IMPORTANT COVID 19 GUIDELINES

The BTCA’s National Specialty COVID19 Event Safety Plan is prepared according to the CDC guidelines, the State of Arizona and the City of Tucson rules in force at the time of the event, and it is subject to change.

Failure to comply could subject any individual to being removed from the show grounds and/or disciplinary action in accordance with the AKC’s Dealing with Misconduct rules.

- IF YOU ARE ILL, FEEL UNWELL, COUGHING, SNEEZING, RUNNING A TEMPERATURE OF 100.4 F OR HIGHER, OR HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO ANYONE WITH COVID19 WITHIN THE LAST TWO WEEKS, STAY HOME
- Mandatory masks are required of all attendees and must be worn in accordance with the City of Tucson Ordinance # 11767
- A face shield can be worn with a mask but cannot be worn by itself as it is not an acceptable alternative to a mask
- 6 feet minimum of social distancing must be maintained at all times throughout the show site
- Self-monitoring for COVID19 symptoms is required of all attendees
- Daily self-screening for COVID19 symptoms is required of all attendees upon entering the hotel premises and the events ground
- Based on current information and clinical expertise, older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions (heart disease, chronic lungs disease, asthma, diabetes, etc.) might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID19 and should not attend the Event
General Event Layout & Logistics

1. Club members, officials, vendors and exhibitors will be required to follow all CDC guidelines, State of Arizona, & City of Tucson ordinances and Westin La Paloma policies regarding COVID-19, including social distancing consistent with current guidelines.
2. Boston Terrier Club of America (BTCA) will be prepared to enforce the guidelines that apply to this event. Enforcement includes verbal warning and/or dismissal from the event.
3. This National Specialty is a private event. As is, it is only opened to BTCA members, members of BTCA affiliate clubs, and Boston Terrier Owners. All participants will abide by the BTCA’s guidelines included in this Safety Plan.
4. The BTCA COVID-19 Event Safety Plan will be posted in the Premium List and on the club’s website prior to the event. Additionally, the plan will be printed and included with the club’s on-site AKC Disaster Plan notebook.
5. Marc Kelly, Show Chair, is the designated official as the COVID-19 Point Of Contact for this event if a person becomes sick with COVID-19 symptoms.
6. Self-monitoring COVID-19 symptoms will be required of all club members, officials, vendors and exhibitors.
7. A laser thermometer with gloves and hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance of the Ballroom.
8. If a participant reports or shows signs of COVID-19 symptoms, he/she shall withdraw immediately from the event and be instructed to go home or to a healthcare facility, depending on how severe the symptoms are, and follow CDC guidance regarding self-care. If going to a healthcare facility, the healthcare facility will be called first to alert them that the person may have COVID-19.
9. Individuals who have close contact with a person with COVID-19 symptoms at the event will be separated, sent home, and advised to follow CDC guidance for community-related exposure.
10. In accordance with state and local laws and regulations, the event’s designated COVID-19 Point Of Contact shall notify the Pima County Health Department, event staff and attendees of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
11. Mandatory masks will be required for all officials, judges, volunteers, & exhibitors. Masks will be available for any person who does not have one.
12. Face shields will NOT be allowed as an acceptable alternative to face masks per CDC guidelines.
13. Hand sanitizer stations will be provided and maintained by the Westin La Paloma and placed at the separate entrances and exits to the building and multiple locations throughout the premises.
14. Hand sanitizer will be provided by BTCA at all event specific areas such as the head/trophy/catalog table, stewards tables, etc.
15. Individual hand sanitizer will be provided to all participants at the beginning and during the week of the event.
16. All common areas and frequently touched surfaces will be disinfected at least every 2 hours or less by BTCA officials and volunteers.
17. All event specific areas such as the head/trophy/catalog table, steward tables, etc. will be disinfected on an hourly schedule by volunteers using the following product or similar product:

National Chemical Laboratories, Inc *Neutral Q Disinfectant Cleaner*  
- EPA Registration NO. 10324-154-2296, Concentration per manufacturer instructions for SARS-CoV-2 virus

18. Six foot taped markers on the floor will be used around all event specific areas such as the head/trophy/catalog table, steward tables, etc. to maintain the required social distancing.

19. To minimize congestion, no congregating in the aisles will be allowed.

20. No common use pens/pencils – Exhibitors will bring their own. If needed, exhibitors will be provided new pens to use and keep.

21. Meals – No open kitchen or potluck allowed. Boxed lunches will be provided to judges and volunteers. Judges will also have the option of pre-ordering their lunch, have it delivered to their rooms during lunch breaks.

22. There will be no club’s hospitality drink & snack cart at this event.

23. Food and beverages shall only be consumed while seated in spaces designated by the Westin La Paloma.

24. Attendees will not be allowed to eat at ringside.

25. Prominent signage in English will be posted throughout the building regarding hand washing, mandatory masks, social distancing, etc.

26. Frequent reminder announcements will be made regarding hand washing, mandatory masks, social distancing, etc.

27. The venue’s ventilation system will be checked for proper operation prior to and monitored during the event per the Westin La Paloma. Outdoor air circulation will be increased as much as possible by opening any screened windows and doors when it is safe to do so.

28. Prior to the start of the event each day, there will be a training/educational briefing for club members, officials, vendors and exhibitors regarding the event’s COVID-19 safety protocol and enforcement.

29. When an exhibitor is done for the day, they will be encouraged to leave the show venue in order to minimize congregating.

**Event Practices**

1. Ring Set-Up:
   - Rings will be laid out to maintain the required 6 foot social distancing.
   - In the conformation ring, two gates will be used, one for dogs entering and one for dogs exiting.
   - Six foot taped markers on the floor of each ring will be utilized to provide exhibitors reference points for social distancing.
   - Self-serve armband tables will be utilized at the ring entrances and exhibitors will be responsible for picking up their own armbands.
• Stewards will be responsible for finding a dog in the catalog if the exhibitor does not know the armband number. Stewards will not hand their catalogs to exhibitors for review.

• Limited public seating will be provided at designated areas around the ring.

• Private chair use will not be allowed in high traffic areas and will be required to maintain social distancing protocol.

• Public poop scoops will NOT be provided in the ex-pens. Exhibitors will be required to clean up after their own dogs.

2. Exhibitors:

• Exhibitors will be required to maintain the required social distancing from other exhibitors while showing their dogs.

• Exhibitors will be encouraged to bring their own masks, hand sanitizer, pens and armband rubber bands or paperclips. BTCA will provide these items if needed.

• Exhibitors will be encouraged to avoid touching dogs that are not their responsibility.

• Each exhibitor shall know their own armband number before going to the ring.

• Exhibitors will not be allowed to congregate at rings, ring gates, superintendent table or head/trophy/catalog tables.

• Ringside crating area will be available to exhibitors with dogs being currently judged in the ring. Exhibitors must vacate as soon as they are done with showing their dog(s). NO ALL-DAY SET UP ALLOWED.

3. Grooming & Crating:

• The layout of the indoor and grooming areas and spaces will comply with the required social distancing.

• Individual grooming spaces will be marked off with tape on the floor to ensure the required social distancing will be maintained.

• Forced air/high velocity dryers will NOT be allowed in the grooming area (conformation event), nor in the Sonoran rooms (obedience/rally event).

4. Judging, Stewards and Awards:

• Judges and stewards will practice ring awareness and take appropriate measures to maintain required social distancing.

• Armbands will be laid out on the ring steward table for exhibitors to pick up before they enter the ring.

• All classes shall be called in catalog order to provide order and efficiency.
• Judges are to have the exhibitor display the dog’s oral exam and may personally examine the dog’s mouth ONLY if absolutely necessary.
• Judges shall sanitize their hands after examining each entry. Re-examining of dogs will be minimized.
• Win ribbons will be laid out on the ring steward table for the exhibitors to pick up as they exit the ring.
• Trophy presenters will not be utilized.
• No handshakes will be permitted.
• Equipment used to measure and/or weigh dogs will be sanitized before and after each use

5. Head/Trophy /Catalog Tables:
• The head table, trophy table and catalog table will be combined into one area (head/trophy/catalog) to decrease the number of club officials utilized at this event.
• Six foot taped markers on the floor will be used around the tables to maintain the required social distancing.
• Club officials at the tables will maintain the required social distance while working.
• Trophies will be laid out on the tables for exhibitors to pick up self-serve.

6. Host Clubs
• Clubs hosting dog shows on Monday May 24 & 25, 2021 will be required to operate under this event safety plan, state and city ordinances and CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19.

7. Show Superintendent:
• The superintendent will be required to operate under this event safety plan, state and city ordinances and CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19.
• The superintendent area will be laid out to comply with the required social distancing protocol.

8. Obedience & Rally Competition
• Officials, volunteers, and attendees of the Obedience & Rally Competition will be required to operate under this event safety plan, state and city ordinances and CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19.
• Masks are mandatory and should be worn at all time in the Sonoran Room and the hotel premises.
• Cones must be used in place of stewards in the Obedience Figure Eight.
Exercises

• Chairs will be placed for leashes and dumbbells. Chairs will be wiped down between competitors. Stewards will not handle these items.
• Stewards will place Utility scent articles and gloves with tongs.
• Rally maps will be posted in two places away from the rings. Participants should use cell phones to photograph the maps. Maps will be posted well in advance or ring time.
• Competitors are expected to maintain proper social distancing at all times.
• These trials are offered under very unusual circumstances. Those who are unable to wear a mask, or to comply with the special COVID19 requirements should refrain from attending for their own safety and the safety of other participants.

9. Vendors:

• All vendors will be required to operate under this event safety plan, state and city ordinances and CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19.
• Vendor stalls will be limited and laid out to comply with the required social distancing protocol.
• Vendor stalls will be separated from each other by a minimum distance of 6 feet.
• Vendors will be encouraged to provide their own hand sanitizer at their booths.

10. Show Photographs:

• The show photographer will be required to operate under the event safety plan, state and city ordinances and CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19.
• The judge will be standing 6 feet away from the dog handler.
• There will be no shaking of hands.
• Photographer will provide his own hand sanitizer at his booth.
Links

1. Center for Disease Control

2. State of Arizona Executive Order 2020-59
   https://azgovernor.gov/executive-orders

3. City of Tucson Executive Orders and Ordinances

4. Pima County Health Department
   https://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=563362
   https://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=636848
   https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMVloG8cTzKU1pFC8G1QfhYW-cQ_JzkMUmFv2p7zb1FXQQ/viewform
   https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMVloG8cTzKU1pFC8G1QfhYW-cQ_JzkMUmFv2p7zb1FXQQ/viewform