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# **Titling & Tournament Classes**

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# Being Held At: American K9 Country Amherst, NH

#### November 4 - 5, 2023

Closing Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023 Secondary Closing Date: Monday, October 30, 2023 (For move up in level only)

# **Judges**

Blake Rivas - Philadelphia, PA (Officiating Judge)



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#### **ONLINE Entries**

ONLINE ENTRIES CAN BE TAKEN GO TO <a href="https://mydogentry.com/public/trials/357">https://mydogentry.com/public/trials/357</a>

#### **Organizing Committee**

The Organizing Committee is the governing body for this event and shall be the sole authority on matters relative to conduct of the event.

Chairperson	Sandi Bixler Email: targa12@comcast.net Phone: (603) 315-6844
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#### Site Information

#### **American K9 Country**

336 Route 101 Amherst, NH 03031 United States



View on Google Maps

Surface Type: Indoor on Artificial Turf Ring Configuration: 76'x105'

# Directions to the Site: From the North:

From Concord: Take I-93 South to I-293 toward 101 West. Follow the signs towards 101 West (Bedford-Milford). American K-9 Country is located on Rt. 101, approximately 6 miles from the Rt. 114 interchange. AK9C is on the right, 2 miles after the Weathervane Restaurant, across from the Camp Road at the blinking light.

#### From the South:

From Nashua: Take Rt. 3/Everett Turnpike (north) to Manchester I-293/101 West. Follow signs towards 101 West (Bedford-Milford). American K-9 Country is on Rt. 101, approximately 6 miles from Rt. 114 interchange. AK9C is on the right, 2 miles after the Weathervane Restaurant, across from the Camp Road at the blinking light. From Boston: Take I-93 North to Manchester I-293 to 101 West. Follow the signs towards 101 West (Bedford-Milford). American K-9 Country is located on Rt. 101, approximately 6 miles from the Rt. 114 interchange. AK9C is on the right, 2 miles after the Weathervane Restaurant, across from the Camp Road at the blinking light.

#### From the East:

Take Rt. 101 West towards Manchester/Bedford. Follow the signs towards 101 West (Bedford-Milford). American K-9 Country is located on Rt. 101, approximately 6 miles from the Rt. 114 interchange. AK9C is on the right, 2 miles after the Weathervane Restaurant, across from the Camp Road at the blinking light.

#### From the West:

Take Rt. 101 East towards Manchester/Bedford. Watch for the Salzburg Square Shopping Complex. American K-9 Country is on the left, approximately 1 mile past Salzburg Square. Turn left at the blinking light at Camp Rd.

# Check-in & Measuring

# Dog Measurements & Certification

All dogs measuring 22" or less must be measured to validate their entry in an event and class in accordance with Official USDAA Rules & Regulations, unless:

- they have had their height permanently certified pursuant to USDAA rules and regulations measurement rules
- they meet exceptions set forth in USDAA Tournament Rules for advanced rounds
- hold a dog's temporary card or record with 3 judges' signatures as set forth in the regulations for dogs prior to 3 years of age

Please note that only dogs 15 months of age may be officially measured and recorded on temporary registration cards/forms. Dogs competing in Intro classes less than 15 months of age should be measured for the event, but the measurement shall not be officially recorded.

# **Elgible Jump Heights & Dog Measurement**

The following jump heights & dog height measurement cutoffs are in effect (See full rules amendments published on usdaa.com.):

Dog Size	Dog Withers Measurement	Championship Jump Heights	Performance Jump Heights	Veterans Jump Heights
Extra Large	> 22"	24"	20"	16" or 12"
Large	≤ 22"	20"	16"	12"

Medium	≤ 18"	16"	12"	08"
Small	≤ 15"	12"	08"	04"
Extra Small	≤ 12"	08"	04"	

# Dog Agility Masters® Height Changes Due to Measurement at Check-In

The handler of a dog entered in a Dog Agility Masters<sup>®</sup> Team tournament must notify the secretary immediately should their dog be required to jump a higher height than entered by virtue of the judge's measurement. The dog must jump a legal height based upon the judge's measurement in order for all team members to be eligible to earn a qualifying score in the tournament. If entered in a 3-dog team and the dog no longer meets the two-height per team limitation, one or more dogs on the team may be moved to participate as part of a 2-dog or other 3-dog team when both are offered. In any case, the secretary should make every effort to form complete teams from dogs available. Should a member of the team not be able to be reassigned due to this limitation, the competitor(s) may run for in the individual classes for individual awards, if any are offered, and for individual class qualifications towards Lifetime Achievement Award. There shall be no refund of fees paid for entering an improper height as required by tournament rules. In the case of a 2-dog team, a height change for one dog does not affect their team composition but may result in a change in their position in the running order because of the height composition of the team.

#### Check In

SATURDAY: Check-in and measuring - 7:00am to 7:45am. Judges briefing - 7:45am. Judging begins upon completion of walk-through

SUNDAY: Check-in and measuring - 7:15am to 7:45am. Judges briefing - 7:45am.

Judging begins upon completion of walk-through (Times are subject to change - please refer to the final confirmation) Please note starting jump heights will vary

Catalogs will be available the Wednesday prior to the trial at www.K9Agilityservices.com

# Tentative Schedule Saturday, November 04, 2023

	Ring 1	
Event	Judge	
Gamblers Level 1	Rivas, Blake	Э
Gamblers - Starters	Rivas, Blake	Э
Gamblers Level 2	Rivas, Blake	Э
Gamblers - Advanced	Rivas, Blake	Э
Gamblers - Veterans	Rivas, Blake	Э
Gamblers Level 3	Rivas, Blake	Э
Gamblers - Masters	Rivas, Blake	Э
Purina® Pro Plan® Dog Agility Masters® Gamblers	Rivas, Blake	Э
Standard Level 1	Rivas, Blake	Э
Standard Agility - Starters	Rivas, Blake	Э
Standard Level 2	Rivas, Blake	Э
Standard Agility - Advanced	Rivas, Blake	Э
Standard - Veterans	Rivas, Blake	Э
Standard Level 3	Rivas, Blake	Э
Standard Agility - Masters	Rivas, Blake	Э
Purina® Pro Plan® Dog Agility Masters® Standard	Rivas, Blake	Э
Snooker Level 1	Rivas, Blake	Э
Snooker - Starters	Rivas, Blake	Э
Snooker Level 2	Rivas, Blake	Э
Snooker - Advanced	Rivas, Blake	Э
Snooker - Veterans	Rivas, Blake	Э
Snooker Level 3	Rivas, Blake	Э
Snooker - Masters	Rivas, Blake	Э
Jumpers Level 1	Rivas, Blake	Э
Jumpers - Starters	Rivas, Blake	Э
Jumpers Level 2	Rivas, Blake	Э
Jumpers - Advanced	Rivas, Blake	Э
Jumpers - Veterans	Rivas, Blake	Э
Jumpers Level 3	Rivas, Blake	Э
Jumpers - Masters	Rivas, Blake	Э

# Sunday, November 05, 2023

	Ring 1
Event	Judge
Jumpers - Masters	Rivas, Blake
Jumpers Level 3	Rivas, Blake
Jumpers - Veterans	Rivas, Blake
Jumpers - Advanced	Rivas, Blake
Jumpers Level 2	Rivas, Blake
Jumpers - Starters	Rivas, Blake
Jumpers Level 1	Rivas, Blake
Purina® Pro Plan® Dog Agility Masters® Jumpers	Rivas, Blake
Snooker - Masters	Rivas, Blake
Snooker Level 3	Rivas, Blake
Snooker - Veterans	Rivas, Blake
Snooker - Advanced	Rivas, Blake
Snooker Level 2	Rivas, Blake
Snooker - Starters	Rivas, Blake
Snooker Level 1	Rivas, Blake
Purina® Pro Plan® Dog Agility Masters® Snooker	Rivas, Blake
Combined Pairs Relay	Rivas, Blake
Combined Pairs Relay - Performance	Rivas, Blake
Purina® Pro Plan® Dog Agility Masters® 2-Dog Relay	Rivas, Blake
Standard Agility - Masters	Rivas, Blake
Standard Level 3	Rivas, Blake
Standard - Veterans	Rivas, Blake
Standard Agility - Advanced	Rivas, Blake
Standard Level 2	Rivas, Blake
Standard Agility - Starters	Rivas, Blake
Standard Level 1	Rivas, Blake

# **Class Descriptions**

**Tournament Class Rules & Descriptions** 

Tournament classes are open to all competitors, regardless of previous experience. Tournaments are held to test a competitors training and performance skills in head-to-head competition. One or more of the following tournament classes may be held at this event:

• Purina® Pro Plan® Grand Prix of Dog Agility®

An individual competition on a standard agility course to earn qualifications towards entry to Cynosport<sup>®</sup>. At a regional championship, competitors compete through two progressive rounds to name a Regional Champion. A direct entry to a Regional Final may be earned in this tournament by earning qualifications at local qualifying events. (see tournament regulations for more details)

• Purina® Pro Plan® Dog Agility Steeplechase®

An individual competition on an enhanced jumpers-style course that includes both an A-frame and weave poles to earn qualifications towards entry to Cynosport<sup>®</sup>. At a regional championship, competitors compete through two progressive rounds to name a Regional Champion and to compete for prize money.

Purina® Pro Plan® Dog Agility Masters® Team

A Team competition, offered locally as either a two-dog or three-dog team, to test versatility and endurance throught he five core class types in USDAA rules & regulations. Offered in both formats at Regional Championships and at Cynosport<sup>®</sup>, all competitors compete against others in their respective height divisions in the individual classes, and their score from either the 2-dog or 3-dog relay is added and then aggregated with team members to name a 2-dog and 3-dog team winner. Competitors may not compete with the same dog in both the 3-dog and 2-dog tournaments when offered together. Compete at local and regional events to earn qualifications towards entry to Cynosport<sup>®</sup>.

Purina® Pro Plan® Masters Challenge BiathlonSM

An individual competition on open, fast standard and jumpers courses to earn qualifications towards entry to Cynosport®.

Rules for all tournaments may be downloaded from the Internet at <a href="https://usdaa.com/regulations/tournament-rules.cfm">https://usdaa.com/regulations/tournament-rules.cfm</a>, and are incorporated here in their entirety by reference. The rules include important disclosures on eligibility and advancement, start and end dates for the current tournament season qualifying period, information on special prizes and awards, advancement rules for each tournament at Regional Championships and Cynosport championships. Regulations have not been finalized at the initial time of publication of this event test schedule. 2024 regulations shall be published no later than September 30, 2023.

Qualifications in tournament classes also count towards versatility titles (e.g., Tournament Master SM, Agility Dog Champion® and Lifetime Achievement Awards. (see USDAA Rules & Regulations for full details.)

When the Biathlon is offered, the two classes in the Biathlon (i.e., Masters Challenge Jumpers and Masters Challenge Standard Agility) are also concurrently scored for titling purposes pursuant to rules set forth in <a href="Chapter 12">Chapter 12</a> of <a href="USDAA Rules & Regulations">USDAA Rules & Regulations</a>, which are incorporated here in their entirety by reference. Qualifying scores earned in each round of the tournament are recorded for tournament, title, and lifetime achievement awards.

# **Titling Class Rules & Descriptions**

One or more titling classes may be held at this event to test development of competitor skills and training and handling at different experience levels, as described in <a href="Chapters 3 - 12">Chapters 3 - 12</a> of USDAA Official Rules & Regulations, which are incorporated here in their entirety by reference. These can be reviewed and/or downloaded from www.usdaa.com/regulations/usdaa-rules-and-regulations.cfm. Following are informational notes that are included in more detail in the regulations referenced above:

#### **Veteran Classes**

One or more veteran classes may be offered at this event. Previous experience in the sport sufficient to establish proficiency and confidence in performance is strongly encouraged as course challenges are presented at the Masters level.

- Veteran Classes are open to a competitor with any dog that is at least eight (8) years of age as of the first day of this event.
- A dog entered in a Veterans titling class on a day may not be entered in that same class in the Championship or Performance Programs. Complete program rules can be found in <a href="Chapter 9">Chapter 9 of USDAA Rules & Regulations</a> referenced above.

#### Pairs Relay—Combined

Pairs Relay titling classes are held on a "Combined" basis within each program, meaning that experienced dogs (Masters and/or Advanced levels) can be pair with dogs working in lower class levels (Advanced and/or Starter level) and vice versa for titling purposes. Competitors with dogs in the same program and level may also enter together. Qualifications earned count towards titles at all levels within a program.

- When offered, Pairs Relay will appear on the Entry Form and Class Schedule as "Combined Relay".
- This combined approach to Pairs Relay is in keeping with a primary purpose of the Relay class in promoting camaraderie in working a course with a partner (amendment to regulations effective April 2020).
- A Combined Relay class is run on an Advanced level course and scored under Advanced level rules, and the Qualification is valid for any level title within a program.
- When entering a Relay class, simply complete the form marking the appropriate Program and list a partner of choice by including the owners name and their dog's registration number.
  - Alternatively, you may enter as a "draw' team when you do not have a partner and are willing to run with others. Your partner will be drawn from other draw entries at any level in the same program.
  - A group may pair a competitor with an "accommodating dog" (i.e., one who is not entered in the class) when an odd number of competitors are entered, but the group is not required to do so. In this latter case, a refund of entry fee will be made.
- When a second offering of the class (indicated "2nd run" on the Entry Form) is to be *run on the same course*, each handler runs their chosen portion of the course, and immediately following the first run, competitors run a second time with each running the other section of the course previously run by their partner.

#### **Mixed-Height Pairs Entry Allowed**

Dogs entered as partners in pairs relay at this event may be combined without regard to jump height, i.e. a mini dog may be entered as a partner with an open dog. Any pair consisting of at least one open dog must qualify in accordance with the QCT set forth by the judge of record for Open Pairs AND will be considered an open pair for placement purposes.

**Entries & Acceptance** 

Policy on Refusal of Entry

The Organizing Committee of an event may refuse the entry of any competitor or dog for just cause should the Committee view that participation by the competitor or dog could be prejudicial to the sport. However, in such case, the Committee must notify the competitor in writing upon receipt of entry, but in no case, more than three days following the event closing date for acceptance of entries. The burden of responsibility for the appropriateness of such action rests solely with the host group and its Organizing Committee.

#### **NSF Check/Credit Card**

Any check or credit card that is charged back by the bank or other financial institution may be assessed a service charge of up to \$40 per incident at the discretion of the host group.

Returned checks or credit card returns do not constitute a valid entry. Amounts shall be paid within 30 day of postmarked notice of the returned payment if such date follows the event date. Any fees not received within 30 days of notice will result in cancellation of event results for all classes related to the entry for which payment was made. No reinstatement of results is possible, and all awards must be returned within 10 days of notification or the dog's registration may be suspended pending restitution.

Any unpaid fees or shortfalls must be paid prior to the start of the event, or entry is canceled without recourse.

# General Rule on Eligibility

This event is sanctioned by the United States Dog Agility Association, Inc. ("USDAA") and is open to all persons with dogs being at least 15 months of age (14 months of age pursuant to Chapter 10 for Intro Program when offered OR for Sanctioned Match), regardless of pedigree or absence thereof, who have a current registration with USDAA and whose owners and the dog's handler are currently in good standing with USDAA.

This event will be held under USDAA<sup>®</sup> Official Rules and Regulations, as amended as of the event date. A copy of the regulations and any any amendments may be viewed and printed online at <u>USDAA Rules & Regulations</u>.

# **General Refund Policy**

Unless otherwise stated in a separate provision below, the Group or Club hosting this event ("Event Host") has no obligation to refund fees paid for entries withdrawn after the published entry closing date, whether due to being absent, dismissal from a class or the event as a result of disciplinary action, or for any other reason; nor shall there be any obligation to refund entry fees if the event cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, acts of terrorism, fire, weather, or other "acts of God", public emergency, strike, or any other cause beyond the control of the Event Host.

# **Submission of Entries with Secondary Move-Up Date**

All entries or cancellations must be received at the Secretary's address no later than the closing date, after which time no entries will be accepted or cancelled. For entries received by the closing date, the level of entry into a given class may be advanced by notifying the Secretary in writing via email by the "Secondary Closing Date". No other changes, cancellations or additions may be made after the initial closing date.

To be accepted, entries must be complete, signed (by parent or legal guardian if handler is a minor), received by the closing date and accompanied by the correct fees and include a valid USDAA registration number on a completed registration form.

# **Next-Day Move-Ups Allowed At This Event**

Competitors earning a qualification during the Event that is needed to complete a title may advance their level THE NEXT DAY at the same event, i.e. move-ups on consecutive days ARE allowed.

Competitors are responsible for keeping accurate records of their qualifying scores and the judges from whom these scores were earned prior to this event to ensure that the dog is eligible to move up based upon scores earned at this Event. Competitors are advised to confirm scores earned with the scorekeeper and judge at the conclusion of a class to ensure the qualifying score has been accurately calculated and awarded in accordance with regulations. If for any reason it is determined that the score or previous scores were inaccurate, making the entry ineligible for the higher level class, any results (including awards) shall be forfeited and the entry will be deemed invalid without refund or other recourse.

Move-up forms supplied by this event must be used to notify the secretary BEFORE she leaves the site the day on which you earn your title.

#### **Express & Overnight Entries**

Entries sent by Fedex, Express Mail or other courier service will only be accepted if the waiver allowing delivery **without signature** is signed. The club will not be responsible for deliveries delayed if a signature is required.

#### Bitches in Season

#### Bitches is Season:

PAWS is now accepting entries from Bitches in Season. (BIS) BIS will be allowed to compete within the following parameters: Valori Duff (the trial secretary: Valwaussies@comcast.net) must be notified as soon as the competitor knows their bitch is in season/will be in season at the event. Bitches MUST wear sanitary panties at all times on the show grounds, including in the crating area, common areas, on the way to potty and while competing. By doing so no adjustment in the running order will be needed and other exhibitors with intact dogs can easily recognize the condition of the bitch. Please be respectful of other competitors while your BIS is in close proximity of other dogs. Failure to follow these procedures may result in dismissal from the trial.

#### **General Entry Conditions**

#### **Policy on Fault Limits**

In the event of a larger entry, fault limits may be set at the discretion of the Organizing Committee and/or Judge without pre-event notice.

#### Statement of Responsibility

Competitors alone are responsible for the behavior of themselves, their dogs, children, and guests. A competitor whose dogs, children or guests create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Event Organizing Committee, be asked to leave the test site.

#### **Prohibitions on Aids & Devices**

No leads, collars, food, toys or other aids or devices shall be permitted on the course at any time, except as provided for in Chapter 10 when Intro Program classes are offered, or in Chapter 8 when Junior Handler Program classes are offered.

#### **Bitches In Season Allowed at This Event**

Special provisions are being made for competitors who have bitches in season. However, any dog that is ill or exhausted and pregnant bitches cannot take part in the running of any class. For details go to <u>USDAA Policy Statements</u>, which are hereby incorporated by reference.

#### Fix & Continue Will Be Allowed At This Event

The USDAA Policy Statement on Training in the Ring or "Fix & Continue" has been adopted for this event and is hereby incorporated in its entirety by reference. Competitors are expected to familiarize themselves with this policy, which can be found on the USDAA web site at Official USDAA Policy Statements

Fix & Continue during a competition run generally provides for repeat of an obstacle at handler's discretion under conditions set forth in the Policy Statement. When discretion is exercised to utilize the Fix & Continue, their score will be recorded as an elimination and the maximum course time set to 60 seconds. This practice may be utilized only once in any Standard, Jumpers, or Relay class (including similarly-styled tournament classes at qualifying events). The competitor must continue working the course in flow, while "fixing" and "continuing" on the course. See the Policy Statement referenced above for complete details

# **Mulligan Runs**

Based upon the number of runs per day at this trial Mulligan Runs may be available for one or more classes each day. The Show Committee shall determine in which class(es) a Mulligan Run will be allowed. Availability and cost for each run shall be announced in final confirmations. Only competitors entered in the class are eligible for a Mulligan Run per USDAA policy which is hereby incorporated by reference.

A competitor must sign up and pay for their Mulligan Run immediately following their titling run (if they didn't sign up/pay for a Mulligan Run prior) and prior to the completion of the class. A Mulligan Run sign-up sheet will be made available. When Mulligans are running concurrently with another ring at an event, only silent toys are allowed and may not be tossed. Food, treats, training aids are not allowed.

# Running a Class "For Exhibition Only" (FEO) at Local Events

A competitor may enter a class at a local event (events other than regional, national and international championship or special events) and declare on the day of the event that they are going to run "For Exhibition Only" (FEO). Declaring "For Exhibition Only" requires that-

- the Gate Steward, or the Competitor in the absence of a gate steward, clearly mark "FEO" by the competitor's entry number on the posted running order
- the Competitor vocally declares to the Judge and Scribe, "FEO", when advancing to the start line
- the Scribe clearly marks "FEO" on the scribe sheet
- the Scorekeeper records the round as "Withdrawn", denoting the round as a noncompeting round in the official results and shall be ineligible for awards

#### Additionally,

- non-audible toys are allowed but must be used in a manner that does not distract other dogs running in adjacent rings
- the dog shall be run at the height at which it was entered.
- the maximum time on course allowable is the Standard Course Time (SCT); however, the judge, in their sole discretion, may dismiss a competitor from the ring for any behaviors that are deemed unsafe or harsh, or that do not present the sport in a positive way.

# Media Release & Rights of Privacy Waiver

# Media Rights Release

I HEREBY GRANT TO USDAA and its affiliated companies, representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permission to use or appropriate his/her and their dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia of identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media known now or in the future.

# Waiver of Rights to Privacy, Publicity & Personality

FURTHER, I HEREBY RELEASE United States Dog Agility Association, Inc. and its affiliates, representatives, agents and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of publicity, right of personality, or any similar right.

# **Prizes & Awards**

# **Agility Test and Tournament Awards**

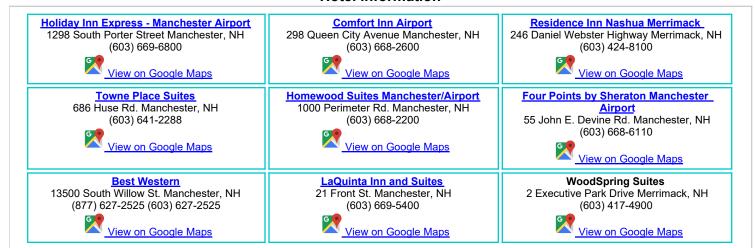
# **AGILITY TEST CLASSES & INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT CLASSES**

Each dog earning a qualifying score will receive a maroon qualifying ribbon. Separate 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place Ribbons will be awarded in each jump height for all classes, except Pairs which will be awarded to mini and open divisions. Title Rosettes will also be awarded for completion of AD, PD, AAD, APD, MAD, MPD, ADCH, PDCH and Lifetime Achievements.

# TOURNAMENT CLASSES

Purina® Pro Plan® Dog Agility Masters®: Special qualifying ribbons will be awarded. 1st through 3rd place overall will be awarded.

#### **Hotel Information**



#### **Hotel Policies**

Please Contact the hotels to CONFIRM their pet policies.
Please give PAWS your feedback on your stay.
Hotel Courtesies
ALL POOP IS TO BE PICKED UP
Bring a sheet to cover the beds.
Bring a towel to put under the water bowl and to dry your dogs if needed
DO NOT LEAVE YOUR DOG ALONE IN THE ROOM AT ANY TIME

# Lodging

There are many options for lodging.
Check out <a href="https://www.AirBNB.com">www.AirBNB.com</a>
They have numerous house and room options.

Tent or RV camping www.campvermont.com

As always be sure your well behaved dogs are welcome when making your reservation.

Things to do in Vermont <a href="https://vacationidea.com/destinations/best-things-to-do-in-vermont.html">https://vacationidea.com/destinations/best-things-to-do-in-vermont.html</a>

#### Other Information

#### **Hotels**

Sorry NO RV parking.

Accommodations: American K9 Country has corporate rates with many of the hotels on the list. You must ASK for he American K9 Country rate! These hotels have graciously agreed to accept our well mannered dogs.

#### **General Agreement**

# 1.1 - Consideration and Waiver & Acceptance of Liability

IN CONSIDERATION OF the acceptance of this entry and the opportunity to participate and/or to be judged in the event on the dates to which this entry form applies (the "Event"), I undertand and willingly accept that there are inherent risks in participating in sporting events, including but not limited to risks associated with events involving animals.

I AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS each of the parties listed below (including each of their members, officers, directors, agents and employees), hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Event Organizers", from any claim for loss or injury that may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of myself or the dog listed on the entry form while in or upon the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto -

- The Event's Organizing Committee
- The Event Organizer, being the USDAA Affiliated Group (or Groups) hosting or otherwise responsible for conduct of the event
- United States Dog Agility Association, Inc. ("USDAA"), World Cynosport Limited and affiliated companies
- Event Sponsors and Sponsors of the aforementioned parties
- Property Owners of the premises upon which the event is held

I FURTHER AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS the aforementioned parties from any claim for loss arising as the result of death, injury or illness to myself and the dog listed on my event entry form, or other dogs under my care that are present at the Event, without regard to the cause of such loss, including but not limited to, disappearance of property, theft, injury or other loss caused by the actions of dogs, exposure to or contraction of communicable diseases, whether such loss or injury is caused or alleged to be caused for any reason, including negligence.

I FURTHER WAIVE RIGHT OF CLAIM and agree to hold harmless the aforementioned parties for any claim for loss that may be or have been sustained or incurred as a result of cancellation of this event and any series of events of which this event is a part by reason of war, terrorism, earthquakes, hurricanes, acts of government, plague, pandemic, war, or other circumstances or events beyond the control of the parties.

THROUGH ENTRY TO THIS EVENT I UNDERSTAND, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND ACCEPT ALL RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FOR ANY LOSS, INCLUDING LEGAL FEES SHALL BE MINE AND MINE ALONE.

#### 1.2 - Acknowledgment & Acceptance of Regulations

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND USDAA® Official Rules and Regulations and rules for competition (e.g., tournament rules) that relate to the Event, whether incorporated in this General Agreement by reference or as stipulated herein for the Event to which this entry form pertains.

I ACCEPT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY any and all rulings of the Organizing Committee (and its members), the Event's Disciplinary Action Committee and/or USDAA relative to matters related to the Event.

# 1.3 - Acknowledgment & Representation of Accuracy

I ACKNOWLEDGE, REPRESENT AND WARRANT that the information supplied by me in the entry form is correct and complete. If any portion of this information is found to be invalid or insufficient to establish the validity of my entry, such finding shall render my entry invalid in its entirety, for which there shall be no refund of fees paid or other recourse against the Event Organizers. Any acceptance of additional information or corrections to information after the closing date shall be at the sole discretion of the Event secretary.

# 1.4 - Representation of Ownership or Agency

I HEREBY REPRESENT AND WARRANT that I am the owner of the dog listed hereon, or that I have full authority from the dog's owner as their agent to enter the dog in competition and to assume their responsibilities for the care, custody and control of the dog for entry to the Event, and

I AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS the Event Organizers listed in paragraph 1.1 from any liability or claims, including legal fees, related to such ownership or agency status.

#### 1.5 - Media Release, Grants & Waivers of Rights to Broadcast & Promote

COMPETITOR HEREBY GRANTS TO USDAA and its affiliated companies, representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permission to use or appropriate his/her and their dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia of identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media known now or in the future.

# 1.6 - Waiver of Rights to Privacy, Publicity & Personality

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# 1.7 - Signature/Electronic Submission Execution

THROUGH MY PHYSICAL SIGNATURE ON THE PAPER ENTRY FORM, OR THROUGH MY SUBMISSION OF AN ELECTRONIC ENTRY TO THE EVENT, I ACKNOWLEDGE, ACCEPT AND AGREE TO ABIDE by the provisions of this General Agreement, and all policies, rules, regulations and conditions of entry to the Event

FURTHER, IF ENTRY IS FOR A MINOR, THROUGH MY PHYSICAL SIGNATURE ON THE PAPER ENTRY FORM, OR THROUGH MY SUBMISSION OF AN ELECTRONIC ENTRY TO THE EVENT, I REPRESENT AND WARRANT THAT I AM THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE COMPETITOR/HANDLER entered in the Event, and I ACKNOWLEDGE that I have reviewed all provisions of this General Agreement, policies, rules, regulations, and conditions of entry to the Event with the Minor and I SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE WITH ALL RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND PROVISIONS FOR THE EVENT, AND ASSUME FULL LIABILITY FOR MINOR'S ACTIONS AND ACTIONS OF THEIR DOG.

# **USDAA® Official Dog Registration Form**

□ DOG REGISTRATION - \$40.00	FOR USDAA U	
	REG#	UJHP#
Dogs must be registered with USDAA in order to compete in USDAA sanctioned events. facilitate entry at USDAA events and tracking of show results in the regular classes.	A registration card and number \	with a "U" prefix will be issued to
You must complete ALL information for a valid registration:		
OWNER/HANDLER INFORMATION:		