

DACOF 2014 Quick Notes!

In less than two weeks, DACOF 2014 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 into 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. Also, we will start building the rings at 8am. Hint! Arrive at 8am to help! ☺ After the crating area is laid out, you may start to move into your space. Regarding run-thrus, we will start them as soon as the rings are built. This is usually around 10am. We will have 3 rings running AS LONG AS WE HAVE VOLUNTEERS TO STAFF THEM! Run thrus will end at 6pm. However, ticket sales for run thrus will probably end around 4pm. Please look for additional run through information to be posted shortly.
- 2) Packets and Course Maps: Team packets may be picked up on Friday afternoon (hours to be announced) and on Saturday and Sunday morning. Course maps for Saturday may be picked up Saturday morning from 6:30 – 7:30am and Sunday's during the same time period (thanks Dog On It!). 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! The past several years, however, the one most common comment in our post competition survey was about outside noisemakers that disturbed dogs that were 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.
- 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. This is a perfect time for outside noisemakers! ☺ Additionally, we plan to have a small social event following the awards at the Arena (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 after the equipment trailers have been loaded. The more people we have helping with this the sooner we can have the Awards Ceremony.
- 5) DACOF CATCH: This year we will have the Inaugural DACOF CATCH completion. 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 2015!
- 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. As team without a basket is a team

without a score – so please make sure that the Raffle table checks in your baskets (thank you Pals and Paws!). Baskets will be accepted on Friday (hours to be determined) 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. 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 the DACOF Yahoo! Group files section for the current briefings on the events offered at DACOF 2014. 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) Live Scoring: This year, our Trial Secretary team is going to attempt a scoring first! The plan is to have a local network where everyone can log in from their personal device and check their score for accuracy. We hope this allows for any scoring issues to be dealt with immediately. Kudos to our team and especially Jean Murray for developing the technical aspect of this great service!
- 9) Outside Food: For the first time, we will be allowed to bring in some outside food! 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 is going to re-evaluate this arrangement after this year to see if we can continue to bring outside food in. So, please be conscientious so we can continue to have outside food.
- 10) 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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