

USDAA Policies & Procedures

Statement of Policy for Facility Use 24 Hours Prior to Event

Effective February 1, 2013

This policy will further expound on the rule in Chapter 2 – Agility Tests, Matches & Events, Section 2.5 – Course Layout: “No training seminars or practice sessions, other than regularly scheduled classes at the facility shall be held at the event site one day prior to or during the event without written USDAA approval. Sanctioned matches, Junior Handler and Intro Program classes are exempt from this limitation.” *Note: This does not preclude holding a seminar or training session following close of the final day of the event.*

An Event Site for the purpose of this policy includes the space/area being used for the event as well as grounds attached to or otherwise considered part of the general area.

An Event for the purpose of this policy includes any dog agility activity other than a match, sanctioned match, Intro Program Only, Junior Handler Program or League Play style event.

Training for the purpose of this policy refers specifically to regularly scheduled training classes hosted by the facility.

The Rules Board has determined that only the following activities shall be allowed in the 24-hour period prior to the start of an event:

- Regularly scheduled training classes hosted by the facility as a usual course of business. Usual participants in these classes may participate in any event being held at the event site following their regularly scheduled training class.
- USDAA sanctioned match
- Junior Handler Program event
- Intro Program Only event
- League Play event

Training seminars, clinics or practice sessions held at a facility that include obstacles used in dog agility are not permitted within 24 hours of the start of an event at the same site as the event and will not be permitted upon request.

Limiting the type of activity at a facility prior to an event serves to ensure a level playing field for all participants in the event. Selective or specialized training that includes use or training of hurdles, jumps and other obstacles used in dog agility gives the perception of an advantage not necessarily available to everyone. Additionally, by allowing training classes held as a normal function of a facility’s business, the impact of rental on facility business is lessened.

Questions related to this policy statement should be directed to the USDAA office.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this policy statement does not purport to take into account all circumstances.