

THE BIG E SDT Handlers Info

Entry Instructions:

Address: 1305 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA, this should get you to Gate 1

Enter at Gate 1, drive around to Gate 10 (Agriculture). Park in that lot and walk in at Gate 10 then to the Coliseum (map on Fair website and on NEBCA FB page or just ask "where's the Coliseum?")

Handlers meeting at 10:45 but I advise arriving early as traffic can be very bad. Trial 1 starts at 11 AM or as soon as we are ready – being The Big E there are often unforeseen circumstances.

It may be possible to drive in to the Coliseum to drop off gear if you arrive by 8:30 AM but this is NOT GUARANTEED so be prepared to haul crates. The earlier you arrive the closer your parking spot will be (although still not that close, sorry). Regardless you will NOT be able to drive back in at the end of the day to pick up gear

BRING RABIES CERTIFICATE. We were also advised to bring a current shot record from your vet but without any instructions as to what vaccines should be on it. I suggest just bring the current print out.

Get your hand stamped at the gate so you can come and go to parking. If questioned about the dog, tell them you are a competitor in the Sheepdog Trial.

Other info:

Bring crates if possible, a chair if you want to (we will have some and there are the arena stands). Crating space is tight. Tying dogs to the railing is not advised but can be done in a pinch.

There is of course abundant "fair food".

Rain is forecast. We will be inside however the walk from parking and dog potty area is outside.

Expect Trial 1 to finish by 1 pm then you can wander the Fair till Trial 2 Handlers meeting at 2:45. Dogs can safely be left in crates in the Coliseum.

Do NOT bring onto the grounds: Weapons including knives, alcohol, metal cans or glass bottles, balloons, noise makers, drones, bicycles, hoverboards. In case you were wondering.

IMPORTANT: If you DID NOT receive gate and parking passes (by US Mail) please let me know ASAP (pjmuel1@gmail.com or text 607-342-4291