweaks to the groups and running order. This will be sent out and posted to the web separately.

Directions

Please visit the website – “Venue” page for directions to the event site. Parking on Friday will be limited to the Festival Place lot as school will still be in session at Salisbury Composite High School. As a reminder, the County of Strathcona prohibits on-site camping in parking lots or your event tents as well as alcohol in public spaces.

Weekend schedule

Please note the following timetable. Things have been adjusted slightly to accommodate the increase in the number of dogs as well as the AAC rule that prohibits the non-sanctioned warm-up runs from occurring concurrently with the Sanctioned Steeplechase runs. You will notice that the warm-up runs are now after Steeplechase on Friday and will run a little later in the day to ensure there is enough time to complete the warm-ups.

As a reminder, check-in (and measuring) for Steeplechase is separate from Regionals check-in (and measuring). You will need to check-in twice if you are entered in both. Please bring your AAC Dog ID cards with you for check-in as it will make things go a little quicker. If you forget your cards (or if your dog has not been signed off in final measurement) you will need to have your dog measured. Regionals check-in is from 2-5 pm on Friday June 18, 2010. At that time you will also receive your orders for regionals clothing, catalogues and banquet tickets. Also at that time, for those that require it, additional payments, adjustments to cheques and so forth will be completed.

Thurs. June 17/10

12:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Venue set-up

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Competitor benching set-up

Please note, you are welcome to come out earlier and help out, but you will not be able to bench or reserve space until 7 pm. This is in order to meet our set-up requirements. Thanks.

Fri. June 18/10

7:30 am to 8:00 pm
Competitor benching set-up

8:30 am to 2:30 pm
Steeplechase 1
Check-in & measuring 8:30 am
Judge’s Briefing 9 am
Walkthrough 9:15 am
First Dog on the line 9:30 am

Steeplechase 2
Check-in & measuring 11 am
Judge’s Briefing & Walkthrough 11:45 pm
First Dog on the line 12:05 pm

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Regionals Competitors’
Registration/Check-in
Measuring (if required)

Note check-in for regionals is separate from Steeplechase. You will be required to check-in (& measure) for both events if you are entered in both.

Approx 2:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Warm-up runs will start after Steeplechase 2 is done

Warm-up Runs (2 rings)
Touch’N Go with Weaves
5’6” A-frame – Ring 1 (BLUE)
5’0” A-frame – Ring 3 (RED)
90 seconds max per run

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Opening ceremonies & courses drawn

Sat. June 19/10

7:15 am to 8:00 am
Late Registration/Check-in
Measuring (if required)

7:45 am to 8:15 am
Open Walk Through for Saturday events (*this is your chance to walk all three rings*)

8:15 am to 8:30 am
General Briefing

8:30 am to 8:45 am
First Event Judges Briefing.
• Walk through (7 minutes) Regulars
• Walk through (7 minutes) Special/Veteran

8:45 am
First dog on the line

The second event will start 30 minutes after all rings are finished the first event. (estimated break from 11 am to 11:30 am; starting Run #2 at 11:30 am)

The third event will start 30 minutes after all rings are finished the second event. (estimated break from 2 pm to 2:30 pm; starting Run #3 at 2:30 pm).

5:30 pm
Banquet BBQ Dinner Buffet
Festival Place

Sun. June 20/10

7:30 am to 8:00 am
Open Walk Through for Sunday events (*this is your chance to walk all three rings*)

8:00 am
Announcements & General briefing

8:15 am
First Event Judges Briefing.
• Walk through (7 minutes) Veteran/Special
• Walk through (7 minutes) Regular

8:30 a.m.
First dog on the line

The second event will start 30 minutes after all rings are finished the first event. (estimated break from 10:45 am to 11:15 am; starting Run #2 at 11:15 am)

The third event will start 30 minutes after all rings are finished the second event. (estimated break from 1:45 pm to 2:15 pm; starting Run #3 at 2:15 pm).

The raffle will be drawn during the break between Run#2 and Run #3.

Steeplechase Challenge will be held as soon after the last run as possible (~5 pm)

Closing presentations will be done as soon as possible after final verifications are done. (~6:30 pm)

Volunteers

We are very grateful to the many volunteers planning to give up their weekend for this event. It wouldn't be possible without their help. Please take the time to thank them during the course of the event. **If you are able to bring a small token of thanks (such as a \$10 gift card or another small item) that would be greatly appreciated. These items will be used to thank the volunteers in a special way.**

First Aid and Veterinarian on call

As a service to competitors, at check-in there will be a booklet that you may choose to record any pertinent emergency medical information (such as allergies, special medications or instructions). This information will be kept with the first aid supplies, only accessed in the event of a medical emergency and will not be retained after the weekend.

Drs. Joel Torkelson and Kim Robinson of Granada Veterinary Clinic Ltd., Sherwood Park, AB will be the on-site/on-call veterinarians all weekend. Granada Veterinary Clinic Ltd. is located a few blocks from the event site.

Granada Veterinary Clinic Ltd.

304-101 Granada Blvd.
Sherwood Park, AB T8A 4W2
(780) 464-1287

Merchandise

Orders will be distributed at check-in. Additionally there will be zipper pulls, hats and a limited number of wicking T's available for purchase on-site. We will also be collecting orders for a second run of clothing before nationals. Look for the merchandise booth at regionals.

Food Services & Washrooms

There will be porta-potties on site for your use. You are also free to use the washroom facilities in the nearby arena and pool when those buildings are open to the public. Similarly those buildings have some vending machines for beverages and light snacks.

Potential on-site food options are being confirmed for your convenience. Also, as this event is located in the heart of Sherwood Park, there are numerous eateries located just minutes from the site for lunch and other dining options. There are also several grocery stores nearby. Sherwood Park Mall area (follow Sherwood Drive just NE of the trial site) has a Safeway/Starbucks, Tim Horton's, Subway and several other options for take out and dine-in.

Raffle, Vendors and Special Awards

We have a very special raffle planned for this weekend. If you would like to contribute something to the raffle you may bring it with you. The raffle will only be open to competitors and volunteers and all proceeds from the raffle and regionals, beyond event costs, will be going back into the AB/NWT Nationals Fund.

We have some great sponsors and vendors lined up as well. Many of them have contributed to the competitor bags and raffle. Please come and support these excellent vendors. EIDAP Inc. microchips will be donating their proceeds from any on-site micro-chipping to the AB/NWT Nationals Fund.

You may have noticed the special awards section on the website. These prizes are being donated by various clubs and individuals and go towards the regionals recipient of their choice or their criteria. Please contact Katrina.cameron@gmail.com if you would like to award a special prize.

General Site info and etiquette reminders...

Just a reminder, but you know the drill. All the AAC rules and guidelines apply to this event. This includes the procedures and processes for dealing with incidents of dog aggression. An updated copy will be located with the results binders.

Please pick up after your dogs. There will be a fenced off-leash potty area. Dogs must remain on-leash in all other areas except during your warm-up and agility runs. No exceptions. There is a beautiful lake and path system to walk your dog on leash. We hope you get to enjoy it with your dog at some point over the weekend.

This event is in a very public place. You will be responsible for your dog at all times. Benching in the tenting area is preferred. It will be closed off to the public as much as possible, but you should ensure your dogs are contained in appropriate pens and crates. The parking lots surrounding the event facility are very open to the public. Benching out of your car will be less secure, especially if it is warm and you need to keep your vehicle open. There will be overnight security patrolling the site, but as this is a very public place please do not leave valuables in your benching area.

Regionals events run rain or shine so be prepared with appropriate clothing, hats, outerwear, sunscreen, water, bug spray, and shelter/cooling for your dogs.

***And remember ...
please thank the judges and volunteers,
be nice to your dog,
have fun and
good luck!***