

# 2026 DACOF Timeline

## **Thursday: Dirt preparation and Ring Setup.**

Bill and a few of our Members will meet with the Mike Padgett & Silver Spurs Staff on Thursday morning by 9:00am to begin preparing the arena surface to the best of our ability. When Mike feels the surface is ready (usually around 3:00pm-ish) will start “Ring Set-up” (laying out the rings & setting up the border fencing), assembling the agility equipment & setting courses for the Run-Thru’s. If you’re arriving on Thursday afternoon and can come help, we would appreciate it!

Additionally, PK Lichtenberger and her Dog Training Club of St. Pete teammates will be laying out the crating spaces during the day. Please, do not set up any crating materials in the designated crating areas until they have completed their process. There will be temporary crating areas in the North and South Lobbies where you can leave your crate(s)/dog(s) while helping with ring setup!

We plan on being out of the arena by 6:00pm.

## **Friday: Setup and Run-Thru Day (Building opens 8am)**

**PLEASE NOTE!!! The Concession Stand WILL NOT be open at all on Friday.**

Members may bring their own food and drinks if enjoyed discreetly.

Rings: Starting at 8 am, Tracy Hanna, Vicky Enjamio, Barb Bodner, and their Teams will finalize the ring setup. We try to accomplish all set-up Thursday afternoon, so there may not be any major setup to complete Friday morning.

Run-Thrus: **Run-Thru Ticket Sales and Volunteer Worker Check-in will begin at 8:30am.**

Our goal is to begin run-thrus around 9 am. More info on run-thrus has been posted separately. As a note, we can only have rings available for run-thrus that are properly and fully staffed. Fully staffed means three rings running at the same time. If we can’t do that, we will close rings until we have enough workers. More info on signing up to work run-thrus has been posted (Thanks Erica, Jill, Lindsey, Emily, Laura and all the others organizing Run-Thru’s!) If you haven’t signed up in advance, please come volunteer on site.

### **Run-thrus will end at 4pm!**

At 4pm we will clear the rings of equipment so that grooming can occur.

**Please help us move the equipment to allow for grooming!**

Raffle: Raffle baskets may be dropped off between 2 - 5pm Friday Afternoon. Please make sure you leave it with **a member of the Raffle Team** (thank you Marie Ouellette and Endless K-9’s!) so that your team receives credit for providing a basket. **Remember to list the contents of the baskets and provide your Team Name on each basket!!!** LOCATION: Upper floor, Southwest corner near the concession stand.

Packet Pickup: Team Packets/Pins may be picked up (and signed for) between 3 - 5pm on Friday (Thanks Cindy Little and DTCT!). LOCATION: South Lobby

# Saturday: DACOF Day 1

(Building opens 6 am)

**PLEASE NOTE!!! The Concession Stand does not open until 10am!**

Note: Walk-thrus for each round will be divided into three groups (A, B & C).

**\*\*\* If you are scheduled to be a worker for the upcoming Round, PLEASE walk with the first or second Group so that you may report to the proper ring for your worker spot while the Third walk is occurring so we will be ready to start on time! \*\*\***

All groups will walk then the round will run. You will be in the same group each walk-thru (if you are in Group A for Round 1, then you will be in Group A for EVERY walk-thru throughout the weekend). On **Sunday**, the walk order will be **reversed** (C, B, then A) as we run tall to small. Please try to walk with your group. However, if you have a conflict, you may walk with another group.

**6:00 am Please make sure to check your dogs in on the Agility Gate App!**

**6:40 am** Course Maps Distributed in South Lobby (Thanks Cindy Little and DTCT!) One member from each team will sign for their team's maps. If your team didn't pick up their packet on Friday, they can get it at this time. **This is also the perfect time to make sure Agility Gate is working!!! Handlers, PLEASE check-in your Dog(s) via the Agility Gate Application on your Smart Phone now!**

**6:45 am** General Welcome

**6:50 am** Judge's Briefing (all rings)

**6:55 am** Group A Walk-thru (all Rings)

**7:05 am** Group B Walk-thru (all Rings)

**7:15 am** Group C Walk-thru (all Rings) **Ring workers need to report to their Rings. Ring Captains check all workers in. If you are a Worker and are scheduled for walk group C, PLEASE walk with Group A or B so you can report to your job posting during the Group C Walk-through!**

**7:25 am** All rings cleared; All workers at their stations, National Anthem; DACOF declared open!

**7:30 am** Round One: First Dog on the line (Small to Tall all rings)

**9:00 am ALL Raffle baskets must be delivered to the Raffle Basket Area!!! Any Team without a basket is a Team without a score!**

Mid-morning (Round One continued)

Between “Small Dog” Group & “Large Dog” group in all rings: Crew Change. We will be synchronizing the rings to give all workers time to arrive.

**Ring Captains – please be prompt getting to your ring to check in your Ring Workers!!!**

Team Captains – please monitor the rings and ensure your workers arrive prior to the end of Small Dog Round judging.

Late morning (Round Two)

**PLEASE NOTE!!!** Please check all Round One Scores! Scoring will be closed for the round sixty minutes (one hour) after it concludes. Once scoring for the Round has closed, no further changes or updates will be made to scores for that round!

Course Building: Course builders please monitor your ring so you are available to build the next class as soon as the previous one finishes.

Walk-thrus: After the judge has checked the course, there will be three 8-minute walk-thrus (Group A, Group B, then Group C). Judging can start immediately after the final walk. **\*\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER - If you are scheduled to be a worker for the upcoming Round, PLEASE walk with the first or second Group so that you may report to the proper ring for your worker spot while the Third walk is occurring!**

Ring Captains and workers: Please monitor your ring and report to your assignment during the Group B walk. Judging will start as soon as the judge is ready after the Group C walk. **There is no “five-minute delay” prior to judging so be ready!**

Mid-Day (Round Two continued)

Between “Small Dog” Group & “Large Dog” group in all rings: Crew Change.

Team Captains – please monitor the rings and ensure your workers arrive prior to the end of the “Small Dog” round. Ring Captains – check the new crew in. Be aware that the rings will not finish at the same time so be aware of your team’s assignments.

**Ring Captains – please be prompt getting to your ring to check in your Ring Workers!!!**

Early afternoon (Round Three)

**PLEASE NOTE!!!** Please check all Round Two Scores! Scoring will be closed for the round sixty minutes (one hour) after it concludes. Once scoring for the Round has closed, no further changes or updates will be made to scores for that round!

Course Building: Course builders please monitor your ring so you are available to build the next class as soon as the previous one finishes.

Walk-thrus: After the judge has checked the course, there will be three 8-minute walk-thrus (Group A, Group B, then Group C). Judging can start immediately after the final walk. **\*\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER - If you are scheduled to be a worker for the upcoming Round, PLEASE walk with the first or second Group so that you may report to the proper ring for your worker spot while the Third walk is occurring!**

Ring Captains and workers: Please monitor your ring and report to your assignment during the Group B walk. Judging will start as soon as the judge is ready after the Group C walk. **There is no “five-minute delay” prior to judging so be ready!**

Mid-afternoon (Round Three continued)

Between “Small Dog” Group & “Large Dog” group in all rings: Crew Change.

Team Captains – please monitor the rings and ensure your workers arrive prior to the end of the “Small Dog” round. Be aware that the rings will not finish at the same time so be aware of your team’s assignments.

**Ring Captains – please be prompt getting to your ring to check in your Ring Workers!!!**

As competition concludes in each ring, we will move the equipment so that grooming can occur.

**Please help move equipment to allow for grooming!**

**PLEASE NOTE!!!** Please check all Round Three Scores! Scoring will be closed for Round 3 fifteen (15) minutes after it concludes so we can print labels for the Awards. Once scoring for the Round has closed, no further changes or updates will be made to scores for that round!

Late afternoon (Saturday Awards, Randy Reed Memorial Award Presentation, Annual Meeting, Cash Bar, **Snack** Hors d’oeuvres, Papa John’s Personal Pizzas – if ordered ahead of time)

Immediately after the last dog has run, please meet in the stands on the southeast side (in front of the Trophy Tables). A CASH BAR will be available for those who may want to enjoy an adult beverage or soft drink. Additionally, **a small buffet of snacking Hors d’oeuvres will be available – this is NOT intended to be a full meal – just a snack! PLEASE be considerate of the other DACOF Members when getting your plate.** Personal Pizzas from Papa John’s will be available to be ordered by Teams and Members to serve as your main meal if desired.

As the Trial Secretary finalizes Saturday’s scores and the trophies are marked, we will conduct a brief DACOF Annual Meeting culminating in the Randy Reed Memorial Award Presentation. Immediately afterwards (assuming all scoring and trophies are complete!) we will present Saturday’s awards. Please stay and cheer for your friends and teammates!!!

## **DACOF CATCH**

This is also when our Judges will be walking around the crating areas to judge our decorations for the “DACOF CATCH” (Crating Area Team Challenge) so be sure all decorations are complete before attending the Annual Meeting / Awards Ceremony!

# Sunday: DACOF Day 2

(Building opens 6:00am)

**PLEASE NOTE!!!** The Concession Stand does not open until 10am.

However, there will be coffee, bagel bites, Danish bites & Fruit where the Saturday Evening Buffet was set up until 10:00am when the concession stand opens.

Note: Walk-thrus today are in reverse order (Group C, Group B then Group A). Please try to walk with your group. However, if you have a conflict, you may walk with another group. **\*\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER - If you are scheduled to be a worker for the upcoming Round, PLEASE walk with the first or second Group so that you may report to the proper ring for your worker spot while the Third walk is occurring!**

**6:00 am Please make sure to check your dogs in on the Agility Gate App!**

**6:40 am** Course Maps Distributed in South Lobby (Thanks again Cindy Little and DTCT!) One member from each team will sign for their team's maps. **This is also the perfect time to make sure Agility Gate is working!!! Handlers, PLEASE check-in your Dog(s) via the Agility Gate Application on your Smart Phone now!**

**6:45 am** General Welcome

**6:50 am** Judge's Briefing (all rings)

**6:55 am** Group C Walk-thru (all Rings)

**7:05 am** Group B Walk-thru (all Rings)

**7:15 am** Group A Walk-thru (all Rings) **Ring workers need to report to their Rings. Ring Captains check all workers in.**

**7:25 am** All rings cleared; All workers at their stations, National Anthem

**7:30 am** Round Four: First Dog on the line (Tall to Small all rings)

Mid-morning (Round Four continued)

Between "Large Dog" Group & "Small Dog" group in all rings: Crew Change.

Team Captains – please monitor the rings and ensure your workers arrive prior to the end "Large Dog" round. Be aware that the rings will not finish at the same time so be aware of your team's assignments.

**Ring Captains – please be prompt getting to your ring to check in your Ring Workers!!!**

Late morning (Round Five)

**PLEASE NOTE!!!** Please check all Round Four Scores! Scoring will be closed for the round sixty minutes (one hour) after it concludes. Once scoring for the Round has closed, no further changes or updates will be made to scores for that round!

Course Building: Course builders please monitor your ring so you are available to build the next class as soon as the previous one finishes.

Walk-thrus: After the judge has checked the course, there will be three 8-minute walk thrus (Group C, Group B, Group A). Judging can start immediately after the final walk. **\*\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER - If you are scheduled to be a worker for the upcoming Round, PLEASE walk with the first or second Group so that you may report to the proper ring for your worker spot while the Third walk is occurring!**

Ring Captains and workers: Please monitor your ring and report to your assignment during the Group B walk. Judging will start as soon as the judge is ready after the Group A walk. **There is no "five-minute delay" prior to judging so be ready!**

**11:00 am** Raffle Ticket Sales End.

ONLY RAFFLE WINNERS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE RAFFLE AREA AFTER TICKET SALES CLOSE!!! Drawing in the early afternoon. There will be an announcement when all tickets are drawn to pick up your winnings! All raffle baskets unclaimed by the start of the Awards presentation will be re-raffled so keep your tickets!

**12:00 Noon** – All Nominations for Outstanding Sportsmanship Award must be submitted and placed into the Nomination Ballot Box for review by the Board.

Mid-Day (Round Five continued)

Between "Large Dog" Group & "Small Dog" group in all rings: Crew Change.

Team Captains – please monitor the rings and ensure your workers arrive prior to the end "Large Dog" round. Be aware that the rings will not finish at the same time so be aware of your team's assignments.

**Ring Captains – please be prompt getting to your ring to check in your Ring Workers!!!**

Mid-afternoon – Conclusion of Round 5 and the DACOF Competition

**PLEASE NOTE!!!** Please check all Round Five Scores! Scoring will be closed for the round fifteen (15) minutes after it concludes so we can print labels for the Awards. Once scoring for the Round has closed, no further changes or updates will be made to scores for that round!

(Ring Breakdown, Sunday Awards, Team Awards)

As each ring finishes, we ask **ALL DACOF MEMBERS** to please come help breakdown the rings! All equipment must be loaded into their respective trailers prior to Sunday's awards. If any raffle baskets remain unclaimed by the start of the awards ceremony, we will re-raffle them so keep your tickets! The winners of the DACOF CATCH competition will be announced at the beginning of the awards ceremony. The awards ceremony will commence and once completed, DACOF 2026 will come to a close. The event will usually conclude by 5:00pm, but **Sit, Stay, Snap Dog Photography** will stick around to take pictures of any winning Teams or Individuals.

**!!! Please help return all folding chairs off the arena floor to the South side of the arena !!!**

**Lastly, as DACOF Members pack up their crating areas, please be sure all blue painters tape designating their crating areas is removed from the floor!**

**Thank you for another successful DACOF Event!**  
**We will look forward to seeing everyone next year!**