

Saguaro Scramblers Agility Club: Field Rules **Arthur Pack Park and Reid Park**

Saguaro Scramblers Agility Club (SSAC) emphasizes positive training with your dog. Agility is meant to be fun for both the dog and the handler. Positive reward based training helps build a partnership with a dog. Here are the following SSAC rules:

1. Harsh corrections are not allowed. Examples: Ear pinching, scruffing, physical contact with your dog done in anger.
2. Dogs should NOT be on the equipment if the dog and the handler aren't trained. It is OK to skip a piece of equipment on a training course if your dog has not been trained for it..
3. Unless your dog is on course or working an exercise it must be confined to an x-pen or crate or held on a leash. Dogs MAY NOT be tied to fences.
4. Agility is an off leash sport. Therefore it is very important NO dog be out of control or show aggression toward another dog or person.
5. Reliable recall. Your dog MUST be controllable off leash.
6. No nuisance barking since we are in residential neighborhoods.
7. You are responsible for cleaning up after your dog at all times. Do not allow your dog to urinate on the equipment, jump standards, jump wings or snow fencing. If a human is going to touch the item in the near future, don't allow your dog to pee on it.
8. Females in heat are not allowed on equipment.
9. Do not throw treats on the ground as part of running a course. You can use Lotusballs, a treat and train device or treat plates.
10. Observers with leashed and well behaved dogs are welcome.
11. Children under 18 must be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times. Parents are responsible for their children's behavior at all times.
12. Dogs must be a minimum of 15 months old to be on equipment. We will accept dogs under 15 months but an additional release must be signed.
13. No Retractable leashes allowed. Long lines are permitted.

14. Electronic Collars (EC) for training (see Electronic Bark Collars below) are not allowed at Saguaro Scramblers Agility Club practices unless the member (or non-member) is granted permission by one of the following Trainers **prior** to use:

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Prior to use at practice, an individual who wants to use the EC must obtain approval from one of the trainers. One of the Trainers must be on site while EC is in use 1st time only.

The Practice Manager has the right to revoke EC use at their own discretion.

Use of EC at AKC, USDAA or NADAC events are governed by that organizations governing rules.

15. Prong collars are allowed at Saguaro Scramblers Agility Club practices and events except events that are sanctioned by AKC, USDAA or NADAC. The prong collar is to only be used to get a dog in and out of a ring, or to walk around the grounds. They cannot be used on any dog running an agility course.

16. Electronic Bark Collars or Citronella Collars are allowed at Saguaro Scramblers Agility Club practices and events except those sanctioned by AKC, USDAA or NADAC. If using a citronella collar it **MUST BE UNSCENTED**. Handler must ask the person that is orchestrating said practice to determine location of crating the dog, so to not affect another dog with the use of the collar.

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THE ABOVE SAFETY RULES ARE FOLLOWED