



Location
Gemini Dogs Indoor Agility Arena
Littleton, MA

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TEACUP DOGS
AGILITY ASSOCIATION

# SEPT. 15-17, 2023 PETIT PRIX TOURNAMENT

TDAA's 2023 Petit Prix championship tournament showcases top competitors among dogs of small stature in the sport of dog agility and finds a tournament champion (TNAC) in each jump height.

#### Location

Gemini Dogs Indoor Agility Arena <a href="https://www.geminidogs.com">https://www.geminidogs.com</a>> 53-B Ayer Road Littleton, MA 01460

# Judges' Panel

Sarah Power, Ashby, MA Liz Clements, Riverton, WY

#### **Tournament Rules**

2023 Petit Prix Rules

The TDAA is keenly focused on supporting dogs of smaller stature and their handlers. The dog's safety and enjoyment while participating in agility is of paramount importance.

The Petit Prix consists of three standard courses and three games.

Earn qualifying legs towards TDAA titles.

TDAA National
Agility
Championship
(TNAC) Title
earned by top
scoring dogs at
each height.

Entries close August 15, 2023

TRIAL SECRETARY

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Association
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#### **CERTIFICATION T23200**

Permission has been granted by the Teacup Dogs Agility Association for the holding of this event under Teacup Dogs Agility Association Rules and Regulations.

Muddy Paws Agility Club

**Trial Chair:** Teresa Kolean/Brenda Douglass

**Trial Secretary:** Chad Kolean

# **Show Site**

The show site is indoor, with limited crating space. The agility ring surface is Great Mats over cement. The building is completely climate controlled. Please bring comfortable chairs, crates, covers and mats for under your crates, water for your dogs and clean-up tools. Dogs must be kept on leash.

#### HOTELS/MOTELS THAT ACCEPT DOGS:

- Hampton Inn & Suites Westford-Chelmsford
   9 Nixon Rd, Westford, MA 01886
   (978) 392-1555
- Westford Regency Inn and Conference Center
   219 Littleton Rd, Westford, MA 01886
   (978) 692-8200
- Hilton Garden Inn Devens Common 59 Andrews Pkwy, Devens, MA 01434 (978) 772-0600
- Boxboro Regency Hotel & Conference Center 242 Adams Pl, Boxborough, MA 01719 (978) 263-8701
- The Minuteman Inn 71 Hosmer St, Acton, MA 01720 (978) 274-2444
- The Lyttleton Inn
   423 King St, Littleton, MA 01460
   (978) 486-4715

#### **CAMPING:**

 Spacious Skies Minute Man 264 Ayer Road Littleton, MA 01460 (978) 772-0042

There will be some space for RVs at the facility during the day, although there are no RV power hook-ups.

**BE SURE** to check if your location still accepts dogs, charges a pet fee, and make your reservation early! Also, please make sure that you pick up after dogs so that these facilities will continue to accept dogs.

# **Emergency Veterinary Hospitals**

Massachusetts Vet Referral Hospital 20 Cabot Rd, Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 932-5802

Westford Veterinary Emergency 11 Cornerstone Square, Westford, MA 01886 (978) 577-6525

Veterinary Emergency Group 196 Boston Turnpike Suite 1, Shrewsbury, MA 01545 (508) 653-4700

You and your dogs don't have to be perfect to be amazing!

#### **RAFFLE, PRIZES AND OTHER INFO!**

#### Raffle

We will be raffling a variety of items that represent the various areas of the country participants are from, as well as other dog agility-related items. Items to be offered in the raffle must be new. Please have your raffle items table ready. If you contribute an item to the raffle, you will receive a free raffle ticket. Please contact TDAA to donate an item or if you need additional information. Cash donations are not accepted.

# **Participants**

All competitors will receive a "swag bag" and there will be additional prizes, gifts and surprises throughout the weekend!

# The Football Challenge

On Friday, we will be conducting a fun challenge, playing the Football Game, with the prize being a teacup tire (for each jump height)! Football is a jumpers sequence with footballs placed on the course that the handler must pass through a tire from 10 feet to earn a bonus. Football is scored Time, Plus Faults, Less Bonus. ER7. If you wish to participate, please sign up on Friday's entry form.

#### **Location / Directions to Show Site**

Gemini Dogs Indoor Agility Arena is located in eastern Massachusetts, 1.5 miles west of I-495 down Ayer Road/Route 2A. The facility is just off Ayer Road on Distribution Center Drive.

**Airport:** Boston's Logan International Airport is the closest large airport to the site (about 40 miles or 45 minutes away).

# **Volunteer Sign Up**

Volunteers are the backbone of any agility trial. By its very nature TDAA is small. Small dogs, small equipment, small trials, and a small number of handlers. We need all hands to make a trial work. If you would like to help, please fill out the form on the last page of this premium.

# **Photographer**

We will have photographer Robert Rocco on site during the three days of the Petit Prix. He is experienced in photographing a broad variety of dog competitions and has previously worked at the Gemini Dogs facility. He has a web site at <a href="https://www.rnroccophoto.com">https://www.rnroccophoto.com</a>.

# **Sponsorships**

Any TDAA members or clubs wishing to sponsor an award should contact TDAA by June 15, 2023. All sponsored awards must be approved by TDAA and cannot include "TDAA" "National" or "Champion", nor can it substantively duplicate a TDAA award. They must be objectively determined and cannot be won by the sponsor. No cash awards will be approved.

# **Tournament Eligibility and Class Information**

The Friday runs are open to all dogs at all levels, measuring 20 inches and under, over the age of 12 months.

The Petit Prix event on Saturday and Sunday is open to dogs who: have participated in a TDAA trial any time between August 15, 2022 and August 15, 2023; have earned the TIAD and Games 2 titles; measure 20 inches and under; and are over the age of 12 months. Bitches in season, aggressive dogs, or dogs suffering from any injury, or illness which may affect a dog's physical performance are not allowed in any TDAA event. Please note that 3-legged dogs *are* permitted if the dog can perform the obstacles safely. Dogs eligible to play in the TDAA are further defined in the <u>TDAA Rules and Regulations</u>. (v. 5.8.4).

#### **CLASS INFORMATION**

# Friday - Fun Day as you prepare for the Petit Prix:

The activities on Friday, while not strictly part of the Petit Prix competition, are designed to engage handlers and dogs at all levels. There will be two classes on Friday that are open to dogs at all levels, including those dogs who are not competing in the Petit Prix on Saturday and Sunday: one standard run and one game. There is also the Football Challenge (as described above) and the Raffle will begin. All of the Friday runs, including the Football Challenge, are qualifying runs to earn legs toward regular TDAA titles. Additionally, on Friday you will have the opportunity to check in, catch up with others at the tournament, see the facility, and get acclimated for the weekend.

The Friday game is *Call, Direct and Send,* where the dog performs three distance challenges to earn bonuses. The first is a lead out, with the dog executing an obstacle after being released from the start line (Call), second is where the dog must perform an obstacle or sequence while the handler remains behind a containment line (Direct) and last is where the dog must execute the final obstacle while the handler stays behind the containment line (Send). *Call, Direct and Send* is scored Time, Plus Faults, Less Bonus. ER7

# **Saturday and Sunday - The Petit Prix Tournament**

The Petit Prix tournament will include three standard courses and three games to be run alternately (Standard first, then a Game, etc.) on Saturday and Sunday. Four runs on Saturday and two on Sunday. Courses will be run using Superior or Games III rules for performance, including rates of travel. Qualifying scores will be awarded in all events.

The Petit Prix competition shall consist of these three games:

- 1. Jumplers is a combined class of Jumpers and Gamblers. The dog will run a numbered course consisting of jumps and tunnels that will feature elements on which the dog will earn bonuses for working at a distance from the handler. Jumplers is scored Time, Plus Faults, Less Bonus. ER7
- 2. Group Choice is a game of strategy and dog's choice point accumulation game in which obstacles are divided into three different groups. Each group must be completed before moving on to the next. Group Choice is scored on a 100-point basis. Faults are deducted from the 100 starting points. ER12
- 3. Twister is a point accumulation game in which the dog earns points for sequences of obstacles arranged in two concentric loops. The dog is required to change the direction of play between scoring sequences, alternating between the inner and outer loops. Bonus points are awarded for a faultless performance. Twister is scored Points, Then Time. ER2

#### **Awards**

Tournament awards will be:

- Trial rosettes will be awarded for 1st through 4th place in each jump height in each class.
- Qualifying rosettes will be awarded to all dogs receiving a qualifying score. Dogs may receive placement rosettes without qualifying.
- For the overall tournament at each jump height, 1st through 5th will be awarded. This includes the TDAA National Agility Championship Title (TNAC) to the 1st place dog. Awards include a rosette and a trophy for the TNAC, and placement rosettes for 2nd through 5th place.

# **Equipment List**

Rubberized A-Frame – 8' ramps, 30" wide, no slats	Single and Winged Jumps – 30" wide	Rubberized Dog Walk – 8' ramps, 11-1/2" wide, no slats
Rubberized Teeter – 8'	Weave Poles - 22" centers	8' & 10' Tunnels – 16" diameter
Rubberized Table – 30" x 30"	Tire Jump – 16" diameter	

All obstacles meet TDAA equipment size requirements

#### **NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS**

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 the Teacup Dogs Agility Association, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all obstacles safely.

Dogs must be on leash and controlled by their handler or crated at all times except when in the ring or the designated agility warm-up area. Exhibitors are solely 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 crate outside, or even be expelled from the tournament. In case of expulsion, no refund of any fees paid will be made.

Food treats and toys will not be allowed in the ring on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, in accordance with TDAA rules for national events. Handlers are not allowed to use whistles, other instruments, or devices.

Dogs may wear a collar, at the handler's option. Choke collars, pinch collars, electric and dummy electric collars are prohibited.

Unsportsmanlike conduct, including rough handling, verbal abuse of trial personnel, or misconduct of any kind, will result in an excusal from the ring, and possibly expulsion from the tournament.

Show hours are approximately 10:30 am to 6:00 pm Friday and 7:30 am to 6:00 pm Saturday and Sunday or until finished. Judging will start at noon on Friday, and 8:30 on Saturday and Sunday.

- ENTRIES CLOSE at 6:00 p.m., August 15, 2023.
- 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 are NOT acceptable. Unsigned, incomplete or illegible entries are NOT acceptable and cannot be entered in the trial. Faxed entries and/or credit cards cannot be accepted. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee.
- The Trial Secretary will add a \$25.00 charge for any returned checks. Subsequent payment to the TDAA shall be on a CASH ONLY basis. All checks will be deposited prior to the Petit Prix event.
- Entry fees will not be refunded if 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 public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee.
- Bitches in season are not permitted at the trial. The TDAA will refund all but 10% of the entry fee for dogs 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) before September 12, 2023.

# OFFICIAL TEACUP DOGS AGILITY ASSOCIATION ENTRY FORM

## **Handler Information**

Handler Name	Owner's Name(s), if Different
Address	Phone:
City	State Zip
Email	<b>L</b>
TDAA Member # M	Disabled Handler
FREE T-Shirt Size with Women's Style T-Shirt ☐ XSM weekend Petit Prix Entry Men's Style T-Shirt	□SM □MED □LG □XL □2XL □3XL □SM □MED □LG □XL □2XL □3XL
<b>Dog Information (dog's registered name):</b> If entering multiple dogs, make a copy of this page and fill out information f	
TDAA # D	□Male □Female Birthdate:
Measured Height □4" □8" □12" □16"	Body-Type Exemption? Veteran?  □Yes □No □Yes □No
Actual Jump Height □2" □4" □8" □12" □16"	Double-Digit Veteran?  ☐Yes ☐No
Call Name	Breed
Standard Level ☐ Beg ☐ Int ☐ Sup	Games Level ☐ GI ☐ GII ☐ GIII

A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for a show closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner, it must be entered in the name of the new owner in any show for which entries closed after the date of acquirement, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in their name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been made to TDAA.

Illegible entries cannot be accepted.



# **FRIDAY ENTRY FEES**

Fee per dog, per run:

\$ 20.00 (\$50.00 for each dog, all runs)

	Friday Entry Financial Form Closing date for all entries is August 15, 2023	
Entry Fee	Friday Entry – per Call, Direct and Send run, per dog,x \$20	\$
	Friday Entry – per Standard run, per dog, x \$20	\$
	Football Challenge – per dog, x \$10	\$
	Total for Friday	\$



## **PETIT PRIX ENTRY FEES**

\$ 200.00

Tournament Entry Fee for	each additional do	og, same	handler:			\$ 1	185.00
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Entry Fee	Petit Prix Entry – a	additional	dogs		x \$185	\$	
	Total	Fees for	Petit Prix S	Saturday/	Sunday	\$	
	Total F	ees for F	Friday (fron	n previou	s page)	\$	
	Grand Total of Fees for all three days				\$		
Extra Petit Prix T-shirts:							
Women's Style T-shirt	□ XSM	□SM	□ MED	□LG	□ XL	□ 2XL	□ 3XL
Men's Style T-shirt		□SM	☐ MED	□LG	□ XL	□ 2XL	□ 3XL
Note: One shirt per handler is provided FREE as shown on the entry form above. Use this section to order EXTRA shirts @ \$25 each.							
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**Make Checks Payable to: TDAA** 

New Glarus, WI 53574

Tournament Entry Fee for first dog:

## **PETIT PRIX MEALS**

\_ Agreement

Payment

There will be meals available for breakfast on both Saturday and Sunday, lunch on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and dinner Saturday night. Additional information will be provided to entrants prior to the tournament in conformation emails.

#### **AGREEMENT**

I (We) acknowledge that the "Teacup Dogs Agility Association Rules & Regulations" have been made available to me (us), and that I am (we are) familiar with their contents. I (We) agree to hold TDAA harmless for any correspondence that is not delivered to TDAA in a timely manner. I (We) agree to hold the TDAA and any TDAA approved judge harmless from any legal claim resulting from said judge's action under the TDAA Rules, Regulations and Guidelines. I (We) agree that the club holding the Agility Trial has the right to refuse entry for cause which the club shall deem to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of the Agility Trial and of the opportunity to have the dog judged, I (we) agree to hold harmless the directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or show secretary and the owner or lessor of the premises and any employees of the aforementioned parties from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or things by the act of this dog while in or upon the show/trial premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim, and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes. I (We) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expenses (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this Agility Trial, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or any other persons.

# **Signature Required**

Owner

I certify than I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above in consideration of the acceptance of this entry. I (We) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Teacup Dogs Agility Association in the premium list for this agility trial, or both, and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed above. I (We) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and agreement.

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Handler	Date
Petit Prix National Tournament Mail entries to: TDAA, W6485 County R New Clarus, WI 53574 Make Checks Payable to: TDAA	Include with your entry:  ——Entry Form(s) ——Petit Prix Financial Form ——Agreement ——Payment

Parent or Guardian if under 18

Illegible entries cannot be accepted.

#### **VOLUNTEER FORM**

Please complete this form if you are willing to assist with the various jobs that are part of the Petit Prix.

All of these jobs are easy, so if you do not have any previous experience, that is fine – we are happy to show you how to do them! Also note: Volunteers receive free Raffle tickets!

We will make sure you get adequate time to warm up your dog and do your walk-through. Don't worry if you don't know how to do a job! They are easy and we can show you how. If you'd like to help, please fill out the information below and return it with your entries or send it to: <a href="teacupagility@gmail.com">teacupagility@gmail.com</a>.

#### First volunteer:

Name:
Telephone #:
Email:
Dog's Jump Height:

Please circle any jobs you are willing to perform:

Timer	Scribe	Scribe Asst.
Gate Steward	Leash Runner	Bar Setter

Days you can help:

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday

#### Second volunteer:

Name:	
Telephone #:	
Email:	
Dog's Jump Height:	

Please circle any jobs you are willing to perform:

Timer	Scribe	Scribe Asst.
Gate Steward	Leash Runner	Bar Setter

Days you can help:

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Please also indicate whether you are an experienced course builder and are willing to assist with setting up courses. YES, I AM EXPERIENCED IN COURSE BUILDING AND WANT TO ASSIST  $\Box$ .

Days you can help:

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