

North American Dog Agility Council SPRING into AGILITY TRIAL April 22-23, 2017



Ninth Annual Willamette Cup

(See Page 5 for Cup Rules)



JUDGE: Arlene Courtney, Monmouth, OR

CLASSES OFFERED in tentative order

SAT: 2 runs each Tunnelers (NO Intro), Weavers, Touch-N-Go, SUN: 2 runs each Touch-N-Go, Weavers, Tunnelers (No Intro)

Limited to 500 runs each day Opening Postmark Date: Mon., Feb. 27, 2017 Closing Postmark Date: Fri., April 14, 2017 or when limit is met Move-ups will not be accepted at this trial.

TRIAL COMMITTEE

Trial Chairs: Pati Craven and Dana Stillinger Trial Secretary: Lynda King Chief Course Builder: Don Lyons Chief Scorekeeper: Traci Bruchok Chief Ring Steward: Robin Puccetti Dana Stillinger Hospitality: Raffle: Sylvia Moore Equipment manager: Deanna Lyons

> *E-mail questions and changes to Lynda:* LJKing77@gmail.com

MEASUREMENT: Dogs under 18", entered in Proficient, and without a permanent height cards <u>must</u> be measured before they run. Dogs entered in Skilled <u>do not</u> have to be measured. Permanent height card measurements will be available during the weekend. The Trial Secretary will contact you if measurement is necessary for your dog(s).

CONFIRMATIONS will be emailed. We will accept written (email OK) changes to your entry until *4 PM, Tuesday, April 18.* There will be no changes at the trial. Check your dog's NADAC registration number on your confirmation as soon as you receive it. Report any errors to the Trial Secretary immediately.

"CONTAINERIZED" TRIAL: This is a "containerized" trial. Food or a small noiseless toy may be carried into the ring in your pocket provided it is contained in a Ziplock bag or small container such as a pill bottle. The container may not be visible in the ring or within 10 feet of the ring. You may not indicate to your dog that you have this item on you, i.e. by patting your pocket. The container may not be removed from your pocket until you are at least 10 feet outside the ring. All food and toys must be contained at the trial and none may be left lying about loose. This policy has been implemented to reduce the possibility of dogs' fighting over loose food or toys; diminish dogs' dragging their handlers back to their crates.

Entry Rules: We will accept entries postmarked on Feb. 27, 2017, or later, until either the maximum number of runs per day is reached or the closing date of April 14, 2017, whichever comes first. Entries will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis by postmark date, so please enter early. If the trial fills, a waiting list will be established according to postmark date, i.e. the earlier the postmark date, the higher you are on the waiting list. Any entry that is not accompanied by payment in full will be considered invalid. We have the right to refuse any entry. Anyone who is not currently in good standing with NADAC will not be allowed entry into the trial.

Food Vendor: There will be no food vendor on site. Light hospitality and lunch will be provided for workers. There are restaurants within three miles of the trial site.

Crating Space: Crating space is very limited in this arena. Please do not plan on setting up a large crating area; consider crating in your vehicle.

Prizes and Awards: Purple rosettes will be awarded for all qualifying runs. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 6th place in each jump height in Intro and Novice classes. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 4th place for each jump height and class for all other levels.

Equipment: Rubber matted contact equipment and 24" weaves will be used.

LEVELS: Points earned at a higher level of a class, prior to the completion of the lower level title, will not be banked by NADAC for future use. If a dog earns points in a level of a class that they are not eligible to title in, those points will not be added to the dog's records.

SKILLED AND PROFICIENT CATEGORIES: Dogs must be entered in either the Skilled or the Proficient category. A dog may not be entered in Skilled one day and Proficient on another day. Dogs may enter the Skilled or Proficient category in the Standard, Veteran, or Junior Handler Division.

If you enter the Skilled category, you <u>must</u> enter your dog one jump height (4") lower than your dog's Standard jump height. (Four inches will remain the minimum jump height.) Dogs are allotted the standard course time for, and are scored and placed, in the jump height entered.

Dogs must be entered in the Veterans Division after their 9th birthday. Dogs must be entered in the Skilled Category, Veterans Division after their 12th birthday.

RESULTS: Please check the copy of the results posted at the trial. You should report any errors to the Trial Secretary immediately.

The Trial Secretary will send your final results to you by email directly after the trial. If there are errors, please report them to the Trial Secretary immediately. The Trial Secretary subsequently submits results to NADAC, which records and uploads them to the "Points" section of www.NADACForum.com within two weeks after the NADAC office receives them. Please accept the responsibility to review those results, and check that your registration number and qualifying points, as reported by the club, are correct. Join the Forum by going to www.NADACForum.com and submitting your request. If you find an error in the reporting of your dog's qualifying points or registration number, please contact the Trial Secretary, who is responsible for correcting any errors and informing NADAC.

We will be using a whiteboard at the trial for workers. Please volunteer often!

NON-JUMPING CLASSES – VETERAN or DISABLED HANDLER: Handlers who are 60 years or older, or who have a disability that restricts mobility, may choose to enter as a Veteran Handler and receive 10% more standard course time. The Veteran/Disabled Handler division is designed for handlers who, due to age or impairment, are mobility limited and need extra time to guide their canine partners through an agility course. When entering as a Veteran/Disabled Handler, you must enter all dogs in all classes for the entire trial in this Division and your dog must jump 4" lower than his/her Proficient, Standard Division jump height. In the non-jumping classes, dogs will be scored and placed with their Standard Division jump height.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

This trial is sanctioned by the North American Dog Agility Council (NADAC). Please refer to <u>www.nadac.com</u> for a full explanation of all NADAC rules and up-to-date information. **Exhibitors, through submission of their entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of NADAC rules and regulations and relevant WAG policies, including but not limited to the following rules regarding entry, and agree to abide by all rules in effect at the time of this trial**. Please note that NADAC trials should provide a safe and fun environment for both exhibitors and their dogs. Aggressive dogs will not be tolerated and will be excused from the trial.

Dogs must be registered and have a valid registration number <u>before</u> entries will be accepted. NADAC registration forms can be obtained at the NADAC website, or dogs can be registered online to immediately receive a permanent registration number. Go to www.nadac.com (click on "Dogs" on the home page) or contact the Trial Secretary.

- All dogs must be on leash when not competing in the ring.
- No leads, collars, food, toys, or other aids or devices will be permitted on the course at any time except where
 NADAC rules permit treats or small toys to be concealed inside a container such as a Ziploc bag inside the
 handler's pocket so it is not visible to people or to the dog.
- Checks will be held until the closing date. There will be a \$20 service charge for returned checks. Payment in full
 of entry fees and service charges shall be made by money order or cash before the first date of competition
 listed in this premium.
- 100% of entry fees will be refunded if requested before or on the closing date. After the closing date, injured or ill handlers or injured, ill or in-heat dogs will receive a refund, less a \$20 per dog handling fee, up to the day before the trial. Verification from a doctor or vet may be requested.
- There will be no refunds in the event that a dog and/or handler is dismissed from competition, regardless of the reason for dismissal.
- There will be no refunds for withdrawals requested on or after the first competition date listed in this premium, regardless of the reason.
- No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, acts of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee.
- There shall be no smoking in the trial facility. There shall be no smoking within 10 feet of any building entrance, exit, window, or air intake vent.
- Running order will be determined at the club's discretion. An attempt will be made to separate runs for handlers with more than one dog in a class.

DIRECTIONS TO TRIAL SITE

Paulus Hay Barn, Monmouth, OR Coordinates: 44.81023, -123.22475 • N44° 48.614', W123° 13.485'

From I-5 (North or South) take Hwy 22 West (from Salem) approx. 10 miles to Hwy 99W (Pacific Hwy). Head South (toward Rickreall and Monmouth) on 99W/Pacific Hwy and go approx. 6 miles to Monmouth. Travel 2.6 miles from the signal at Hwy 99 and Main St. in Monmouth. The arena is on the left (East) across from the white fencing.

Coming from the South on 99W, the driveway is just past milepost #66.

To help you find the arena: Just South of the driveway, on both sides of the road, are "Adopt-A-Highway" signs.

Motels accepting well-behaved pets

CORVALLIS		
Days Inn	1113 NW 9 th St.	(541) 754-7474 or 1-800-432-1233
Rodeway Inn	345 NW 2 nd St.	(541) 752-9601
Holiday Inn	781 NW 2 nd St.	(541) 752-0800 or 1-800-HOLIDAY
Express		
Motel 6	937 NW Garfield	(541) 758-9125
Super 8	407 NW 2 nd St.	(541) 758-8088 or 1-800-800-8000
Towne House	350 SW 4 th St.	(541) 753-4496 or 1-800-898-4496
ALBANY		
Best Western	315 Airport Rd. SE	(541) 928-6322
Days Inn	1100 Price Rd. SE	(541) 928-5050
La Quinta Inn	251 Airport Rd. SE	(541) 928-0921

If you were thinking of staying at the Courtesy Inn in Monmouth, as if this writing there are no rooms available there for the dates of our trial.

Each motel has its own prices and rules for dogs, and they vary widely between motels. Some motels have exceptions to their usual rules for 'show dogs'. ON-SITE RV CAMPING

There is free on-site RV camping; space is limited. No hookups! Email the Trial Secretary at LJKing77@gmail.com to reserve a space.

The closest camping with hookups is approximately 8 miles north at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Showers and dump station available. Pay at the office or pay the caretaker on site. More information here: http://www.co.polk.or.us/fair/operations/fair-camping Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Highway West Rickreall, OR 97371 Office: 503-623-3048 or 888-229-6818.

AGREEMENT

The person who signs this agreement represents that he/she is authorized to enter into this agreement on behalf of both exhibitor and the owner of entered dog. In consideration of acceptance of this entry:

1.1 As used here, NADAC means North American Dog Agility Council, its members, officers, employees, show chairs, show committees and agents.

1.2 Exhibitor/owner agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of NADAC and any other rules and regulations appearing in the premium for this event.

1.3 Exhibitor/owner certifies that the entered dog is not a hazard to persons, dogs or property and that the entered dog's rabies vaccination is current in accordance with the requirement of the state in which the dog resides.

1.4 Exhibitor/owner acknowledges all hazards presented by the event and the event premises, including but not limited to, the condition of the fields, floors, stairways, halls, lighting, security measures or lack of, electrical appliances, fitting, show rings, parking areas and the presence of unfamiliar animals and people; exhibitor and owner assume the risk of any harm arising from these.

1.5 Exhibitor/owner releases NADAC (including NADAC officers, employees and members), WAG (including its officers, directors, members, and event organizing committee), Best Friends Obedience & Agility School, Inc. (including its officers, employees and members), and Larry Paulus and will defend them and hold them harmless from all present and future loss, injury, damage, claims, demands and liabilities involving the entered dog, the event or event premises. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing hold harmless provisions, exhibitor/owner hereby specifically assumes sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save 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 afore-mentioned parties for damages because of bodily injuries, including death, at any time in consequences of my (our) participation in this event, howsoever such injury or death 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.

1.6 I(We) acknowledge that by entering this class or event, I am or will be, a Limited Member of the Willamette Agility Group.

In consideration of the acceptance of the entry, I/we certify that I/we have knowledge of, and are familiar with, and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of NADAC and WAG in effect at the time of this trial, and by any additional rules and regulations as approved by NADAC and WAG for this trial. I/We further agree by our signature on the official entry form of this premium to be bound by this "agreement".

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR DOG'S NADAC REGISTRATION NUMBER IS CORRECT

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Phone & email for Parent or Guardian of Junior Handler

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NINTH ANNUAL WILLAMETTE CUP ENTRY RULES

WILLAMETTE CUP prizes will be awarded to the handler/dog team achieving the most qualifying runs in each of nine groups: novice small, novice medium, novice large, open small, open medium, open large, elite small, elite medium, and elite large (small = dogs that would jump 4",8", or 12"; medium = dogs that would jump 16"; large = dogs that would jump 20"; height groupings may change depending on entry). **Intro level courses are not included in the Cup competition.**

Qualifying runs in the first 11 classes - Tunnelers (3 runs), Weavers (4 runs), and Touch-N-Go (4 runs) - will be eligible. The final Tunnelers course will be used as a run-off for the Cup if needed and will be run as a normal qualifying run for all entrants. The winner of the tie-breaking run-off will be the handler/dog team with the fewest faults, or if a tie still occurs, then that team with the fastest time. You must enter all 12 runs to be eligible for Cup awards.

Cup groups will not be separated by Skilled or Proficient Category nor by Standard, Veteran, or Junior Handler Division; however, qualifying runs will be counted using the criteria for whichever Category and Division a handler/dog team is entered in. If a dog is signed up for different Levels in the different Classes (for example: Novice in Weavers, Elite in Tunnelers, and Open in Touch-N-Go), the dog will be considered for the Cup awards at the highest Level entered (in this example, Elite) and to achieve "qualifying runs" for Cup purposes will have to run at or below standard course time for the higher (e.g., Elite) Level for all Classes. These modified criteria apply only toward consideration for Cup awards, NOT official NADAC results.

NADAC Intro Level FAQs

Information in this document is excerpted from content posted in www.nadacforum.com

From Sharon Nelson, NADAC President, on March 9, 2014:

We are proud to announce the addition of "Intro" as a level to the NADAC program! "Intro" is a level for the classes, just like Novice, Open and Elite. So now there are four levels to each class: Intro, Novice, Open and Elite. The Intro level will be a shorter course than Novice. The only Intro level class with weaves will be Intro Weavers and it will have one set of 6 poles. No other classes will have weaves in them. The Intro level will have no tunnel/ contact discriminations. The Intro level is a full titling level with the basic titles at 30 points, Outstanding Performance at 60 points and Superior Performance at 100 points for Chances, Jumpers, Tunnelers, Weavers, Hoopers, Touch N Go, Extreme Chances, Extreme Gaters, Extreme Barrelers, and Extreme Hoopers. For Regular, the basic title is at 30 points, Outstanding Performance is at 100 points and Superior Performance is at 200 points.

Clubs can choose which classes they will accept Intro level entries into, so not every trial will have Intro level in all classes. Dogs must be 18 months old and all other NADAC rules apply to entries.

Please note: as of February 2016 only Extreme Hoopers and Extreme Barrelers are offered at some trials.

Questions were posted by NADAC Forum users; answers were posted by Sharon Nelson.

Q - Is there Skilled and Proficient, Vet Handlers and Vet Dogs, and Junior Handlers?

A - Yes, exactly the same as any Novice entry.

Q - Are the yards per second going to be lower than for Novice courses?

A - No, they are the same as Novice, just a shorter course.

Q - There will obviously be qualifying scores. Will there also be placements?

A - That is up to each club. For instance, NADAC Funraisers do not have placements in any class but do have qualifiers.

Q. How long might a shorter course be?

A - For Regular and Jumpers, probably 8-10 obstacles; the other classes probably 5-8. It will certainly depend upon the individual original course design.

Q - All other rules apply, so are we correct in assuming that the dogs must be at the level of performing obstacles safely, working off leash, and that no treats or toys are allowed in the ring? And that the "one time per run" and handlers need to attempt the numbered course with maximum of standard course time etc. training in the ring rules still apply as in other levels?

A - Yes, you are correct in all of the above remarks!

Q - Can a dog that has titled in Novice/Open/Elite go back down into Intro level (thinking of semi-retired or restarting after time off)?

A - Yes, Intro is open to all dogs. An Elite dog could enter Intro instead of Elite if wanted.

Q - Since the course is different, there will be a separate walk thru?

A - Yes, the Intro people will walk their own course.

Q - It does not sound like this is involving EGC agility?

A - Yes, Intro includes EGC classes.

Q - Will Intro be a prerequisite before moving up to Novice?

A - No it is not a prerequisite for Novice. Competitors can still start at Novice if desired.

Q - If you start out at the Intro level, do you need to get Intro titles before you can move to Novice? A - No, there is no titling requirement for Intro.

Q - How will Chances change for Intro? Will it just be closer line?

A - Just like all of the classes, it will be a shorter course and for Chances it will be a closer line. Approved by NADAC on August 18, 2014