

OTAGO CANINE TRAINING CLUB

COVID LEVEL 2 TRAINING AND SHOWS

All club members are expected to abide by the following policy. Prior application for exemptions must be made to the Secretary. Exemptions that conflict with legal requirements or lack sufficient merit will be declined.

MASKS

Masks are not compulsory during training classes or shows, but are strongly encouraged. Masks may be required during course walkthroughs and other activities where close contact with lots of other people is unavoidable. Masks may be carried in a pocket while competing. A mask is to be worn in areas of the venue where members of the public may be encountered.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Physical distancing of one metre from other people attending a class or show is encouraged, unless they are close friends or family, however this is not always practical. A two metre distance from members of the public (eg in the carpark, dog park etc) is expected elsewhere.

HANDLERS & INSTRUCTORS/OFFICIALS ONLY

No person is permitted in the hall or within the outside training/show area, unless there to handle a dog, instruct a class, act as an official, or otherwise undertake club or show business. If there is a valid and unavoidable reason for bringing a non-participating person, or where the only other option is for a member to not attend training or a show, an exemption must be applied for by contacting the Secretary prior to the event. All attendees must provide full contact details as a condition of entry and follow all covid-related instructions. In all cases, priority will be given to members training or competing with a dog over spectators, regardless of the circumstances, and any exemption will be withdrawn if the limit on numbers is exceeded.

LIMITS ON NUMBERS

The number of people attending any class or show may be limited, depending on legislation in place at the time. Numbers may be further limited by the need for physical distancing. All attendees must sign or scan in, be recorded as present, and provide full contact details (if not already held by the club). The number of persons allowed will apply per night, per day, or per event (eg over the whole weekend at a two day show), not just number of people present at any one time. A list of people attending any class or event must be sent to the Secretary and held for two months.

SCANNING AND SIGNING IN

A QR code and written attendance sheet will be made available for attendees at all training and shows, in addition to our own record keeping. Everyone attending a class or show is required to scan or sign in.

LIMITED ACCESS

Access to non-training spaces (kitchen, secretary office, garage, and judges' room) is limited to those who actually need to be in there. The number of people in the garage while moving gear in or out should be kept to a minimum.

HYGIENE

Everyone attending a class or event is asked to wash/sanitise their hands when entering the hall or park, before handling any equipment, before prizegivings, and any time they have come into contact with a high use surface, such as door handles or gate latches.

REFUNDS

Unused training fees, show entries, and membership fees will be transferred to a later date or refunded (at the club's discretion), upon application, to anyone who is unable to attend training or shows due to flu, cold, or covid symptoms, an order to isolate, or general anxiety around covid. The club may ask for a doctor's certificate or other documentation.