

**AKC GENERAL COVID-19 PROTOCOLS
FOR AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK
at the Orange County Convention Center
December 6-14, 2020**

The following is an overview of the protocols that must be followed at all AKC Events taking place at the Orange County Convention Center (“OCCC”) December 6-14, 2020.

Please refer to the AKC web site and Event landing page at www.akc.org/sports/conformation/national-championship for the most current rules and policies. All information is **subject to change** at the discretion of the American Kennel Club, Inc.

- There will be no public access to the Events. Only Approved Attendees may enter the venue. Approved attendees include Judges, Exhibitors, Event staff, media production staff, handlers, handlers’ assistants, owners of entered dogs, Delegates, vendors and participants in AKC Judges Institutes.
- As an Approved Attendee, you must fill out and bring a completed [Waiver](#) in order to enter the venue on the first day entering the facility. Minors must have their own signature as well as signature of a parent or legal guardian on the Waiver.
- Approved Attendees must also fill out and bring a completed [Your Covid-19 Self-Declaration](#) form on the first day entering the venue in order to gain access to the Events. Minors must have their own signature as well as signature of a parent or legal guardian on the [Your Covid-19 Self-Declaration](#) form.
- Approved Attendees must also have their temperature checked by Event staff each day before entering the venue. You will receive a sticker each day to prove that your temperature has been checked at the official entrances.
- On the first day you enter the venue, you will receive a wristband after submitting your Waiver, Your Covid-19 Self-Declaration form and temperature check. You must keep your wristband on at all times for the duration of your stay. If your wristband is lost or broken, you must re-submit all forms and have your temperature checked again.
- If you are not an Approved Attendee, do not attempt to visit the OCCC in person. Instead, please tune in to [AKCtv](#) and [AKC.org](#) for coverage of the Events. If you are unsure about your status, email covidquestions@akc.org
- Everyone will be required to wear a mask at all times on Event grounds, inside and outdoors. Refer to the [AKC Face Mask Policy](#) at the OCCC for specific requirements.
- Everyone will be required to follow social distancing guidelines. This means maintaining six feet of distance from others, not congregating at ringside, following wayfinding signs and remaining within designated set-ups.
- Exhibiting will be “Show and Go” where possible. There is to be no spectating of competition classes that you are not entered in. There will be no ringside seating permitted.

As of October 8, 2020

- Conformation Exhibitors: If you are not in the next upcoming classes you should not remain ringside. Please return to your grooming set-up or leave the building once your classes have completed.
 - Agility, Obedience and Rally Exhibitors: Unless you are required to remain near the rings for judging, please return to your crating area if you must remain in the building.
 - Fast CAT participants: Please leave the venue when you have finished competing for the day. Return to your crating area between runs if you are entered in both Saturday events.
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- Expect “limited contact enhancements” for social distancing purposes. This includes cashless transactions, pre-paid catalogues and discontinued social gatherings.
 - Please do not smoke within 100 feet of the facility.
 - AKC is putting extra effort into cleaning and sanitation for additional safety measures. Please bring cleaning supplies for your own grooming/crating area. Remember to do your part by cleaning up after your dogs at all times.

These protocols have been put in place to protect the health and safety of everyone at the Events and to ensure our ability to host you and your incredible dogs.

Thank you for your cooperation.