

2016 DACOF Quick Notes!

In just more than one week, DACOF 2016 will be in the history books! Each year we have more people experiencing their first DACOF. As such, we thought it would be helpful to send out some brief information regarding the weekend. There is always new information so even if you're an "old hand" at DACOF, please read these notes. If you need more information, most questions can be answered by looking at the DACOF.com web site ("Send a Team" tab), the DACOF Facebook Page or the "files" section of the DACOF Yahoo! Group.

1) Run Thrus and Crating on Friday: Friday will again be the day most people arrive at DACOF to setup and catch a practice run. Joanne Killeen and her team will start to layout the crating area at 8am. **CRATING ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE POSTED AFTER JOANNE AND HER TEAM ARE FINISHED!!!** Please do not move any crates or personal items into crating areas until after Joanne has posted the crating assignments!!!

We will also start building the rings at 8am.

Hint! Arrive at 8am to help! Regarding run-thrus; we will start them as soon as the rings are built. This is usually around 10am. We will have all 3 rings running **AS LONG AS WE HAVE VOLUNTEERS TO STAFF THEM!** Volunteers will earn a free run thru for each hour worked. (Thank You Rhonda Koeske and Betsy Walton!) Run thrus will end at 5pm. However, ticket sales for run thrus will probably end around 4pm.

An online worker sign-up sheet is available at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054aaea62fa75-2016>

2) Packets and Course Maps: Team packets may be picked up on Friday afternoon between 3:00pm – 5:00pm and on Saturday and Sunday morning. Course maps for Saturday may be picked up Saturday morning from 6:40 – 7:15am and Sunday's during the same time period (Thanks Cindy Little and DTCT!) Please send one person to pick up your team's packet and course maps. They will not be given out individually!

3) Outside Noisemakers: DACOF is proud of the team spirit that makes this competition exciting! However, in the past, one of the most common comments in our post competition survey was about outside noisemakers that disturbed dogs running in the rings. In the spirit of consideration for our fellow dog/handler teams, we ask that no outside noisemakers be used while dogs are running. And in the same spirit, please be considerate of our fellow competitors at all times! We all seem to be better at this each year.

4) Awards Ceremonies: As we did last year, we will have the awards for Saturday's competition on Saturday along with the Annual Meeting and the presentation of the Randy Reed Memorial Award. A Cash Bar will be available for those who may enjoy an adult beverage. Additionally, we are planning to have the social event at the Arena following the awards again this year with a cash bar and snacks. So, bring the team and cheer, then gather with all of your friends to celebrate! After the competition ends on Sunday, the awards will begin only after all of the equipment trailers have been loaded. The more people we have helping with ring breakdown and trailer loading, the sooner we can start the Awards Ceremony.

5) DACOF CATCH: CATCH stands for Crating Area Team Challenge. Our esteemed judges will do a walk-thru of your crating areas on Sunday morning while you are walking-thru their courses! Sound may be used during the judging time. Please be considerate of your neighbors though! Four teams (2 winners and 2 runners-up based on team size) will win entry discounts to DACOF 2017!

6) Raffle: The DACOF raffle is famous for the AWESOME “baskets” that each team brings to help ensure DACOF can continue financially. Please remember that each team, not each organization, is required to bring a basket for the raffle. A team without a basket is a team without a score – so please make sure that the Raffle table checks in your baskets (thank you Shelly Libberton, Lisa Fortschneider and Shenanigans!) Baskets will be accepted on Friday from 2:00pm – 5:00pm and on Saturday morning through 9am. Tickets will go on sale after that point. Ticket sales will end approximately 11:30am on Sunday and the numbers will be drawn some time after noon. An announcement will be made after the numbers have been drawn. **ONLY WINNERS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE RAFFLE AREA AFTER TICKET SALES CLOSE!!!** Any baskets that have not been picked up by the beginning of the awards ceremony will be re-raffled at that time so keep your tickets!

7) Written Briefings: Please check DACOF.com the DACOF Facebook Page and the DACOF Yahoo! Group files section for the current briefings on the events offered at DACOF 2016. A big thanks to Tracy Hanna who compiles these each year. These briefings explain the games and their scoring. Please share these with your whole team.

8) Outside Food: This year, we will be allowed to bring in some outside food again! Please SMALL PERSONAL COOLERS ONLY! No large coolers and no “buffet style” food in your crating areas. The concession area will be open Saturday and Sunday from 10am to approximately 4pm. They will be offering regular concession fare but are also going to having their “signature salads” available as well. Silver Spurs re-evaluates this arrangement on a year by year basis. Through all of our conscientious efforts to be discreet last year the arena has granted permission again for this year. So please, continue to be inconspicuous and responsible regarding outside food!

9) Golf Cart Parking: Many of you have opted to rent Golf Carts for the weekend. Since we will have many more golf carts than before, we will be reserving a parking area both on the North and South sides of the arena. Please park in these areas and NOT under the entryways. It was very crowded trying to get dogs and people in and out last year with only a few carts so it would be really hard this year with so many.

Thanks everyone! See you all VERY soon!

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