

# September 12 & 13 Sprinter Handler Meeting



This document will serve as the handler meeting for the Foothills Gazehound Club's September 12th and 13th sprinter events

## **IMPORTANT RULE CHANGE:**

CKC updated the sprinter rule book in January of 2020.

“Handlers may not be on the track with dogs, other than up to about 3 meters into the track on either side of the start and/or finish lines, if they wish to do this to encourage the dog.”

***This means you can no longer run along the track with your dog.***

**Masks:** We are asking that you stay in or near your vehicle except when running or exercising a dog. All participants will wear facial coverings over nose and mouth when not able to maintain social distancing such as: dog inspections, when releasing/catching dogs at start/finish line.

**Food and Water:** To comply with health and safety guidelines related to COVID-19, there will be no food or water provided on site. Please bring water for you and your dog.

**Arrival for your flight:** Due to Covid-19 restrictions it is vital you arrive at your specific time. Each dog will run both passes in their time block (if entered in both events).

**Roll call:** Inspection will be done at your vehicle, before each time your dog runs. Owners of females must wipe their dogs and show the inspection committee the tissue.

**Running order:** Make sure you have a copy of the running order with you. This has also been sent to your email via Dogshow.ca. The running order will be finalised with inspection so be aware of potential scratches. A Paddock Master will call dogs to the line.

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**Dogs as athletes:** Remember that this can be a physically demanding event. We hope that your dog received the appropriate training before participating in the event. Remember to exercise your dog before and after each run.

**Ribbons:** If your dog passes the run, a ribbon will be given to you at the completion of their run. There is no separate meeting for ribbons at the end of each trial. If your dog is earning a title please let us know so we can provide your new title rosette. \*Previous points from FGC and NDFA sprinters are in a binder which will be available for **you** to look up.

**Loose dogs:** Only the competing dog may be off leash on the field. A fee of \$10 per occurrence will be charged. Off leash training of your dog is NOT permitted. Any dog off leash when it is not their turn running will be EXCUSED with no refund. \*\* Note- this does not include an accidental escapee

**Dog poop:** PLEASE pick-up behind your dog. There will be no garbage receptacles on site you must take your garbage with you. Do NOT discard poop bags in the port-o-johns or into gopher holes!

**Collars and lead:** There will be ZERO tolerance for the use of flexi leads pinch/prong or shock collars

From the rule book:

Dogs may wear a collar except choker collars, a collar with prongs or an electronic training collar. The collar should be snug to minimize the chances of catching on something during the run. Clubs may, at their option, require that tags hanging from the collar be taped up. Owners may have their dog wear a muzzle if they desire. Owners may use clips or rubber bands to hold the dog's hair. The owner assumes responsibility for the safety of the dog with regard to the dog's collar and paraphernalia on the dog.

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**Earning Points:** The dog's time to complete the 100 meter dash is converted into KPHs. The formula to complete this calculation is 360 divided by the dog's time over 100 meters. This calculation should be rounded to two decimal places. A handicap system is applied to a dog's KPH to determine the number of points earned.

The handicap system is based on the height of the dog at its withers:

- (a) 18" or greater = handicap is 1.25.
  - (b) 12" up to less than 18" = handicap is 1.5.
  - (c) Below 12" = handicap is 2.0.
- Points = KPH multiplied by the dog's handicap.

**Titles:** Titles are earned by accumulating points. The following titles will be awarded

- Novice Sprinter (NS) = 150 points
- Sprinter (S) = 500 points
- Advanced Sprinter (AS) = 1,000 points
- Sprinter Excellent (SX) = 1,500 points

SX followed by a number (e.g. SX2) for every additional 500 points. These suffix titles will appear on a dog's pedigree, with a higher level title superseding a lower level title.