

Warm-Ups: A warm up area, consisting of at least a regulation agility jump, shall be provided for all exhibitors. Obstacle familiarization on TDAA equipment will be offered before the first class on Saturday and Sunday. This will allow dogs not familiar with the smaller equipment to experience it before the first run of the day.

Height Divisions: Owners are responsible for entering the proper height division. Judges reserve the right to measure dogs entered in any trial. At the handler's option, dogs may be entered in a higher height division, but not in a division lower than their proper height division. Dogs that run in a height division lower than their proper division will be eliminated. Provisional dogs must be measured by a judge. To figure leg to shoulder ratio: Height from the elbow to the ground ÷ height at the withers = % (ratio). If that percentage is less than 50% and meets the height requirement then the dog can jump at the next lower height.

- 🐾 **2" jump height:** Restricted to dogs measuring 4" or less at the withers; or dogs with a jump height exemption measuring 8" or less.
- 🐾 **4" jump height:** Restricted to dogs measuring 8" or less at the withers; or dogs with a jump height exemption measuring 12" or less.
- 🐾 **8" jump height:** Restricted to dogs measuring 12" or less at the withers; or dogs with a jump height exemption measuring 16" or less.
- 🐾 **12" jump height:** Restricted to dogs measuring 16" or less at the withers; or dogs with a jump height exemption measuring 20" or less.
- 🐾 **16" jump height:** Restricted to dogs measuring 20" or less at the withers.

Jump Height Exemptions: Special provisions are made for dogs that are long-backed, have a weight-to-height exemption, or who have dwarfish legs (see rules for complete description of height exemptions; www.k9tdaa.com). A jump height exemption (next lower height) will also be granted to veteran dogs (dogs of at least 7 years of age). These exemptions are explained in detail at www.k9tdaa.com, click on Rules and go to section 3.4 Jump Heights. You may subtract one height for Veteran Status and one for Body Exemption from Measured Jump Height. Some handlers prefer to jump at their Measured Jump Height rather than their Actual Jump Height.

- 🐾 **E1 Long backed dogs:** The long-backed dog would be based on the measurements of the dog from the front of the chest to the back of his rear compared to the measurement of the dog's height at the withers. As a rule of thumb, if the dog's length is 150% or greater than the height measurement, the dog would qualify for this exemption.
- 🐾 **E2 Weight to length provision (by structure, not obesity):** This exemption should be limited to certain breeds that have a propensity for weight that is greater than their height if you compare pounds to inches.

- 🐾 **E3 Dogs with dwarfish legs/deep-chest dogs:** This exemption is granted to dogs whose leg to shoulders height ratio is 1/3 or less of the dog's overall height. The exemption for dogs with dwarfish legs is based on the measurement of the dog's withers height, when that height is 150% or greater than the measurement of the space from the floor to chest.
- 🐾 **Veteran dog:** A veteran is a dog at least 7 years of age. There is no special system of titling for veteran dogs.

A dog also may be given an exemption to jump at a lower height even though he does not meet any of the criteria for a jump height exemption. An exemption will be given to a dog for extraordinary circumstances as determined by TDAA.

Dogs given a jump height exemption will be able to earn qualifying legs and all TDAA titles.

Standard Class: The following classes are available for Standard runs.

- 🐾 **Beginner Agility:** All dogs shall be eligible for participation in this class. There shall be no grandfathering of titles from other organizations.
- 🐾 **Intermediate Agility:** Dogs that have earned the Teacup Beginner Agility Dog (TBAD) or that have satisfied the appropriate Fast Track requirement shall be eligible for participation in this class.
- 🐾 **Superior Agility:** Dogs that have earned the Teacup Intermediate Agility Dog (TIAD) or that have earned the Teacup Superior Agility Dog (TSAD) or that have satisfied the appropriate Fast Track requirement shall be eligible for participation in this class.

Games Class: The following classes are available for games runs.

- 🐾 **Games I:** All dogs shall be eligible for participation in this class. There shall be no grandfathering of titles from other organizations.
- 🐾 **Games II:** Only dogs that have earned the Teacup Games I (TG1) or that have satisfied the appropriate Fast Track requirement shall be eligible for participation in this class.
- 🐾 **Games III:** Only dogs that have earned the Teacup Games II (TG2) or Teacup Games III (TG3) or that have satisfied the appropriate Fast Track requirement shall be eligible for participation in this class.

Game Descriptions:

Dare to Double is a dog's-choice game. The objective is to score as many points as possible, repeating a doubling obstacle on course as often as time allows. The dog risks losing half his points if the obstacle is faulted! The dog must get to the finish obstacle before course time elapses or be penalized. *Dare to Double* is scored Points, Then Time. ER2

The Daisy Game: The Daisy Game is mostly a dog's choice game. The handler and dog choose the order and direction of play. The petals of the daisy are plucked by the dog, alternating "she loves me ... she loves me not" in scoring. The dog earns a bonus for ending on a "she loves me" pluck of a petal. The Daisy Game is scored Time, Plus Faults, Less Bonus. ER7

Jumplers: The object of Jumplers is to perform the course of obstacles that marries speed and jumping with distance work in sequence before time runs out. The handler may earn extra points by handling inside the Doubling box.

Jumpers: *Jumpers* is a favorite game in the dog agility world. Courses are made up of jumps and tunnels only, so the play is fast and furious. Follow the numbers and keep the bars up.

Additional information on the games can be found in **The Clean Run Book of Agility Games**, 2nd Edition by Bud Houston. Or, call or email if you have any questions about these games!

Obstacles to be used

A-Frame – 30" x 6' 8" ramp, 36" contacts, slatted	Teeter – 12" x 12', 36" contacts, no slats
Open Tunnel – 16" diameter, up to 16' long	Dogwalk – 12" x 8' planks, 36" contacts, no slats
Tire – 20" internal diameter	Weave poles – 20" spacing
Table – 3' x 3'	Jumps – 30" wide

Awards: Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 4th in each jump height in each class. Qualifying ribbons will be awarded to all dogs receiving a qualifying score. Dogs with an NT (no time) are not eligible for any ribbons. Fast Track dogs will only receive qualifying ribbons at the Beginner/Games I and Intermediate/Games II levels.

Notice to Exhibitors

- 🐾 Entries will not be accepted without fees. No entries will be accepted which require a signature for delivery. All entries must be submitted on official TDAA Agility Entry Forms, one dog per entry form. Photocopied entries without the TDAA agreement on the back or attached are NOT acceptable. Unsigned, incomplete, or illegible entries are NOT acceptable.
- 🐾 Faxed entries and/or credit cards are not accepted.
- 🐾 Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. The Trial Secretary will add a \$35.00 service charge for any returned checks. Subsequent returned checks from the same exhibitor may result in their being put on a CASH ONLY basis.
- 🐾 Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the Trial Committee.
- 🐾 No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot be opened or completed by reason of riots, civil disturbance, fire, and act of God, public emergency, and act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee.
- 🐾 Bitches in season are not permitted in the trial. The club will refund all but \$5.00 of the entry fee for bitches unable to compete for that reason. The Trial Secretary must receive written notification from a Veterinarian of such claim for refund by letter (not email) five days in advance of the trial.
- 🐾 Unsportsmanlike conduct, including rough handling or misconduct of any kind, will result in an excusal from the ring.
- 🐾 Exhibitors may wear shirts or insignia of their training group if they wish.
- 🐾 At the handler's option, the dog may wear a flat (buckle or quick release) collar without tags or other attachments. Choke collars, pinch collars, electric, and dummy electric collars are prohibited. The safety of the dogs is our primary concern.
- 🐾 By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all obstacles safely.
- 🐾 All dogs must be on leash or crated at all times except when in the ring or when in the designated agility warm-up area.
- 🐾 It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children.
- 🐾 Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Trial Committee, be asked to leave the trial site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made.
- 🐾 Food and toys are not permitted in the course area and handlers are not allowed to use whistles or other instruments or devices. Exhibitors are responsible for being at the ring gate when it is their turn to run.
- 🐾 Exhibitors are expected to clean up after their dogs.