Premium List
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test

Hosted by the
Sierra West Bernese Mountain Dog Club
The 28th and 29th Independent Draft Tests

Saturday, March 20, 2021 and Sunday, March 21, 2021

Valley Oak Farms
14251 Lone Tree Road, Escalon, CA 95320

Judges

For Saturday, March 20, 2021
Valerie Horney
Jim Maxwell

For Sunday, March 21, 2021
Valerie Horney
Larry Bohlig

Entries close online or at the Test Secretary’s address at
815 Sea Spray Lane, #216, Foster City, CA 94404
on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (PST).

Follow online or mail instructions on the entry form.

All Eligible Dogs Tests
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Awards

The following prizes are offered by Sierra West Bernese Mountain Dog Club unless otherwise noted: Each passing team will receive a selected award and rosette. All entrants will receive ring favors. There will be special recognition for the oldest qualifying Bernese Mountain Dog and the oldest qualifying dog of all other breeds.

Refreshments & Lunch

Complimentary packaged breakfast items will be available; however, exhibitors and spectators may also want to bring their own food and/or hot beverage. Lunch will be available by advance purchase only at a cost of $13. Lunch will consist of a sandwich, chips, pickle, and a cookie. Bottle water will be available at check-in.
Saturday Judges’ Dinner

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be having a judge’s dinner.

Weather

Weather can be unpredictable in the Spring. Please dress appropriately and come prepared for weather that can vary from sun to rain. There could be early morning fog.

Spectators

Spectators and dogs (dogs must be leashed or crated and under control at all times) will be allowed. All entering the draft test site are welcome and must adhere to the COVID-19 protocol and precautions as well as SIGN the COVID waiver last page of premium. Please show courtesy to the working dogs by keeping dogs at a reasonable distance from the ring, and please do not allow them to foul the freight haul. Remember to pick up after your dogs. As this is a work farm, please avoid all farming outbuildings as well as any farm equipment and supplies. Thank you.

COVID-19 Protocol: Exercise Updates

- Basic Control – No change
- Recall – Handler keeps the leash with them and does not give it to the judge.
- Harness and Hitch – Judges will not touch the dog or harness. If the judge needs to see any part of the harness or hitch, the handler will make that possible.
- Load & Unload – A chair, small table or similar object will be provided to place the load on. The steward will approach once the handler has their mask on and stand near the load. The greeting will be verbal only. During the unload, the steward will still pat the dog, two pats is perfect. The handler can choose to wipe the dog’s head if they wish. The club must provide a cleanable, impervious object for the load that can be picked up with one hand and easily be wiped down between handlers.
- Slow – No change.
- Group Stay – Keep a distance of at least 6 feet from other handlers – Masks shall be worn.
- Freight Haul – Keep a distance of at least 6 feet from other handlers – Masks shall be worn.
- Awards and Scoresheets – Ribbons/Trophies are to be available for the handlers to get them themselves. Scoresheets will be put into the Ziplock bag that was originally used for check-in. The Ziplock bag will be wiped down and returned to the original ringside cart location

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All persons at the test site must wear a mask at all times when within 6 feet of others.
• Handlers will need to be available when their equipment is being checked in: If weight(s) for the freight haul need to be weighed, the handler will be responsible for carrying the item(s) to the scale and back to the staging area.

• Judges will not handle any harnesses or any part of the cart other than what is needed to measure the cart. If these items require inspection, the handler will need to be available to show the items.

• Handlers may go without a mask while maneuvering.

• Handlers must put a mask on before the Load and Unload steward approaches.

• Gate stewards will use appropriate wipes, gloves, etc. when bringing a cart into the ring.

• The movable object will be cleaned/disinfected/sanitized between teams. This will be further clarified in the briefing.

• A COVID-19 Waiver has been provided in this Premium List. The waiver will need to be signed and returned with the entry agreement in order to complete the entry.

• All individuals in attendance will be required to sign the COVID-19 Waiver form. Additional forms will be available at the test site.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the test may be divided into two sessions in order to limit the number of people on site at one time. If the decision is made to divide the test, the following may occur:

1. There will be a draw to determine which sessions teams are in.

2. Sibling groups (Dogs belonging to the same owner) will be placed in the same session whenever possible.

3. NO request for which session your team(s) are placed in will be considered.

4. Awards will be done after each session.

5. Handlers will need to vacate the test site before check-in for the next group of handlers.

6. Alternates can be added to the test up until and including the day before the test. If an alternate is added to the second day, he/she will be contacted by phone the day/night before.

**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test Purpose**

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Tests are a series of exercises designed to develop and demonstrate the natural abilities of purebred Bernese Mountain Dogs in a working capacity involving hauling. The Bernese Mountain Dog has historically functioned as a draft dog in various capacities, and performance of these exercises is intended to demonstrate skills resulting from both inherent ability and training which are applicable to realistic work situations. Efficiency in accomplishment of tasks is essential. It is also desirable that the dog
evidence willingness and enjoyment of his work in a combination of controlled teamwork with his handler and natural independence.

**Judges**

**Saturday:** Val Horney and Jim Maxwell  
**Sunday:** Val Horney and Larry Bohlig

**Tentative Schedule**

- We will be utilizing a “self-check-in” process each morning of the test. Please look for your team’s name and park your cart in the designated cart parking area. Your numbers, catalog, and other materials will be in this space.
- Check in and equipment check times to be determined after the close of entries. You will be notified via email.
- Course walk-through to follow equipment check.
- Judging to begin as soon as possible after the walkthrough.
- Lunch break at judges’ discretion.
- Awards will be presented at the conclusion of each session AM/PM if split for the Saturday and/or Sunday Draft Test

**Class Entry Details**

- There will be a limit of **24** entries for the Draft Test.
- Entry fees - **$35** for each single dog team and **$40** for a brace team
- A separate entry form must be filled out for each dog of a brace team and then stapled/submitted together. Even though two entry forms are required for each brace team, each brace team will be counted as one entry in the Draft Test entry limit.
- If more than **24** entries are received, they will be prioritized per the following order:
  1. Untitled BMD’s  
  2. Titled BMD’s  
  3. Untitled other dogs  
  4. Titled other dogs

Note that “titled” means titled in the entered class.

- A random draw will be held for each group in the list including and following the one that causes a total entry in excess of the Test limit.
- Teams entered in a class in which they have already earned the advanced level title will be drawn after teams without the advanced level title in that class.
• Entrants must notify the Draft Test Secretary if a dog has earned a title in the entered class, including if the title is earned after the entry has been submitted.

• A weight certificate form can be found on page 12 and https://www.bmdca.org/Draft/.

Close of Entries

Entries close (and all forms and payments must be received by then) on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (PST) at the Draft Test Secretary’s address, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test regulations. If sending via overnight delivery, please be sure to have the envelope released without a signature.

1. Enter by hand or by mail with checks payable to SWBMDC to: Ann Ghiorsso, 815 Sea Spray Lane, #216, Foster City, CA 94404

2. Enter electronically by:
   b. E-mailing entry form, weight certificate, and PayPal confirmation to aghiorso@comcast.net

Regulations

Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (revised as of 2011) and being familiar with them. Draft Test Regulations may be downloaded from the Draft page www.BMDCA.org at no charge.

The BMDCA and the DWC take dog aggression very seriously and have zero tolerance for inappropriate behavior on the part of dogs/owners and/or handlers. For a copy of the Misconduct Disciplinary Procedure, go to the Draft page of www.bmdca.org.

By participating in or attending this test, you understand and agree to the terms of the Misconduct Disciplinary Procedure. This procedure is a clarification of the Discipline Section of the BMDCA Draft Regulations.

Waiver of Rights – Animals in Distress

The Sierra West Bernese Mountain Dog Club reserves the right to remove any animal in distress from a parked vehicle or crate, and all persons attending these dog events hereby waive any claim for damages against the clubs for such removal. The Club regards the health, safety, and life of any dog on the show grounds to be paramount to other property or privacy rights. We will attempt to reach the responsible party, but cannot guarantee contact will be made before action is taken.

Attention Exhibitors

• The following classes will be offered: Novice and Open, Brace Novice and Brace Open.

• Handlers must provide their own rigs, harnesses, and tie downs or other means of securing a load on their particular draft rig. Handlers must bring their own weight. Weight will be verified via a scale at the test site.

• Entered dogs must be 24 months old or older on the day of the Draft Test.
• Open and Open Brace entries must include a veterinary certificate stating the dog’s name and weight. This certificate must be dated within 60 days of the date of the test.

• Bitches in season are not permitted to compete.

• The two dogs of a brace team need not be owned by the same person or by the handler.

• Unentered dogs may be present but, like entered dogs who are not in the ring, must be leashed or crated and under control at all times.

Veterinarians
On-Call

Standiford Veterinary Center
1520 Standiford Ave., Modesto, CA 95350
(209) 577-3481
(14.6 miles from draft test site)

Test Site
Valley Oak Farms
14251 Lone Tree Road, Escalon, CA 95320

Valley Oak Farms is a private residence set in an oak grove and surrounded by agricultural fields. The ring area is generally flat and may transition between grass, cement, and/or wood chips and may be bordered by shrubs. The freight haul may traverse the oak woodland or agricultural fields. The property roadways are generally flat, but there is one hill and roadway/levee embankments. The surfaces include dirt, gravel, wood chips, or low vegetation. Crates and exercise pens will be allowed at the site other than in areas designated for testing. Pop-up tents or other types of protection from sun or inclement weather are encouraged and may be left set up overnight (at owner’s risk) within the private property of the test site. Carts and crates may be left overnight. There is a bathroom. While potable water is available, entrants and spectators should bring additional water for their use.

As this is a working farm, please avoid all farming outbuildings as well as any farm equipment and supplies. Signs for parking will be posted. Please follow them. Thank you.
Directions to site:

**From the South/Ripon:** From Highway 99, take the Jack Tone Road exit. Proceed north on Jack tone Road to Five Corners, Turn a soft right on Lone Tree Road. (Don't use the right turn lane, use the lane to go straight and turn right from there to the road on the north side of the orange church.) The gravel driveway to the draft site will be 1/2 mile down Lone Tree on the left (north) side of the road.

**From the North:**
From Highway 99, take the French Camp Road exit. Proceed Southeast (left) on French Camp Road until you reach Five Corners. Take the soft left to the left of the orange church onto Lone Tree Road. The gravel driveway to the draft site will be 1/2 mile down Lone Tree on the left (north) side of the road.

**From the Bay Area:**
Take highway 120 to 99 north. Take the first exit on to Highway 120 East. Turn left (north) at the light onto Jack Tone Road. Proceed North on Jack tone Road to Five Corners, Turn a soft right on Lone Tree Road. (Don't use the right turn lane, use the lane to go straight and turn right from there to the road on the north side of the orange church.) The gravel driveway to the draft site will be 1/2 mile down Lone Tree on the left (north) side of the road.

**The draft site is approximately a 1/2 mile off of Lone Tree Road down the gravel driveway. You cannot see a house or the draft site from Lone Tree Road. The driveway will be marked.**

Accommodations

Please ask about pet policy.

**Hotels:**

LaQuinta Inn & Suites Ripon
1524 W. Colony Rd., Ripon, CA  95366, (209) 382-8132

La Quinta Inn & Suites North Modesto
4909 Sisk Rd., Salida, CA  95368, (209) 418-7127

Residence Inn by Marriott Modesto North
2901 Healthcare Way, Modesto, CA  95356, (209) 382-8850

**RVs:**


Caswell State Park: Please check https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=557 for information and modifications due to COVID.
Weight Certificates

The only acceptable weight certificates are:

a. On the BMDCA Draft Test Certificate Form (with clinic stamp showing clinic name, address and phone number). This form is provided in this Premium List and at

b. On the Vet Clinic’s Letterhead w/name, address, phone number

All weight certificates must contain the following:

- Dog’s name (call name)
- Owner/handler name
- Date dog was weighed
- Name/job title/signature of vet employee witnessing weight
- Date form was signed
SIERRA WEST BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB  
Saturday, March 20, 2021 and Sunday, March 21, 2021  
Valley Oak Farms, 14251 Lone Tree Road, Escalon, CA 95320

Entry Fees: $35 per single-dog entry and $40 per brace entry

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To enter online: Type on Entry Form and Entry Agreement (fillable PDF files), save to your computer, and email both as attachments to Ann Ghiorso at aghiorso@comcast.net. Pay via PayPal [www.sierrawestbmdc.org/2021drafttest.html](http://www.sierrawestbmdc.org/2021drafttest.html)

To enter by mail: Type on Entry Form and Entry Agreement, print them—or- print blank forms and fill them out by writing clearly. Mail completed forms with enclosed check payable to SWBMDC to:

Ann Ghiorso, Draft Test Secretary, 815 Sea Spray Lane, #216, Foster City, CA 94404

Please type or print clearly. Use one form per dog per class entered.

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Dog is titled in entered class. Open Weight Certificate Enclosed

Test #1 (Saturday)

Test #2 (Sunday)

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Submitting this form constitutes your agreement to the terms of the Entry Agreement
ENTRY AGREEMENT

I understand that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry. I agree that I am solely responsible for the actions of myself and the dog (“the dog”) that accompanies me in relationship to this entry.

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry and the opportunity to participate in this event, I agree to HOLD HARMLESS and INDEMNIFY the following listed parties from any claim for loss, damage or injury alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly by my actions or by the actions of the dog in relationship to this event: the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (BMDCA) and the event-giving club, their members, officers, and agents; the owner and/or lesantor of the premises; any provider of services at this event; any employees or volunteers of the parties listed here, and any BMDCA Draft Judge judging at this event. I personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. I agree to be responsible for any loss and expense (including legal fees) incurred by any of the listed parties based on claims related in any way to my participation or the actions of the dog in relationship to this event, whether the claims are made by third parties or by myself.

Additionally, I agree to assume the sole responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury (including death) to myself or to the dog in relationship to this event. I agree to RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, and promise not to sue the parties listed above for any such loss, damage or injury to myself or the dog, regardless of the cause, and whether or not the loss, damage or injury may have been caused by the negligence of the listed parties.

I AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAI\M ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE BMDCA BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE BMDCA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I agree to abide by rules and regulations of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (BMDCA) in effect at the time of this BMDCA Draft Test and by any additional rules appearing in the premium list for this event. I certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. I also certify that all the information I provide with this entry is true and correct. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I agree to conduct myself in accordance with all such Rules and Regulations (including all provisions applying to discipline) and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them.

NAME OF PARTICIPANT:
(please print)

SIGNATURE: ___________________________ DATE: _____________

Submitting this form constitutes your agreement to the terms of the Entry Agreement
BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA – DRAFT TEST WEIGHT CERTIFICATE

NAME OF VET CLINIC:   ________________________________

OWNER/HANDLER NAME:   ________________________________

I verify on ___________________________ (insert date)

_________________________ (insert dog’s call name)

Weighed _________________ (insert weight).

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Signature of vet employee witnessing weight

______________________________
Employee Name and Title

Please use vet clinic stamp below (with name, address, and phone of clinic) or have the above information printed/provided on clinic letterhead.
Sierra West Bernese Mountain Dog Club
Draft Test Lunch Order Form

The lunch box will include a sandwich, chips, pickle and a cookie. Bottle water will be available at check-in.

Choice of Bread (Choose 1):

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**House Roasted Turkey** - O'Brien's turkey, with cranberries and sprouts.

**House Glazed Ham** - Honey mustard, Granny Smith apples, red onion and cambazola cheese.

**BBQ Beef** - O'Brien's roast beef and BBQ sauce with melted cheddar cheese.

**Gourmet Veggie** - Avocado, cucumber, marinated artichoke hearts, tomato, cream cheese, lettuce, pickles and red onion.

**The Anti Pasto** - Prosciutto, mortadella, Genoa salami, provolone cheese, marinated artichoke hearts and Italian dressing.

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Number of Sandwiches Ordered:

___ x $13 = $ __________

If payment not made via PayPal, checks should be made payable to SWBDMC.
DWC Covid Protocols For Draft Tests

General Practices

1. Clubs, officials and participants are required to follow state, local and facility guidelines that apply to the area and site where the event is held.
2. Practice social distancing consistent with guidelines in effect at the time of the event. Avoid congregating to the extent possible.
3. Masks must be worn when in close proximity (6-8 feet) to others. Clubs shall provide masks for officials, judges and volunteers as needed.
4. Wash hands as frequently as possible. Have disinfecting spray/wipes at bathroom facilities for people to spray/wipe door handles (or anything else they touch).
5. Provide disposable gloves. Gloves may be used as determined necessary by the individual.
6. If you utilize portable toilets, check with the site to verify you can bring a port-a-potty onto the site. Rent (or set up) a hand washing station(s) to be delivered as well.
7. Consider using a keyed padlock on the port-a-potty to control who can use it (for public places).
8. Avoid shaking hands, hugging, or other physical contact.
9. Avoid touching dogs that are not your responsibility.
10. Avoid common use pens/pencils/clipboards – bring your own.
11. Sanitize surfaces in common use areas as often as possible (tables, chairs, doorknobs, etc.).
12. Clubs should consider not providing chairs. Ask stewards if they can bring their own chair and if they can’t, or forget, have one for them to use.
13. Meals - Stagger group lunches if possible. Avoid community items such as salt and pepper shakers, condiments, creamers, etc. Participants should consider bringing their own lunch/drinks if the club isn’t ordering boxed lunches.
**Premium List**

1. List the Test Site to be used. The site needs to be available for use on the closing date.
2. State that the test may be divided into two sessions, one morning and one afternoon, to limit the number of people on site at any one time. If the club feels the need to divide their test, the following may occur:
   - There will be a draw to determine which session teams are in.
   - Sibling groups (Dogs belonging to the same owner) will be in the same session whenever possible.
   - NO request for which session your team(s) are placed in will be considered.
   - Awards will be done after each session.
   - Handlers will need to vacate the test site before check-in for the next group of teams.
3. Alternates can be added to the test up until and including the day before the test. If an alternate will be added to the second or third day they will need to be contacted the day/night before.
4. Additional Information
   - Masks will need to be worn during the group stay and the freight haul (Knowing this ahead of time will give teams the ability to train for this).
   - A COVID19 Waiver will be provided for inclusion in the Premium List. The waiver will need to be signed before an entry is complete. Any variation/edit to the waiver will have to be approved by the DWC.
   - Send the site requirements out with the final confirmation

**Prior to the Test**

1. Stay in contact with the point person for the Site. Contact the DWC if the site won’t be available.
2. Stay in touch with your judges and make sure they’re still comfortable traveling. Contact the DWC if there need to be a change of judge(s).
3. Choose a movable object that can easily be wiped after each handler. One example would be a wagon with a metal handle. Consider assigning a single person to be responsible to replace and wipe in between dogs.
4. **The club must provide a cleanable, impervious object for the load (such as a Rubbermaid container or plastic coffee container) that can be picked up with one hand and easily wiped and sanitized between handlers**
5. Choose distractions, visual and audio, that can easily be wiped down between stewards.
6. Consider offering boxed lunches for purchase by participants.
7. Suggested shopping list for items to have onsite:
   - 70% Isopropyl alcohol (available in one gallon jugs at feed stores that sell horse supplies). The alcohol can be put it in a spray bottle for easy use as a sanitizer.
• Nitrile Gloves
• Disinfecting Wipes
• Paper Towels
• Hand Sanitizer
• Soap and water for hand washing, if possible.
• Small Trash container for all non-toilet paper products, such as wipes and paper towels, used in the restroom/porta-potty. Paper towels, wipes, etc., are specifically not allowed to be disposed of in porta-potties.
• Signage at Porta-potty (if used) that all non-toilet paper products need to be disposed of in the small trash container.

On Site

1. Self check-in must be used. The handlers entry packet shall include the cart number, catalog, armband number (if used add a rubber band), binder clip, and may include a ring favor in a large ziplock-type bag and placed at their cart location. The ziplock bag shall be labeled with the handler and dog’s names.

2. The secretary’s table will need to have a zone marked off which no one is to enter during the test. The secretary shall not hand their catalog to the handlers for their review.

3. The secretary will handle the clipboards as usual. The secretary and judges are responsible for cleaning anything they handle to the degree they are comfortable with. Disinfecting wipes shall be provided for the secretary’s table.

4. Use one entrance and one exit per ring in order to keep teams from coming into close proximity to each other.

5. Consider marking off areas near the rings for exhibitors to set-up personal pop-up tents.

6. The judges will measure the carts and will need to have a scribe provided to write down the cart measurements. The tape measure shall be wiped clean before it’s given to the person(s) setting the narrows.

7. The moveable object (MO) must be easily cleaned between teams. A wagon with a metal handle is one example that would be easy to wipe down. Consider leaving wipes with the MO.

8. Self Check-out shall be used. Scoresheets will be put into the Ziplock bag that was originally used for check-in. The Ziplock bag will be wiped down and returned to the original ringside cart location.
Judges

Judges shall take care to protect the teams while they’re in the ring. This will require a concerted effort between the judge, stewards and handlers.

- Judges shall wear face masks when they’re within 6 feet of others.
- Judges shall wash/wipe hands as frequent as possible throughout the day. For example, after handing each completed scoresheet/clip board to the secretary and before picking up the next scoresheet/clip board, the judges could wipe hands with sanitizing wipe or alcohol wipe. Judges shall also frequently sanitize the pen they are using.
- All teams shall be called in catalog order to provide order and efficiency. The only exception may be for any move-ups for subsequent tests.
- Judges must practice ring awareness, be conscious of spacing, and take appropriate measures to avoid crowding of teams for the Walk Through, Group Stays and at all other times.
- Equipment used to measure carts must be sanitized after each check-in.
- Clubs should consider providing boxed lunches for judges and volunteers.
- One judge shall be designated to always handle the back up stick and the other judge will then do the timing.
- Determine where the steward will stand for the Load and Unload since they may need to move into position after the team has arrived and stopped.

Handlers/Volunteers

Participants are expected to follow state, local government, facility and event guidelines. Clubs shall be prepared to enforce the guidelines that apply to their event.

- Must wear masks at all times when within 6 feet of others.
- Handlers will need to be available when their equipment is being checked in.
- If weight(s) for the freight haul needs to be weighed, the handler will be responsible for carrying the item(s) to the scale and back to the staging area.
- Judges will not handle any harnesses or any part of the cart other than what is needed to measure the cart.
- Handlers may go without a mask while maneuvering.
- Handlers must put a mask on before the Load and Unload steward approaches.
- Gate steward will need to use appropriate wipes, gloves, etc when bringing the carts into the ring.
- For the Recall Exercise the handler will take the leash with them and not hand it to a judge.

Exercises

- **Basic Control** – No change
- **Recall** – Handler keeps the leash with them and doesn’t give it to the judge.
• **Harness and Hitch** – Judges won’t touch the dog or harness. If the judge needs to see any part of the harness or hitch, the handler will make that possible.

• **Load & Unload** – A chair, small table or similar object will be provided to place the load on. The steward will approach once the handler has their mask on and stand near the load. The greeting will be verbal only. During the unload the steward will still pat the dog, two pats is perfect. The handler can choose to wipe the dog’s head, if they wish. The club must provide a cleanable, impervious object for the load that can be picked up with one hand and easily be wiped down between handlers. Examples would include a plastic coffee can, Rubbermaid container, plastic dog ball.

• **Slow** – No change.

• **Group Stay** – Keep a distance of at least 6 feet from other handlers – Masks shall be worn.

• **Freight Haul** - Keep a distance of at least 6 feet from other handlers – Masks shall be worn.

• **Awards and Scoresheets** - Ribbons/Trophies are to be available for the handlers to get them themselves. Scoresheets will be put into the Ziplock bag that was originally used for check-in. The Ziplock bag will be wiped down and returned to the original ringside cart location.

**Other**

• The guidelines shall be followed in the ring and test area, to include the draft ring, secretaries table, equipment area, hospitality area (if there is one) and the Freight Haul activity, not the entire site.

• Each participant is responsible for disinfecting the toilet(s) before/after they use it. The club shall provide a spray bottle of 70% Isopropyl Alcohol and tissues, (wipes, paper towels) or other cleaning supplies for the restroom/porta potty.

• Consider giving sanitizing supplies as ring favors.

**A Last Word**

• At all times, and especially when in doubt, do what will not cause harm to you or those around you!

• Take charge of yourself and if you need to take extra precautions for your comfort level, please do so.

*Stay Safe! Have FUN!!*
Covid19 Waiver for BMDCA Draft Tests

COVID-19 Acknowledgement of Risk

I am signing this Statement in anticipation of attending a BMDCA Draft Test (the event).

I understand that COVID-19 is a highly contagious disease that can spread from person to person and can lead to serious illness or death. I agree that if I have any symptoms associated with Covid-19 or if I believe I have been exposed in the previous 14 days to someone who has Covid-19 I will not attend this event.

If I develop any symptoms within 14 days after the tests, I will notify the Test Secretary and/or Test Chair.

If I do attend this event I understand and agree I am voluntarily assuming all the risks associated with Covid-19. I agree to follow all protocols that are in effect for the state and county where the event is being held. I also agree to follow all protocols established by the BMDCA and the sponsoring club, to maintain safe social distancing, and to be responsible for sanitizing and disinfecting my own equipment as appropriate.

I understand and agree that any protocols in place at this event cannot guarantee my health or safety. If I feel at any time that my health or safety has been compromised or if I am unable or unwilling to follow established protocols then I agree that I will leave the event immediately.

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Signature                            Date