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Supply as Course designer or in scale in black pen on an A4 sheet Portrait size.

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## A leading question by Sandra Mohekey

Should we use the challenge of Covid 19 to look at how we can make our shows safer in terms of the spread of viruses and bacteria? One area of concern for some people is the need to pass off leads, toys or treats in order to enter the ring.

### **The Bucket question.**

If a bucket is provided at the show and taken down to the end of the course, that can help because the handle is all the person carrying the bucket needs to touch. However, when there is a personnel swap over in terms of “lead” running that means the bucket handle needs to be sanitised. And if a competitor touches part of it sanitisation would be required – if you can work out where they touched it. Also, what if the germs transfer from one lead to another, just from being in the bucket where another handler’s gear was?

### **A concealed lead?**

Is the solution to allow agility competitors to carry concealed leads – like concealed weapons but somewhat less dangerous? Competitors carry leads in their pockets in obedience. The benefits they see include it being safer for reactive dogs and safer for dogs generally when leaving the ring. Of course, obedience shows do not have a holding area or separate entrances and exits so there are some differences. For agility competitors, having leads on handlers might help in teaching dogs to go to their owner instead of a bucket or to a toy at the end of a run and could mean there was no need for lead runners – at least not for leads.

This would work for those people who prefer a simplistic approach to running their dogs. What about those who like to place a variety of things at the end of the course for the dog to run to, and be rewarded? It is preferable to keep this all in one place rather than spread on the ground where they can be grabbed by

another dog – or by a particularly confused handler. One of my toys once went missing because it looked like a previous competitor's and they had forgotten they hadn't taken theirs to the ring! Maybe the solution is to this is to expect people to bring and place their own buckets at the end and to carry their lead out of sight during a run? Or at least allow them the option of carrying an out-of-sight lead?



### **Allowable training aids.**

There are people who argue that a lead is a training aid and so should not be carried into the ring.

However, anything can be one of those if it's conditioned that way. For many dogs the toy/food placed at the end of the run

is a way to get them to run ahead of the handler and finish the course, so they are also being used as training aids, and that is permitted. I know one person whose jumpers always had rips on the sleeves because her dog had been taught to tug them as a reward. No one ever made her take off her top before she entered the ring with her highly visible training aid. I kinda would have liked to see them try! At least with leads we could expect them to be out of sight in a pocket or down a bra. Our regulations state that we must enter and leave the holding area with our dog on a lead, so we need a lead somewhere, so why not somewhere easily accessible like a pocket??

Anyway, as we try to make our gear safer, and our courses safer, this is another thing for us to think about. For these who like to keep it simple, why not just allow them to put their lead in their pocket and carry on. The benefits seem to outweigh any perceived negative consequences.

Hope to see you all at a show soon!

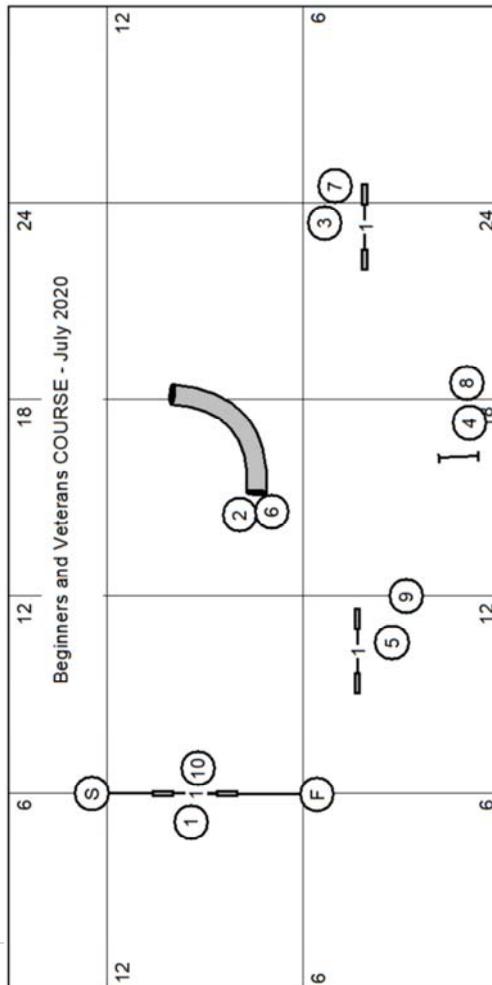
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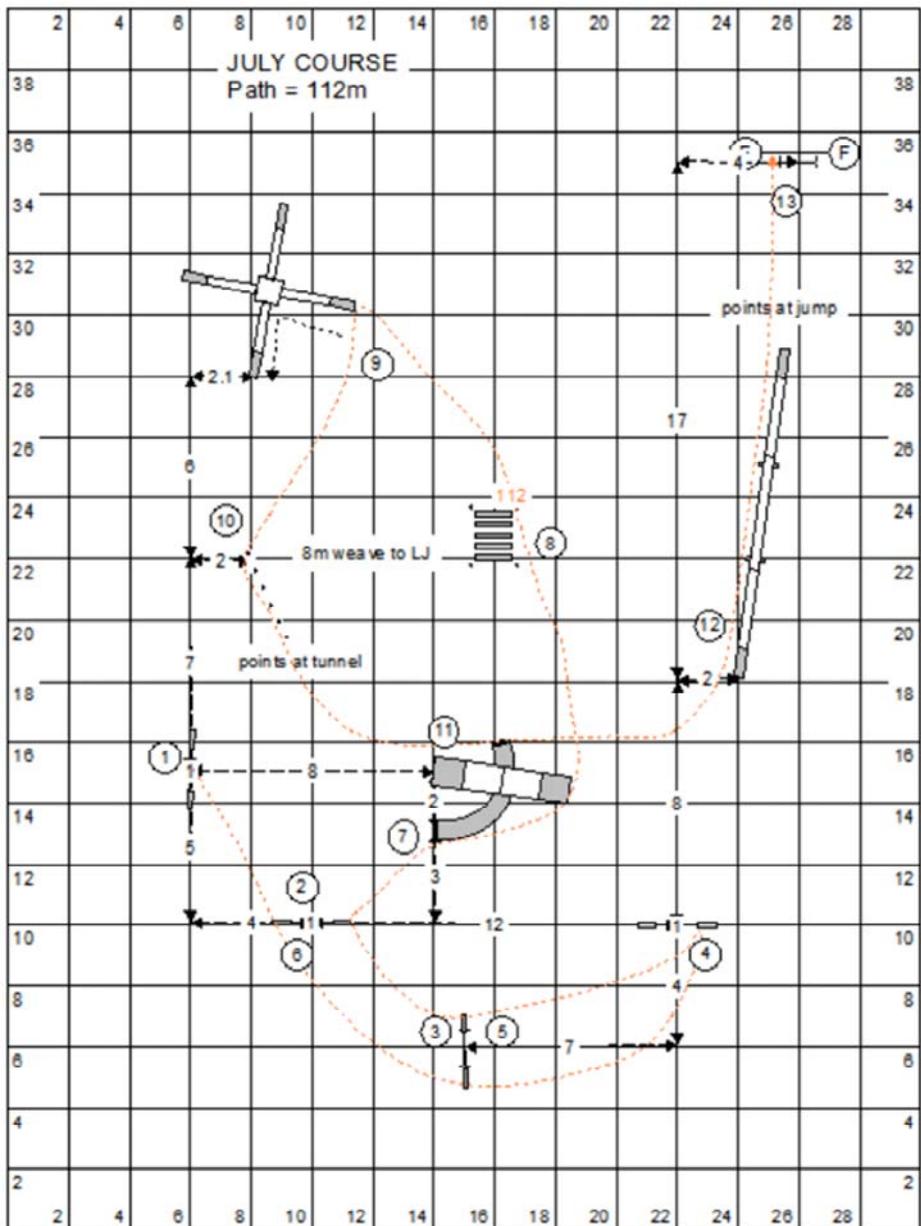
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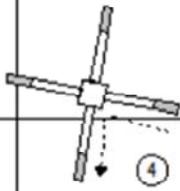
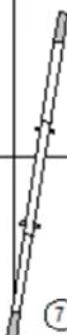
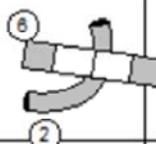


# July 2020

Path length = 112m



# July Game: Snooker

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36					36
30					
24					24
18					18
12					12
6					6
①	<p>SNOOKER - July 2020            Maxm time allowed for scoring is 50 secs.            once that time is reached go to the finish to record a time            Obstacles must be done in direction indicated in dosing,            any direction in opening</p>				
	6	12	18	24	

Please ensure the course on the ground is the same as the plan, using a metre wheel to check distances. The overall distance should also be checked.

The sign should be placed where the number on the plan indicates and any separate numbers placed to the side on the right, with cones usually placed just behind (in the case of weaves etc).

**The sign must be performed in a one metre square** to the front of the sign for turns in front and slightly to the left for straight line walking.

## **July 2020**

### **Based on COVID 19 #4 by Gill Loader**

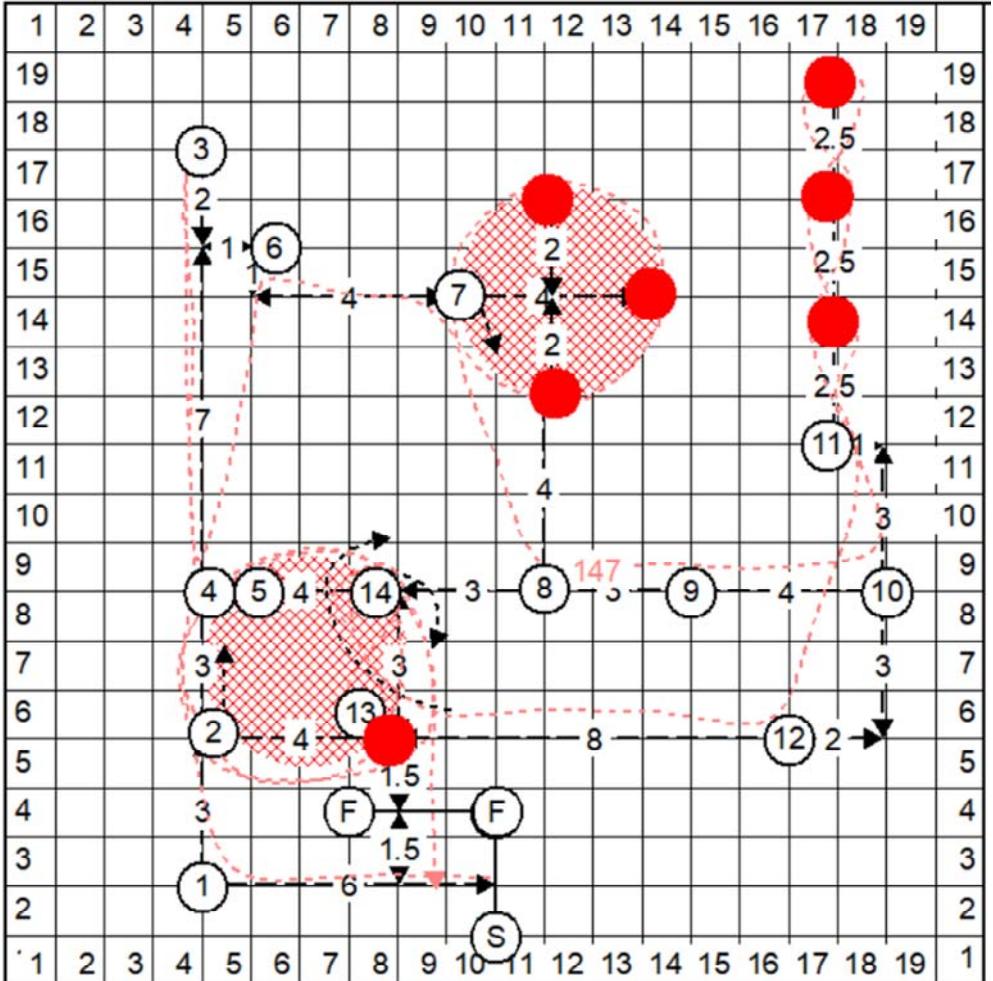
1. # 10-270 Left.
2. #33- Circle Right
3. #29- left about U.
- 4.#35-Call Front Return to Heel
- 5.#25 1,2,3 Steps fward.
- 6.#10 270 Left.
7. Circle left
- 8.#6- Left Turn.
- 9.#14- Call Front Finish Left
10. #6 Left turn
- 11#23- Weave twice
12. #5 Right Turn.
- 13 #32 figure 8 (arrow shows entry)
- 14.# Circle Left

Path line = 147m

# July RallyO course

Path = 147m

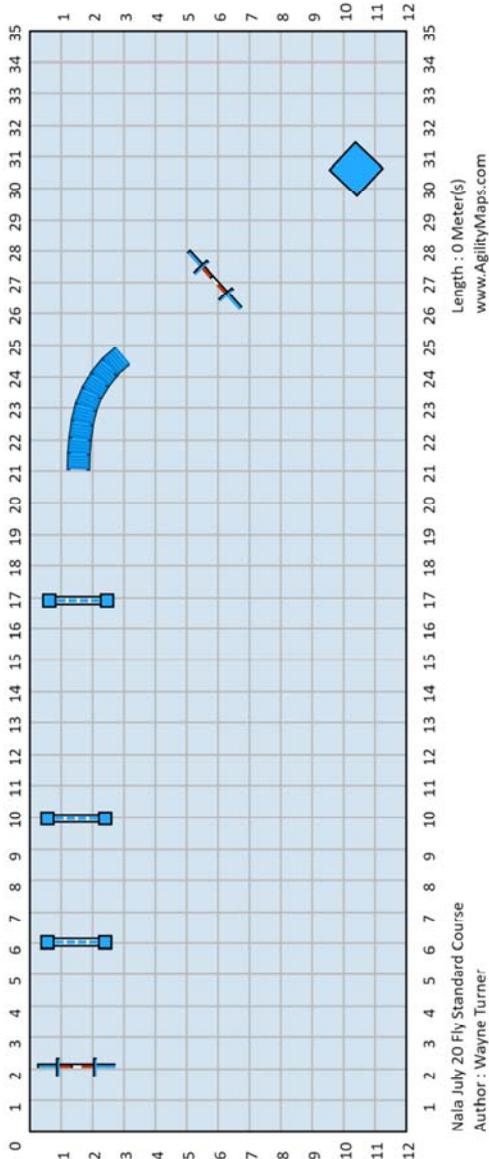
Place cones at 2, 4/5, 14, 7, 11 and where red dots are

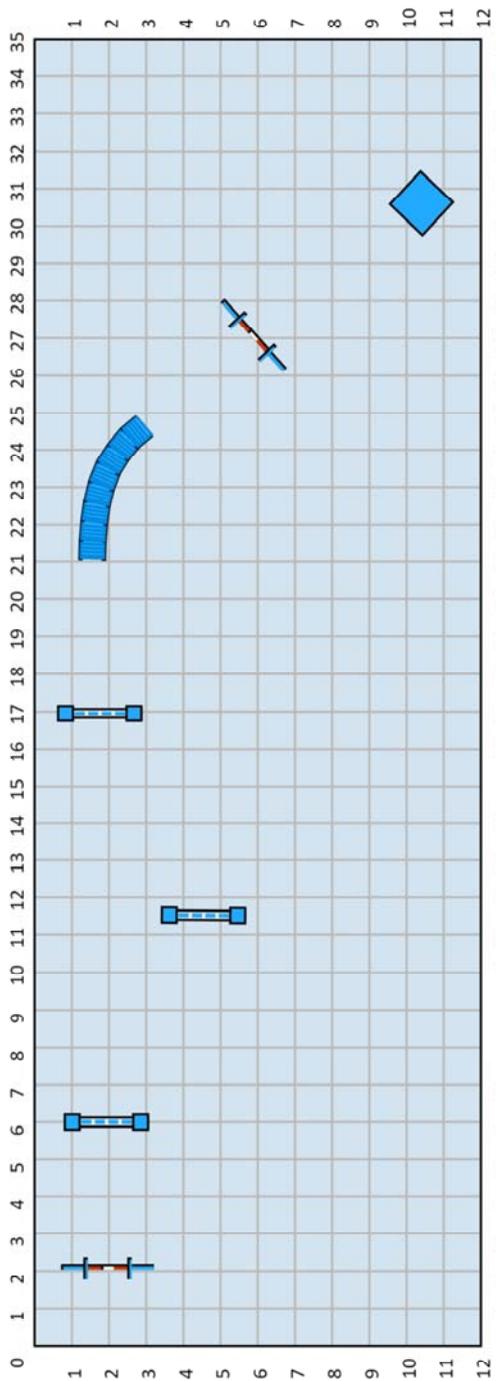


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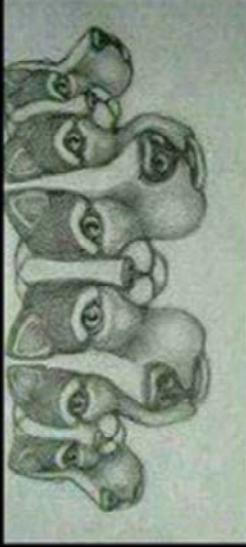


Nala Flygility Challenge - July 20

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Length : 0 Meter(s)  
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**HOW many animals  
do you see?**



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more than 4**