

# **A Rover Runs Through It Agility Club of Missoula**

## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **MEETINGS**

Meeting frequency: Monthly or as needed

### **MINUTES**

The Secretary will compile and post the minutes of the monthly meetings in the ARRTI Yahoo Groups Files within 10 days after a meeting.

### **CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Monetary dues will be \$30 per year for individual members, \$15 per year for juniors and \$45 per year for a household.

Club members receive a \$1 discount/run at ARRTI trials.

### **EVENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT POLICY**

To celebrate happy moments or express condolences for sad events, the club will send an appropriate card to members or former members. The President, once notified of the event, will send the card or delegate/accept the offer of another member to do so. Further action, such as flowers or a donation to a dog-related charity, may be requested, with the action to be voted on by the Board.

### **TRIALS, FUN MATCHES OR SPECIAL EVENTS**

If possible, a proposal for the event should be presented at a meeting prior to the proposed event.

### **Trial Procedures**

In order to proceed with any trial, three primary positions must be committed before ARRTI will agree to a venue: Trial Chairman, Secretary and Equipment Manager. Other positions need to be filled by the time the premium goes out.

### **PRACTICES**

The following rules are in place at every ARRTI event in which obstacles are run.

1. No abusive language or actions toward dogs or other people will be tolerated.
2. Our practices are open only to ARRTI members and their guests. Dues and fees must be paid before taking part.
3. Collars will be allowed on dogs while on the course, but they must be plain flat buckle or quick release types.
4. When not working on the course, dogs in or near the working area must be crated or held securely by a person. Dogs may not be tied to fences or other objects.
5. Children must be under direct control of a parent and off the course at all times. Children are never allowed to play on or around the equipment.
6. To the extent possible, all those taking part in a practice should help with setup and takedown of the course, within the limits of each individual's physical abilities.

## ARRTI Policy Regarding Guests at Practices

Individuals not affiliated with ARRTI are welcome to participate with their dogs in an ARRTI practice as a guest when sponsored by a current ARRTI member. The ARRTI sponsor must attend the practice with his/her guest. The ARRTI sponsor is responsible for making his/her guest aware of current ARRTI practice rules and policies, and for ensuring that the practice rules and policies are adhered to.

The purpose of allowing guests to participate in practice is to introduce the guest to the club as a potential member or to provide a local agility practice venue for a person who is active in agility outside ARRTI's area. Guest privileges are not to be used as a substitute for ARRTI membership or as a substitute for the guest participating in an agility class.

## GUIDELINES FOR USING AND LOANING ARRTI EQUIPMENT

1. Club equipment will be available for use for all club sponsored events.
2. ARRTI members in good standing are allowed to use the equipment at the Rock-N-B at any time for:
  - a. Practice alone or with other club members in good standing
  - b. Private lesson(s) with a trainer
3. ARRTI members in good standing are allowed to take the equipment for use elsewhere with approval from the Board. A written request must be presented to the Board at least one week prior to the date the equipment is needed.
4. ARRTI is committed to supporting dog agility in the local community. ARRTI will loan equipment to other groups for use at area events if:
  - a. The equipment loan does not interfere with a scheduled ARRTI event(s).
  - b. A written request to use equipment is made through a current ARRTI member and presented at a regularly scheduled meeting prior to the event. The member is responsible for providing a list of the equipment needed, the date and place of the trial and the details for pickup and return of the equipment.
  - c. The equipment is returned in the same condition as when loaned (i.e., tunnels are clear of dirt and debris, tunnel bags are clean, dry and folded, etc.). Normal wear and tear is expected.
  - d. The membership is made aware of what equipment was loaned out and when it will be returned.
5. There is no fee for other groups to borrow equipment for events that promote the sport of agility; however, a contribution to ARRTI for care, maintenance and purchase of equipment would be accepted if offered.
6. All other requests by outside groups can be brought before the Board for consideration on a case-by-case basis.