



AGILITY DOG ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA LTD

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AGILITY COMPETITION SAMPLE LIST OF RISKS

The following table presents some of the risks associated with holding an Agility competition. It is not an exhaustive list and clubs should undertake their own risk assessment and identify and implement appropriate controls. Reference should also be made to ADAA's Risk Management Policy (POL-OHS-004), Risk Identification Worksheet (FOR-OHS-001), Risk Assessment Worksheet (FOR-OHS-002) and Risk Control Worksheet (FOR-OHS-003).

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Car Parking Visitors	Vehicle Accident Tents & Large vehicles	All persons & dogs				Stewards directing traffic on competition ground & wearing reflective jackets. Plan is required, & low speeds.	Plan of area regarding competitors, Visitors, V.I.P. All Stewards trained and with suitable equipment i.e. jackets, radios & copies of plans
Car Parking Competitors	As Above						
Entry to competition area.	Vehicle Accidents	Any person				Location maps sent to exhibitors. Advanced signage on the highway. Inform local Police & Highway agency.	Clear entry, hard standing.
Exit from competition ground	As above					Exit spread over a longer period. Keep vision area clear.	Stewards would be of benefit. Firm surface
Access for emergency vehicles	Clear access	Everyone and animals				Keep access clear at all times	Park allowing access to all areas
Caravan(s) & Tents	Fire, Personal injury.	Property, vehicles, persons & animals				Site Safety Plan	Time of year. Naked flame usage.

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Field Competition Area	Risk of rain causing pathways and grass areas to become inaccessible	Persons and animals				Areas sectioned off with hazard tape until safe.	If straw is available this can help in some areas.
First Aid	Accidents / injuries / illnesses	People and Dogs				Risk assessment performed to minimise risk of accident.	Vet on call, maps with directions to vet and nearest A & E hospital. Knowledge of the venue postcode if ambulance needs to be called.
Tradestand Area	Storage of petroleum spirit Use of generators - trailing leads Use of propane gas	People, dogs, property and vehicles				Provision of fire fighting equipment Leads tagged Leads protected Provision of fire fighting equipment	Knowledge of postcode of fire brigade needed
Ring Entrance / Exit	Excited dogs	People or dogs				Collecting area at start. Different start and finish lines Separate entrance and exit to the ring	netting could be used to fence off start and finish areas to keep dogs contained.
Ring queues	Excited dogs, distracted owners, hot weather	People or dogs				Queues to be kept short (10 or under) Positioned away from start and finish area Caller to be positioned so handlers do not have to cross a queue to book in.	Ensure queues do not interfere with queues from adjacent rings.

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Children - helping	Excited dogs, children unaware of dangers and consequences	Children				Ensure children are supervised when helping. Give clear directions to children what is expected of them.	Children are the future of agility but their help should be suitable for the age, understanding and concentration level of the child.
Children - not helping	Dogs, moving vehicles	Children				Children should be supervised at all times Children should be aware of how to behave around dogs	
Exercise area	Loose dogs, dogs chasing toys Bicycles, scooters and other non-motorised forms of transport.	People or dogs People or dogs				Dogs to be under control at all times Consider having separate exercise area allowing toys to be thrown or ban this completely. Bicycles, scooters etc not to be ridden whilst in the exercise area. Speed limit to be kept to less than 5mph at all times.	

