

Overview of New 2007 TDAA Rules

Effective March 1, 2007

- Jump height cutoffs have been raised as follows: 8" and under at the withers jumps 4"; 12" and under jumps 8"; 15" and under jumps 12"; 17" and under jumps 16".
- Dogs competing with either a body-type (long-backed, dwarfish legs/deep chested, or weight-to-height provision) exemption, veteran jump height exemption, or both exemptions, will be scored and placed with the height class they measure into (based on their height at the withers).
- Only one jump height exemption due to body-type (long backed, dwarfish legs/deep chest, weight to height) will be allowed per dog. Dogs may, however, take both a body-type and veteran exemption so that they can jump two heights lower than their measured height allows.
- Judges will note and approve body-type exemptions when they measure dogs at check-in. Height cards will include dog's date of birth (for verification of veteran status) and the body-type exemption, if any that the dog is eligible for.
- FEO (for exhibition only) runs will be allowed.
- Veteran dogs measuring into the 8" height class or above will get an additional 2 seconds added to their standard course time (SCT) for standard runs and for games which have a SCT calculation. Veteran dogs measuring into the 4" height class will get an additional 4 seconds added to their SCT.
- Standard class standard course times have been lowered by 0.1 yards per second for all levels and heights, thereby giving teams an additional 3 - 6 seconds on average.
- Ribbons will continue to be given for non-qualifying placements. It will now be the club's option to award 4th place ribbons, but not mandatory.
- The first Failure to Perform (FTP) fault in the Beginners Std class will be 20 faults (in 2006 it was scored as an Elimination) ; the second occurrence is an Elimination. In Intermediate and Superior , the first FTP fault is an Elimination.
- In games level I, any game which requires performance of the weaves to qualify cannot be offered more than once per day.