

RAINIER AGILITY TEAM

EVENTS POLICY AND PRIMARY WORKER BENEFITS

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SHOW COMMITTEE. The Events Committee recommends that the Show Committee for each Rainier Agility Team trial consist of the following:

Trial Chair
Co-Chair (if needed for a 2-ring trial)
Trial Secretary
Assistant Trial Secretary (if needed for a 2-ring trial)
Chief Course Builders (1 Chief Course Builder Per Ring)
Ring Stewards (1 or 2 per ring)
Equipment Manager
Volunteer Hospitality
Awards
Judges Hospitality
Electronics Manager
Trailer Hauling
Raffle (Optional)

NEW EVENTS For a new trial, event, or demo to be added to RAT's schedule or for a new site to be considered as a site for RAT League, a written proposal shall be presented to the Board endorsed by at least four (4) current RAT members (at least one of whom shall be a Member in Good Standing (MIGS) with voting rights), who shall each commit to participate in the planning for such trial, event, or demo or to enroll in League at that site. The proposal shall contain a description of the trial, event, demo, or facility (location, amenities, equipment needs, etc.), the names of the current RAT members who are committed to participate in the planning of such trial, event, or demo or to enroll at such site, and an estimate of costs to rent the facility for such trial, event, demo, or site. The proposal shall be presented to the Board at least (a) four (4) months before the date of such proposed trial or event; or (b) two (2) months before the date of such proposed demo; or (c) two (2) months before the date that sign-ups for League are scheduled to begin at the proposed new site.

PRIMARY WORKERS WITHOUT DOG. Experienced workers who volunteer to work all day at a trial when they are not running their own dog greatly aid in the smooth running of a trial. Not all workers who volunteer to work without a dog are "Primary Workers". A "Primary Worker w/o Dog" is an experienced worker (whether or not a RAT member) who volunteers to work a full day (all classes unless not needed) without a dog as a Timer, Scribe, Scorekeeper, or Gate Steward. RAT encourages experienced workers who wish to act as a Primary Worker w/o Dog to contact directly the Chief Ring Stewards as early as possible and no later than three (3) weeks prior to the trial date to volunteer to work in a key position. RAT members who receive inquiries about volunteering to be a Primary Worker w/o Dog shall forward these inquiries to the Chief Ring Stewards.

STUDENTS AND NEW RAT MEMBERS. One of the best ways to learn about the sport of agility and to prepare yourself for trialing with your own dog is to volunteer to work at an agility trial. There are many jobs for inexperienced workers, such as bar-setting, leash running, scribe running and ring crew. The Chief Ring Stewards will help train inexperienced workers. Working in the ring is a great way to get an "up-close" view of the dogs and handlers in action. RAT encourages students and new members who wish to work at a trial to contact directly the Chief Ring Stewards as early as possible and no later than one (1) week prior to the trial date to volunteer to work at the trial. Please let the Chief Ring Stewards know when you will be available, for how many classes, and what your experience level is. All RAT members (and teachers of agility classes in particular) who receive inquiries from students and new RAT members about volunteering at a trial are encouraged to aid

these volunteers by (a) letting them know about the RAT web site, (b) helping them to contact the Chief Ring Stewards, and (c) giving them general information about RAT agility trials. For example, a RAT member is encouraged to send a joint email to the Chief Ring Stewards and the volunteer, introducing them to each other and letting the Chief Ring Stewards know that the volunteer is available.

VOUCHERS. The following members of the Show Committee and Primary Workers w/o Dog will receive vouchers that may be applied towards the cost of entries at that trial or a later RAT trial:

	1-Ring Trial	2-Ring Trial
Trial Chair:	2 vouchers	3 vouchers
Co-Chair (if needed for 2-ring trial):		2 vouchers
Trial Secretary:	2 vouchers	4 vouchers
Assistant Secretary (if needed for 2-ring trial):		2 vouchers
Chief Course Builder (2 per ring):	2 vouchers per <u>ring</u>	2 vouchers per <u>ring</u>
Chief Ring Steward (2 or 4 per ring):	2 vouchers per <u>ring</u>	2 vouchers per <u>ring</u> (1)
Volunteer Hospitality: Morning hospitality only: AM hospitality <u>and</u> lunches:	1 voucher TBD case-by-case	2 vouchers TBD case-by-case
Judges Hospitality (1 voucher per judge they are responsible for) (2)	1 or 2 vouchers	1 or 2 vouchers
Equipment Manager (includes packing trailers):	1 voucher	2 vouchers
Primary Worker w/o Dog	1 voucher/day worked	1 voucher/day worked

(1) At some 2-ring trials, one of the Chief Ring Stewards may prepare the Worker Schedule for both rings ahead of time, which would involve substantial additional work prior to the trial weekend. The Trial Chair may give such Chief Ring Steward an additional voucher for the advance preparation of all Worker Schedules.

(2) The Judges Hospitality person will be responsible for the judge's transport to/from the airport, to/from their hotel, to/from dinner. They will coordinate with the show committee to arrange for the judge's dinner and also make sure the judges gets lunch and has snacks and drinks throughout the day.

The person(s) pulling the equipment van shall receive approximately \$1.725/mile round-trip from Kent to the trial site, as follows:

Round-trip to Elma (approx. 75 miles each way from Kent)	5 vouchers/driver or 4 vouchers/driver plus 2 nights at a motel, if the driver pulls the equipment van IN LIEU of bringing his/her own pull-behind trailer or RV to the trial.
Round-trip to Argus (approx. 14 miles each way)	2 vouchers/driver

A voucher is worth Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). A voucher may be applied toward the entry fees for a dog or dogs at one RAT trial up to the amount of the voucher. There will be no refunds if the entire amount of the voucher is not used. For example, if a worker has 2 vouchers (for \$100.00) and only enters his/her dog in runs totaling \$85.00, there will be no refund or credit for \$15.00.

The Trial Chair or the Trial Secretary shall deliver the vouchers to the members of the Show Committee listed above either at the trial or prior to the Opening Date of the trial so that the vouchers can be mailed in with their entry. The Chief Ring Stewards shall deliver the vouchers to Primary Workers w/o Dog at the trial.

LODGING. In addition to vouchers, the Trial Chair(s) and the Trial Secretary(ies) shall be reimbursed for the cost of their lodging for the trial weekend and the drivers of the equipment vans shall be reimbursed for the cost of camping or, if a driver pulls the equipment van IN LIEU of bringing his/her own pull-behind trailer or RV to the trial, the cost of their lodging for the trial weekend. The “cost of their lodging” shall mean the cost, for each night before a trial day, of staying at the motel/hotel where the judges are staying or at a comparable motel/hotel, either alone or with their spouse or friend. If the Trial Chair or the Trial Secretary elects to camp on-site instead, the “cost of their lodging” shall mean their actual cost of camping.

FOOD. All workers are eligible for Lunch Coupons which may also be used for the raffle (if there is one). The Trial Chair(s) and Trial Secretary(ies) shall be reimbursed for their dinner when taking the judges out to dinner. If someone other than a Trial Chair or a Trial Secretary takes a judge out to dinner (for example, on the way to or from the airport), that person shall also be reimbursed for his/her dinner with the judge.

GIFTS. At the discretion of the Trial Chair, small “thank you” gifts (approximate value \$10/each) may be given to members of the Show Committee, such as gift cards, mugs, extra souvenirs, special treats, or food bags.

PRIORITY ENTRY. Members of the Show Committee who volunteer prior to the Opening Date of a RAT limited trial (such as our Winter NADAC trial) shall have their entries to such trial accepted prior to other entries postmarked the same date and will not need to participate in a draw, if there is one.