Merrimac Dog Training Club Agility Trial

August 1-2, 2026

Trial Information & Judging Schedule

Merrimac Dog Training Club
15 Newsome Place, Hampton VA 23661

Held indoors using one ring, 78ft. by 103 ft., On Rubber Matting
Entries Open: Mon Jun 22, 2026 @ 8:00 a.m. Entries Close: Sat Jul 18, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

JUDGE
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RUNNING ORDER
Low to High (4"- 24") both days

Saturday
Combined FAST, T2B, Ex/Mas STD, Open STD, Nov STD, Ex/Mas JWW, Open JWW, Nov JWW
Sunday
Ex/Mas JWW, Open JWW, Nov JWW, Combined FAST, Ex/Mas STD, Open STD, Nov STD

All Classes: 4"- 24" Walk / Run All
Preferred Classes will run with the regular classes at the height divisions

SHOW SITE HOURS and JUDGING TIMES
8:00am – 6:00pm Daily (Building opens each day at 8:00am)
First Briefing 8:45am
First dog on the line 9:00am

CHECK IN

Agility Gate will be used as the electronic gate sheet to manage check in and run order. Download the Agility Gate app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.
The Agility Gate Code: 6218

MOVE-UPS

Pre-trial move-ups must be submitted in writing (email preferred) to the Trial Secretary by Monday, July 27, 2026, at 6pm. Day-to-day move-ups are accepted only in writing to the Trial Secretary on the move-up form available at the trial site within 30 minutes of the end of the last class.

MEASURING

There will be no VMO at this trial. The judge of record will need to measure all dogs that do not have a valid jump height card if over 2 years old or a temporary measurement if under 2 years old prior to the dog's first run of the trial weekend per Chapter 2, Section 5, Paragraph 5, *Regulations for Agility Trials and Agility Course Test (ACT).*

COURSE MAPS

Course maps will be available on the Agility Gate app each trial day and posted at the trial site.

DIRECTIONS TO TRIAL SITE and PARKING

15 Newsome Place, Hampton VA 23661

From Monitor-Merrimac Tunnel (664 North) take Exit 2 (Powhatan Pkwy/Power Plant Pkwy). Go right at end of ramp and take the first left onto Salters Creek Rd. Go approximately .6 miles and turn right onto Newsome Place. Merrimac Dog Training Club will be on the right.

From 64 East or West take 664 South Exit take Exit 2 (Powhatan Pkwy/Power Plant Pkwy). Go left at end of ramp and take the second left onto Salters Creek Road. Go approximately .6 mile and turn right onto Newsome Place. Merrimac Dog Training Club will be on the right.

Please note that Newsome Place is not accessible from W Pembroke Ave.
Enter Newsome Place from Salters Creek Road.

Parking is available in front and on both sides of the building. Please do not park on neighboring properties.

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for volunteering and being an integral part of making our trial a successful event!
We couldn't do it without you!

A link to the online volunteer sign-up sheet will be sent with the run order and estimated timeline a few days before the trial.
Our Volunteer Coordinator:
Joan Podd
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TRIAL SITE EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Emergency Services – Fire/Ambulance/Police – Hampton City Fire and Police – 911

Veterinary Service (on call 5:30 PM to 8:30 AM) – (757) 234-0461 - Animal Emergency Center, 2025 George Washington Memorial Hwy (Rte.17) Yorktown, VA 23693. Directions: From MDTC, take I-664 North to I-64 West to Exit 256B (Victory Boulevard). Continue 1.5 miles to US17 South. Turn Right. Continue .5 miles to clinic.

Veterinary Service (on call 8:30 AM to 10:00 pm) – (757) 874-8115 – Peninsula Animal Referral Center, 1120 George Washington Memorial Hwy (Rte. 17) Yorktown, VA 23693. Directions: From MDTC, take I-664 North to I-64 West to Exit 258B (J Clyde Morris Blvd/US-17 N) towards Yorktown. Continue 1.1 miles to clinic.

Nearest Urgent Care for Exhibitors – Sentara Complex Hospital Trauma Center, 3000 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA (approx. 5 miles from trial site). Directions: Turn left onto Newsome Rd when leaving MDTC. Turn Right onto Salters Creek. Turn right onto W Queen St. Turn left onto W. Pembrook Avenue. Use left lanes to turn left onto LaSalle. Left onto N Armistead, go 3.5 miles and turn left at Vernon Stuart Dr. After .3 miles Sentara CarePlex will be on your right.

ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

Crating space is available inside Building 17 (to the right and connected to the trial ring building).

Exhibitors are asked to place a waterproof tarp or similar material under all crates on the blue matting.

Crates may be left in the building overnight between trial days, but MDTC will not be responsible for damage or theft of any exhibitor's property.

Due to limited space, exhibitors are asked to place their chairs in front of their crates rather than beside them; be sure not to block the aisles.

No dogs allowed in the trial ring side of the building unless they are in the ring or in queue (next three dogs only).

Please potty dogs only on MDTC property, not on neighboring properties and use the provided bags to clean up after your dog(s).

A warm up jump will be available in the crating area.

Dogs must be kept on leash at all times when not in the ring or in the practice jump area.

Please be mindful when passing other exhibitors and do not allow any contact between dogs.

Children who are not entered in the trial must be accompanied by an adult at all times and should not be allowed to approach any dogs.

There will be no food vendor on site; please plan accordingly. Bottled water will be available for exhibitors/volunteers.

Eating/Drinking is allowed in Building 17 (crating area) but not in the trial ring side of the building.

Site is climate controlled.

No RV Parking or overnight camping.

No smoking anywhere on trial site except in personal vehicles.

This is a preliminary judging schedule contingent on move-up entries not yet received.

The table below does not reflect the class run order…see “RUNNING ORDER” above for class and height order.

Saturday, August 1								
	4"	8"	12"	16"	20"	24"	24C"	TOTAL
STANDARD								
Novice	0	4	6	2	1	1	0	14
Open	1	1	2	5	2	0	0	11
Ex/Mas	4	6	5	2	7	1	0	25
JWW								
Novice	0	5	4	0	2	1	0	12
Open	1	1	5	6	3	0	0	16
Ex/Mas	4	6	4	1	6	1	0	22
FAST								
Combined	1	6	8	6	7	2	0	30
T2B								0
Reg/Pref	2	5	3	3	6	0	0	19
							TOTAL:	149

Sunday, August 2								
	4"	8"	12"	16"	20"	24"	24C"	TOTAL
STANDARD								
Novice	0	1	4	1	1	1	0	8
Open	1	0	2	4	2	0	0	9
Ex/Mas	3	6	5	5	6	1	0	26
JWW								
Novice	0	2	4	0	2	1	0	9
Open	1	1	3	4	3	0	0	12
Ex/Mas	3	6	4	4	5	1	0	23
FAST								
Combined	0	4	8	5	6	2	0	25
							TOTAL:	112