

Dear Sno-King Exhibitor:

To make the Sno-King trial the best experience for everyone, we are repeating the crating arrangements we used last year, which were very successful. This should ease much of the crowding and make the environment safer and more pleasant for people and dogs alike.

Since Argus is a relatively small facility with limited crating/spectator space, there will be three options for crating:

- For those who are willing to keep their dogs in their vehicles, we are setting aside "preferred parking" for 40 cars near the arena. This area will be clearly marked "Preferred Parking." If you would like to crate in your car and receive "preferred parking" we will not be issuing parking permits, but are asking those who are crating in the arena or in the obedience barn to not use the spaces near the arena. You must agree to the rules for "preferred parking", which are:
 - No vehicles left running (for the safety of all – exhaust fumes can kill).
 - No disruptively barking dogs left in vehicles
 - No crates set up in arena if you receive Preferred Parking.
- 2. If you wish to crate in the arena, we are marking off designated crating areas. (See diagram). Each block of crating consists of eight spaces, each 3 feet by 4 feet. There will be a 4-foot aisleway between blocks of crates. Crate doors should open into this aisleway, so that dogs can be easily accessed and no one will be blocked in. We are asking that handlers with more than one small dog stack crates if possible. You may put down a ground cover if you want, as long as it stays inside the designated 3 x 4 foot space. You may also set up a chair within your space. There will be room for approximately 100 crating spaces. We are also designating some spaces for novice exhibitors only and ask that everyone respect those reservations.
- 3. If you wish to crate in a heated spot a little further away, the heated obedience barn (a one minute walk to the arena) is available with absolutely no restrictions on crating or ex-pens.

There will be absolutely no unentered dogs and no exercise pens allowed in the arena. If you need to bring an unentered dog you may crate in your car or in the heated obedience barn.

Chairs (no crates) may be setup on the "rail" next to the ring.

We will be starting with both Excellent classes first (both rings), with Standard beginning first, followed by JWW, so that Open and Novice exhibitors do not need to arrive until later in the day, after the Excellent exhibitors have finished. This should also help with the crowding.

We have cut down on the size of the JWW ring so that there is a larger "buffer area" between the two rings. There will be a barrier in the center so that there should be little contact between dogs waiting to go in or coming out of the respective rings. Handlers with the next 4 or 5 dogs **only** should be in the area between the rings – no spectators please. The gate stewards will be enforcing this and we ask for your cooperation to help ease the congestion in the center aisle.

Set Up Time – the earliest you may set up in the arena is 11:30 a.m. on Friday. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Food for Volunteers -- We regret that due to increasing costs and abuse of the system, we are providing lunch/food for our volunteer workers **only**. Volunteers will receive a hand stamp (from the score table or from the Chief Ring Stewards), which will entitle them to their lunch and snacks. There will be no food available for purchase or donation for non-workers, so those not working will need to bring food with them. We hope to have the Giddy-Up Express refreshment stand open, but that is uncertain at this time.

We **love** our volunteer workers. To help make it more feasible to volunteer:

- The Excellent classes will be split by jump heights to change out the workers, so no one will have to work an excessive amount of time. We also encourage "job sharing" where you may sign up to work a particular job the first half of the class while someone else can work the second half (or vice versa).
- Workers with ring conflicts may walk the course and run their dog with a different jump height group if necessary. We will accommodate you whenever possible.
- To help keep you warm while you're setting bars, scribing, etc., there will be complimentary hand warmers available for volunteer workers.
- We are also having a volunteer raffle where we will be giving away reduced entries for future trials.

We sincerely hope that this system will make for a more fun, comfortable and pleasant trial experience.

Walk Throughs – Walk throughs will begin on Friday at 1:00; first dog on the line at 1:30. Saturday and Sunday walk throughs will begin at 7:30; first dog on the line at 8:30. We will be starting with Excellent standard (26 and 24), then 20", then 16". JWW will begin approximately 45 minutes to an hour later. We realize there will be conflicts. Just be sure to mark a possible conflict on the gate sheet with a "C" and we will make every attempt to accommodate you. You may need to walk or run with a different jump height. Open and Novice Walk throughs will not be split.

Move Ups – Pre-trial moveups must be e-mailed to the trial secretary by 6:00 p.m., Nov. 2. Please note I will not be home the weekend of Oct. 31/Nov. 1 or have access to e-mail, so you will not receive a response to your moveup until Monday or after. Day to Day moveups must be turned in within 45 minutes of the close of the trial on Saturday.

Directions to the show

From I-5 North or South. Take the Auburn exit (Highway 18) Exit to Auburn-Black Diamond Road eastbound. Turn right immediately onto SE Green Valley Road (just past Neely Mansion). Go approx 7.5 miles. Turn right onto 212th Avenue SE. Take first left just after crossing river into Argus. The arena will be on your right.

From I-405 Southbound. Go south on Maple Valley Highway (Highway 169), into Black Diamond. Turn right on Roberts Road (look for Coal Car). Go approximately 4 miles. **Watch your speed in Black Diamond – THEY CHECK!** Turn left onto 218th Street. At the bottom of the long hill is a stop sign. Go straight across the bridge at the Green River and take the first left into Argus Ranch driveway.

After Hours Veterinary Emergency Clinic, 718 S. Auburn Way, Auburn, (253) 939-6472

Directions: From Argus ranch, turn right out of driveway and go to stop sign at SE Green Valley Road. Turn left on Green Valley Road and go approximately 7 miles to Highway 18. Take Highway 18 west toward Auburn (2 miles). Take WA 164 E. exit, then turn right onto Auburn Way S.

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