Performance Advisory Committee

The inaugural year for the Performance Advisory Committee has been busy & productive. The committee has held several conference calls, completed a survey of committee members & put together a list of guidelines to assist host clubs in finding suitable sites which will meet the needs for all events. The committee overwhelmingly voted that appropriate event conditions for agility, obedience & rally outweigh the convenience of being on site.

Following are the survey results with preferred options listed first:

**Event Site:**
- All events inside if possible
- Covered arena preferred if outdoors

**Surface/Flooring:**
- Agility Indoors
  - Turf - soccer style
  - Well groomed dirt
  - Heavy Matting (gymnastics type, not conformation type)
  - Carpet (*this surface is unacceptable to some as unsafe*)
- Agility Outdoors
  - Grass (cut low, with mostly level field)

- Obedience/Rally Indoors
  - Ring Matting
  - Rubber Matting
  - Carpet

**Location:**
- Appropriate site with above criteria preferred to on site
- On Site is ideal for locations like Roberts Center in OH
- Off Site is OK to meet site preferences
  - 20-30 minutes commute to site acceptable but no more than 1 hour commute

Following please find the specific requirements for Agility & Obedience/Rally committee recommendations.

Thank you to the BTCA Board for forming this committee & working with the performance community to improve the event options.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Performance Advisory Committee Chair
Agility Guidelines

Committee recommendations in order of preference

Sites Preferences:

AKC does not clearly address this & there are definitely regional preferences in the agility community for types of sites.
- Indoors, AC
- Indoors, Fans
- Under Cover (with or without fans)
- Outdoors

Surfaces

Agility Regs:
Courses must be set upon non-slip surfaces, whether indoors or outdoors (packed dirt, grass, carpeting and padded matting are acceptable surfaces). If a course is run on concrete, the area must be fully matted or padded.

Surface Preferences:
Good Astroturf (sprint turf)
Well Prepped Dirt
Early version Astroturf
Good matting (minimum 1" thick with non-slip surface)
Dirt
Grass
Thin matting (some would consider this unsafe, not enough cushioning)
Carpeting (some would consider unsafe - not enough cushioning, not enough traction)

Ring size:

- 8,000 square feet AKC minimum (minimum 60’ wide)
- 10,000 square feet (most clubs try for 100’ x 100’) - the norm
- 12,000 square feet (AKC considers this ideal)

Agility Regs:
Items that affect usable course space are columns, protrusions, bad/faulty surface, low ceilings and overhangs, etc. The course area must be moderately level and clear, and must be a minimum of 60-feet wide.

Equipment

BTCA can manage on one's rings worth of AKC compliant equipment, but 2 rings allows for faster transitions between classes when space & availability allows.
Obedience / Rally Guidelines

Committee recommendations in order of preference

Site Preferences:

Indoors

Layout:
- Separation from grooming areas and or high traffic, noisy areas.
- Walls preferred, but curtain dividers or other visual dividers acceptable

Surface:

- Fully Matted - rolled rubber matting-preferred
- Gym Flooring - rubber flooring-preferred
- Ballroom Carpet - low pile & freshly vacuumed (NEVER, unless it is fully matted)
- Soccer Turf

Ring Size:

Required:
- Obedience: Rectangular 35’ x 50’
- Rally: Rectangular 40’ x 50’

Preferred:
- 1 Ring Only: Rectangular 50’ x 60’
- Obedience: Rectangular 40’ X 50’
- Rally: Rectangular 50’ x 60’

Equipment:

- Rally equipment with all obedience jumps (broad jump, high jump and bar jump)
- Table for steward/judge

Ring gating:
- Baby gates with wooden stanchions
- White plastic expandable gating
- Single rope gating **unacceptable**