

**AKC GENERAL COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR
AKC RALLY® & OBEDIENCE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK
at the Roberts Centre in Wilmington, Ohio
July 6-11, 2021**

The following is an overview of the protocols that must be followed at all AKC Events taking place at the Roberts Centre ("RC") July 6-11, 2021.

Please refer to the AKC web site and Event landing page at <https://www.akc.org/sports/obedience/events/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, and vendors.
- As an Approved Attendee, you must fill out and bring a completed [Waiver](#) (to be posted at a later date) 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.
- Attendees traveling with exhibitors 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 and temperature sticker 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 lose your sticker you must go back to the COVID check-in area to get another one.
- If you are not an Approved Attendee, do not attempt to visit the RC in person. Instead, please tune in to [AKCtv](#) and [AKC.org](#) for coverage of the Events. If you are unsure about your status, email RNC@akc.org or AKC-NOC@akc.org.
- Everyone will be required to correctly wear a mask at all times while inside the Event Grand Ballroom, foyer, and hallway. This extends to while performing in the rings. Face shields will only be allowed if a mask is also worn. No gaiter style masks will be allowed. Please review and be familiar with the [AKC Face Mask Policy](#). Failure to follow this policy will result in dismissal from the grounds which could also include a misconduct hearing.
- Everyone will be required to follow social distancing guidelines. This means maintaining six feet of distance from others, social distancing at ringside and within designated set-ups.

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- All attendees will be allowed to stay and watch the competition through to the end, all while maintaining social distancing. Ringside chairs will not be provided. Personal chairs, if used, must be spaced at least 6' apart, unless you are part of the same group. Chairs must be at least 6' away from all ring gating and may not be placed in the center aisles, or next to the livestreaming cameras or stage.
- Expect "limited contact enhancements" for social distancing purposes. This includes maintaining social distancing ringside, 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 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 AKC's ability to host you and your incredible dogs.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us hold safe events to celebrate you and your dog's accomplishments.

The AKC Obedience and Rally Team
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