

SAGUARO SCRAMBLERS (SSAC) PRACTICE:
NEW COVID19 PROCEDURES FOR ARTHUR PACK PARK ANNEX AND REID PARK

In order to comply with CDC guidelines and legal requirements for reducing the spread of COVID-19, a number of normal practice procedures will be modified; we want to keep everyone as safe as possible while still having the opportunity to have fun with our dogs! These procedures may change, depending on changing recommendations by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as well as executive orders, resolutions and/or statutes issued by the State of Arizona, Pima County or the City of Tucson.

All practices/events sponsored by SSAC at the Arthur Pack Park Annex (APP) Field and Reid Park will be supervised by a Practice Manager or his designee. Steve Brault is the current Practice Manager. He can be reached by email (steve@jedidog.com) or at (480)560-6283.

IN ORDER TO ATTEND SUNDAY APP PRACTICE OR TUESDAY NIGHT REID PARK PRACTICE, YOU MUST R.S.V.P. TO STEVE BRAULT (OR HIS DESIGNEE) OR YOU CANNOT ATTEND.

SUNDAY APP PRACTICE: On the Thursday before Sunday practice, the Practice Manager (Steve) or his designee will send out a reminder of the applicable COVID19 procedures, the proposed course map and a solicitation for prospective handlers to RSVP to him for a practice slot.

Handlers who wish to attend will send an email to the Practice Manager (Steve) to include whether the handler anticipates visitors to attend and the number; handlers must submit their request not later than 6 p.m. on Saturday. The Practice Manager (Steve) will send handlers a confirmation email that the handler has a practice slot.

Handlers who have not sent an email requesting a practice slot may not be permitted to practice, at the discretion of the Practice Manager.

The Practice Manager (Steve) will accept emails requesting a slot on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The Practice Manager will authorize no more handlers and visitors at Sunday APP Practice than permitted by the Governor's Executive Order and Board of Supervisor Resolution in effect on the date of practice. As of August 10, 2020, the limit of handlers and visitors is 50 persons.

TUESDAY REID PARK PRACTICE

Practice is anticipated to reopen on August 18th, and Steve will send a notice to the membership to confirm the reopening.

The procedures for Reid Park are similar to those for APP Practice, except there is no course map and the limit will be 10 people. **Handlers who want to attend must send the Practice Manager (Steve) an email** requesting a Reid Park practice slot not later than noon on Tuesday; he will accept requests on a first come-first-served-basis; Steve will send handlers a confirmation email that the handler has a practice slot.

CRATING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

All handlers will space their crating area at least 10 feet apart. The Agility Field (obstacle course) at APP will be set up at least 20 feet from any crating area and at Reid Park at least 10 feet from any crating area. The agility course will be designed with a clearly designated entrance and exit.

Handlers will adhere to social distancing rules promulgated by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Handlers and visitors are encouraged to enter the field at APP using the far east dugout entrance or the middle dugout entrance, and to avoid the gate where agility equipment is brought from the storage container onto the field.

All Handlers are required to wear a face covering when it is reasonably anticipated that they will come within 6 feet of other participants. "Face covering" includes cloth face masks, disposable face masks, surgical style cloth masks, and gaiter style face coverings. Face coverings must be worn to cover the nose as well as the mouth.

Handlers may run the course without a face covering; however, if it is reasonably anticipated that the handler will come within 6 feet of other participants either approaching the course or after exiting the course, the handler must be prepared to wear a face covering at those times. Any person designated to judge a handler/dog team must wear a face covering. No dog is required to wear a face covering. The Practice Manager will decide whether the number of handlers and the layout of the course allow for 6 ft social distancing, and if not, the Practice Manager may need to split Walk-Throughs into groups.

SSAC will not provide face coverings.

SANITATION

SSAC will provide disinfecting soap for both bathrooms at APP Annex; SSAC will provide hand sanitizer at Reid Park.

SSAC has no plans to sanitize or otherwise clean agility equipment, including jump bars. Nevertheless handlers are expected to assist in setting up the course, particularly at APP.

SSAC encourages handlers and their authorized visitors to wash or sanitize their hands often. Otherwise, authorized handlers and authorized visitors are responsible for their own disinfecting supplies.

We are trying to eliminate or limit the handling of materials (pens, cash, etc) by multiple people.

1. There will be no sign in sheet. You must RSVP to Steve (or his designee) in order to attend. A designee will prepare a run-order by jump height if a significant number of dogs are present.

2. Steve will send out the course map on the Thursday before Sunday APP Practice. Bring your own copy of the Sunday APP course. There may be copies of the Sunday course available, but once you pick up a course map, it's yours, not to be handled by others. No course map will be provided for Reid Park practice.
3. Payment can be check or cash, but cash must be exact amount (we don't want handlers fishing for change!). Participants can use BitBucks but you must include a 3x5 card with your name, date of practice, and Bit Buck amount to be applied to the total practice fee; put the 3x5 card, cash or check in the pencil pouch.
4. Except for VT runs, no leash running will occur. Handlers are encouraged to run the course with a leash in a pocket, or to place a second leash at the end of the course and after the run is completed, retrieve the first leash at the beginning of the course.

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. By attending these events, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN THE HANDLER BEING EXCUSED FROM PRACTICE. THE PRACTICE MANAGER, IN HIS/HER SOLE DISCRETION, WILL DETERMINE IF A HANDLER SHOULD BE EXCUSED FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW PRACTICE RULES. NO REFUND OF PRACTICE FEES WILL BE GIVEN.