SKC Agility Trials – Haze Contingency Plan

31 October 2026 (FCI Trial) | 1 November 2026 (SKC Trial)

Approved on 26 October 2026

1. Purpose and Reference

This plan sets out how SKC will assess haze conditions, communicate trial-day decisions and administer entry fees. The venue is a sheltered, naturally ventilated court with openings; shelter does not eliminate exposure to haze.

The primary air-quality reference is NEA's North region 24-hour PSI, with the North region 1-hour PM2.5 reading and prevailing conditions considered when assessing rapid changes. SKC will assess each trial day independently.

2. PSI Thresholds and Trial Decisions

North region 24-hour PSI	SKC position	Participant / fee implications
Below 200	Trial normally proceeds, subject to monitoring and SKC safety decisions.	Normal entry and withdrawal conditions apply.
200 to below 300	Trial may proceed. Participants decide whether their dogs should compete at their own discretion.	A participant who elects not to run is treated as voluntarily withdrawing; no refund or credit.
300 or above	SKC will postpone the trial and reassess conditions. If a safe start is not feasible, SKC may cancel that day.	Credits apply only if SKC officially cancels the relevant trial or runs.

SKC retains authority to suspend, postpone or cancel competition at any PSI level if current air quality or other safety circumstances warrant. PSI 300 is a postponement trigger, not a declaration that all lower readings are safe.

3. Timing and Announcements

When	Action	Possible outcome
Previous day, 5pm	Review North region readings and forecasts; issue an advisory if haze is of concern.	Advisory only; no automatic cancellation based on the previous day.
Trial day, 8am	Publish official decision on SKC Facebook page.	Proceed at 10am; postpone pending reassessment; or cancel.
Trial day, by 12pm	If postponed, publish final update.	Confirm 2pm start or cancellation of that day.
Trial day, 2pm	Commence postponed trial if conditions permit.	Competition programme may be adjusted to complete scheduled runs safely.
During competition	Continue monitoring and announce any suspension or cancellation.	Only SKC-cancelled, uncompleted runs qualify for fee credit.

Participants should plan for a possible 2pm start. If SKC proceeds at 2pm, inability to attend the revised time is a voluntary withdrawal and does not qualify for refund or credit.

4. Independent Trial-Day Assessment

Date	Event	Assessment
31 October 2026	FCI Trial	Separate decision for this day.
1 November 2026	SKC Trial	Separate decision for this day, regardless of the previous day's outcome.

5. Entry Fees and Withdrawals

Situation	Fee treatment
SKC officially cancels an entire trial day	Entry fees for that day credited toward SKC trials on 19–20 December 2026.
SKC starts the trial but cancels remaining runs	Entry fees for runs cancelled by SKC credited toward the December trials.
SKC proceeds at PSI 200 or above but below 300	Participant may withdraw at own discretion; no refund or credit.
SKC proceeds after a 10am-to-2pm postponement	Participant unable or unwilling to attend: no refund or credit.
December 2026 credit not used	Credit forfeited after the 19–20 December 2026 trials.

Credits apply only to SKC-cancelled entries or runs, are not redeemable for cash and must be used at the specified December 2026 trials. Any operational details for applying credits will be communicated by SKC.

6. Participants' Discretion and Organiser Commitments

Handlers remain responsible for assessing their own dogs' age, health and tolerance for haze. SKC recognises their right not to compete. Where the trial proceeds, this remains a personal withdrawal decision and does not entitle the participant to a fee credit.

The trials involve an overseas judge and committed expenditure such as airfare, accommodation, judging fees and venue costs. The fee policy therefore distinguishes between an event cancelled by SKC and an individual decision to withdraw.

7. Communication and Authority

Official announcements will be made through SKC's Facebook page. Participants should check the page before travelling and throughout any postponement. SKC retains final authority over proceeding, postponing, suspending and cancelling the competition.

This plan is subject to SKC's final approval and communication to registered participants.