



All Dogs Parkour

Rules and Guidelines

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General Information

Welcome to All Dogs Parkour! Dogs of all sizes, ages, and physical abilities are welcome to enjoy this experience. If a dog is mobile, that dog can interact with the environment.

All Dogs Parkour is sponsored by Cyber Rally-O (www.cyberrally-o.com). Fun, challenge, and great service are the hallmarks of a good sport venue. You will find the same excellent service offered by All Dogs Parkour that is provided by Cyber Rally-O.

Forms and related documents for ADP are available here:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AllDogsParkour/>

How to Register

Dogs must be registered to participate in All Dogs Parkour. Dogs must be at least eight months old to participate but they may not submit exercises with jumps until the age of one year and may not be on EFs higher than elbow height in any video clip unless two feet are on the ground.

To register, complete the Registration Form. Dogs in Special Division will have an "S" after their registration number (see **Open Division and Special Division** below). Make payment by PayPal at www.paypal.com.

Put your PayPal transaction number on the registration form. E-mail the registration form to register@cyberrally-o.com

Your registration will be processed and your number assigned by e-mail within a week. Each dog needs a separate registration number. Registrations are permanent and do not require renewal.

The cost of registration is \$15 for each dog. (NOTE: Dogs registered with CRO can register with ADP without charge. Dogs who register with ADP may register with CRO without charge.)

How to Send an Entry

After you have videoed all the required exercises for your entry, compile them into a single clip with each exercise numbered and labeled (see "All Dogs Parkour - Sample Entry" on YouTube). Upload your clip to YouTube or Vimeo. Alternatively, make a YouTube playlist with each exercise clip numbered and labeled. See "Video Requirements" below.

Complete an Entry Form for each dog. If you are doing multiple entries for the same dog (Levels 3, 4, or 5 or Premier), you can indicate the number of entries on a single Entry Form. Make payment by PayPal at www.paypal.com.

NOTE: for multiple entries of the same dog or more than one dog, send a single PayPal payment with the total discounted amount of entry fees.

Entry fees are \$20 for one run, \$35 for two runs submitted at the same time, and \$15 each for three or more runs submitted at the same time for one or more dogs registered to the same handler. Retries for an NQd run are \$10, provided the retry is submitted within 30 days of the date of the NQ email.

Here are the multiple entry discount rules:

- Except for Premier (described below), multiple entries for one dog must be at the same level. If you only have one dog registered, then there is no discount for Level 1 or 2, because you can only submit one run.

- Multiple entries for dogs registered to the same handler are permitted but entries must be at only one level for each dog (other than Premier entries).
- Different levels for different dogs is fine. For example, you have a dog in Level 1 and another dog in Level 3, and you submit a run for each of them.

Send an email with the completed entry form as an attachment to entries@cyberrally-o.com. In the e-mail, include the link to your video.

Entries are acknowledged by e-mail within a week. Results are emailed within two weeks.

Open Division and Special Division

There are two Divisions: Open and Special. Most dogs will be registered in the Open Division. Special Division is for senior dogs and dogs with physical challenges.

A dog in Open Division can move to Special Division when eligible. There is no charge to switch to Special Division.

A dog is considered to be a senior at age 7 (age 4 for giant breeds and giant breed mixes).

Some exercises have modifications for dogs in the Special Division. Some exercises are available only for Special Division dogs.

How All Dog Parkour Works: Levels, Locations, Exercise (Interaction) Requirements, and EFs

Levels:

There are five levels, named Level 1, Level 2, etc. Requirements for Regular Titles are as follows:

Level 1 - one qualifying entry

Level 2 - one qualifying entry

Levels 3, 4, and 5 - three qualifying entries per level

All dogs begin at Level 1.

Locations:

Each entry must demonstrate 12 exercises done entirely at a single location. The location, once used for a qualifying Regular or Grand Champion entry, cannot be used again until the dog has completed all five levels. The location may be used for a Premier title, though. (See **Repeating Locations**, below).

Locations can be any environment where there are features with which the dog can interact. This can include your home (inside and outside can be separate locations if suitable), public parks, schoolyards (when school is not in session), college campuses, shopping areas, industrial parks and office complexes provided the public is invited, wooded areas and trails, dog training facilities, etc.

If a location has distinct areas, you may use each one as a separate location. For example, you may use the east side of a campus and then the west side of the same campus or the upstairs of your home and the den. However, you may only use EFs (Environmental Features) that are in the defined location you are using. In other words, each defined location has its own EFs and none of those same EFs are used in more than the one entry.

EFs may not be moved to new locations. For example, if you divide your home into an indoor location and an outdoor location and you have an agility tunnel indoors, you may not move it outdoors to use it again in a different entry.

If you are in an area with very few feature-rich locations, you may take one item with you to use at a location. For example, you may take a bale of hay or a picnic cooler or an umbrella and use that item at one location. The item may be used for only one entry (one location) and for no more than two of the 12 exercises for that entry. The handler can be one of the "items" (dog jumps over handler's leg or does a Between using handler's legs or body) for one entry. Each item brought to a subsequent location must be different in type (a cooler and an umbrella are different; a large cooler and a small cooler are different; a red umbrella and a green

umbrella are not different). However, handlers are encouraged to try to use only what is at the location.

There is no requirement to use different types of locations for each entry. You may use your own home and yard for one entry and a friend's home and yard for another, multiple parks, and so on. Each entry must clearly identify the location where the exercises were performed.

You may find many novel locations. For example, you can use part of a street. The location would be identified as "Main Street, Rancocas Woods, NJ, between Marne Highway and Ark Road".

Because a location may only be used once during your dog's journey through the five levels (Regular or Grand Champion titles), you may want to reserve the locations with the most features for the higher levels and use the less feature-rich environments for lower levels in which your dog needs to show fewer different interactions.

Here is some location etiquette:

1. Never use a location where "No Trespassing" signs are posted.
2. If you use a shopping or business center, patronize the businesses.
3. Keep a low profile! Never interfere with patrons of businesses. Some people are afraid of or allergic to dogs and business owners have a right to make their premises and the surrounding area safe and inviting for their customers. Visit when the stores are closed or work in areas far from the store fronts and customer parking.
4. Always leave a location in as good (or better) condition than you found it.
5. Do not damage anything in the environment.
6. Be considerate of others using the location for human activities for which it was designed. Do not let your parkour work interfere with picnickers, for example.
7. Sorry, but no entries using cemeteries will be accepted!

"Theme" Locations:

Each team may use one "theme" location during their journey through the five levels. A theme location is one where the handler takes some, most, or all of the EFs to the location. Here are some theme ideas:

A Day at the Beach (beach ball, umbrella, chairs, towels, cooler...)
Picnic Time (chairs, cooler, blanket, picnic basket, table, boom box...)
Dog Show (ring gates, agility/obedience equipment, chair, tent...)
Horse Show (saddles, riding boots, jumps, lunge whip...)

Exercise (Interaction) Requirements:

Exercises consist of the dog interacting in a variety of ways with the environmental features (EFs) at the chosen location. Each entry requires the dog to safely and skillfully demonstrate 12 exercises, which the handler selects from the ADP Exercise List.

Some exercises may be repeated once in the entry. For example, the dog may do the Walk On exercise using two different EFs. No entry may include the same exercise more than twice. As the dogs move up the levels, fewer repeats are allowed.

Each entry must include 12 exercises. The required number of different exercises is

Level 1: six

Level 2: seven

Level 3: eight

Level 4: nine (at least one must be an Advanced Exercise for Open Division; at least one must be either an Advanced Exercise or a Special Division Advanced Exercise for Special Division)

Level 5: ten (at least two must be different Advanced Exercises for Open Division; at least two must be different Advanced Exercise or Special Division Advanced Exercises for Special Division)

The Grand Champion title is an option after the team completes all five levels. It requires the performance of more Advanced Exercises, 12 different exercises at each level, and a choreographed Sequence. Details are below in the **Qualifying for Grand Champion Titles** section.

The Premier titles are an option after the team has completed any level. It requires additional Qs at that level and the addition of a choreographed Sequence. Details are below in the **Qualifying for Premier Titles** section.

EFs (Environmental Features):

EFs may be anything in the environment where you are working. The only restrictions are the following:

1. EFs must not be damaged by the dog as a result of interacting with them.
2. Agility, obedience, and rally equipment may not be used for interactions in the manner for which they were designed. For example, an agility table may not be used for Get On (Four Feet) but it could be used for Go Around, Jump (Assisted), or turned upside down for Get Inside (depending on the size of the dog). This restriction applies to Theme Locations as well as to any other location.
3. Dogs must be able to interact safely with the EF. For example, do not ask the dog to do a rebound on a tree with a bee hive hanging on a low branch.
4. If you are using the permitted item brought to the location, you may only use it for two exercises and may only use that item at the one location. Each item brought to a location must be different in type (a cooler and an umbrella are different; a large cooler and a small cooler are different; a red umbrella and a green umbrella are not different). If you take one item to every location as you move through the five levels, you will need 11 distinctly different items.
5. If you use an EF for Novel Uses, you may not use the same EF for any of the same exercises you did in Novel Uses. For example, if you use a tree stump for a Go Around as part of Novel Uses, you cannot do a separate Go Around exercise with that same tree stump. However, you can use a different tree stump for a separate Go Around. You can also use the stump for something completely novel such as going around in the same direction 2 or 3 times instead of the ADP Go Around exercise. In that case, you could do a separate ADP Go Around exercise using the same tree stump.
6. Each exercise on an EF must look different from any other exercise using that same EF. For example, if you use an EF for Get On (Moving) with two feet on, you may not use it for a Get On (2 Front Feet) because, even though they are different exercises, they will look the same. If you do the Get On (Moving) with four feet, you may not use that same EF for a Get On (4 Feet). You may not use the

same EF for Platform Turns and for Trick on a Platform if the trick is a spin in one or both directions because, even though they are different exercises, they will look the same.

Unless prohibited by the exercise description, for the safety and comfort of the dog, you may assist the dog getting on an EF by using a ramp, step, or other aid. However, it must be completely obvious to the judge that the dog is getting on the EF voluntarily. You may not pick up the dog and put him/her on the EF. Handlers are encouraged to assist the dogs in getting off an EF by supporting with the leash/harness, carrying the dog off the EF, or providing any other form of assistance. Dogs on an EF above shoulder height must be supported by the leash/harness (or carried) as they come off the EF.

Titles, Ribbons, and Certificates

There are three types of ADP titles: Regular, Grand Champion, and Premier. All teams must start by earning one or more Regular titles.

The Regular titles are as follows:

- 1 Q at Level 1 earns this title: ADP-L1
- 1 Q at Level 2 earns this title: ADP-L2
- 3 Qs at Level 3 earns this title: ADP-L3
- 3 Qs at Level 4 earns this title: ADP-L4
- 3 Qs at Level 5 earns this title: ADP-L5 and ADP-CH

Except for Premier titles, teams must earn titles in order of the Levels (1, then 2, then 3, etc.) Teams wishing to continue earning ADP titles have several options.

A. If they have earned all five Regular titles, they may begin again at Level 1 and go through the levels in the same manner as they did the first time, receiving additional Regular titles.

B. If they have earned all five Regular titles, they may go through the levels again fulfilling the additional requirements to earn a Grand Champion title.

C. They may earn Premier titles at any level for which they already have a title. For example, a team with an ADP-L3 may work towards a Premier title at Level 3 or 2 or 1, since the team has those Regular titles.

If applicable, title certificates will indicate "(2)" after the title showing that the title was earned twice. If the title was earned with the team fulfilling the requirements towards the Grand Champion title, the title certificate will indicate "(2GC)". Additional level titles will not be awarded for teams going through the Premier track towards Premier titles. For example, the five Level 1 Qs will not result in five Level 1 titles.

Teams earning an additional title at all five levels, with each title fulfilling the requirements for the Grand Champion title, will earn the title of Grand Champion: ADP-GrCH.

Teams earning a Premier title at all five levels will earn the title of Premier Champion: ADP-PrCH.

Teams earning both the ADP-PrCH and the ADP-GrCH titles will earn the title of Premier Grand Champion: ADP-PrGrCH.

Titles earned by dogs in the Special Division will be preceded by an "S" such as S-ADP-L1. Dogs moving from Open Division to Special Division can continue at their current level and do not need to start again at Level 1.

A certificate and an optional flat title ribbon will be awarded for new titles. Certificates will be e-mailed. Title ribbons will be snail mailed. At this time there is no surcharge for mailings outside the USA for the flat title ribbons. There will be a charge for the optional Grand Champion and Premier Champion rosettes, and the amount will depend on whether the team is in the USA or not.

Teams earning the Premier Grand Champion title (ADP-PrGrCH) will receive a special title rosette at no charge. There will be no surcharge for mailings outside the USA.

Judging and Qualifying/NQ

Qualifying (General Requirements): Entries will receive either a Q (qualifying run) or NQ (non-qualifying run). These are the General Requirements for a qualifying run:

1. The dog must demonstrate all exercises willingly, accurately, safely, and skillfully.
2. The dog must be shown approaching the EF, performing the exercise, and leaving the EF (see **Video Requirements and Tips**, below).
3. No luring with food or toys is permitted during the performance of the exercise.
4. The handler's hands must be visible throughout the video and/or must otherwise be shown in such a manner that it is clear that the dog is not being lured.
5. The entry must include the following:
 - A. 12 exercises at a single location
 - B. the required number of different exercises for the level entered (see **Exercise [Interaction] Requirements**, above)
 - C. Advanced Exercises as required for Level 4 and Level 5. For Level 5, the two Advanced Exercises must be different. Special Division dogs may use the Advanced Special Division exercises.

Qualifying for Grand Champion Titles: In addition to the General Requirements above, for the Grand Champion title, the entry must include the following:

- A. 12 exercises at a single location.
- B. Each of the 12 exercises must be different; no repeated exercises are permitted at any level.
- C. Advanced Exercises (or Advanced Special Division Exercises) as follows: 1 for Level 1, 2 for Level 2, 3 for Level 3, 4 for Level 4, and 5 for Level 5. The Advanced Exercises must each be different (see B. above). The same exercise may may not be repeated.
- D. Sequence. The Sequence is a 13th clip showing a sequence of three different exercises (for Levels 1, 2, and 3) and five different

exercises (for Levels 4 and 5) done in succession with one or more EFs at the location and/or an EF that the handler has brought to the location and has used for up to two exercises. The EFs (whether brought by you or not) may be those used for other exercises, even if the exercises are the same as are used in the Sequence clip. The Sequence must be done in this manner:

1. The exercises shall be shown as a choreographed Sequence, in succession, without stopping in between except to move from one EF to another, if applicable, and on and off an EF if it is being used sequentially for more than one exercise.
2. The sequence must have some degree of flow, so plan your sequence accordingly.
3. The dog must get on and off each EF, as though each exercise were separate and not part of the Sequence. When using an EF for more than one exercise in the Sequence, do not leave the dog on the EF to do the next exercise. The dog must completely disengage (all four feet off the EF) and then re-engage with the EF for the next exercise. For non-elevated EFs, move the dog away from the EF between exercises so it is clear when/where each exercise starts and ends.
4. Each exercise must be different from the other exercises in the Sequence and may include exercises done as part of the 12 required exercises.
5. No treats or toys are to be used until the Sequence is completed and the dog has disengaged from the last used EF.
6. Exercises may be from the ADP list or may be ones you have created.
7. List the included exercises just before showing the Sequence clip (or include the list in your entry e-mail) so the judge knows what to look for. Make up names for the non-ADP exercises.

Qualifying for Premier Titles: In addition to the General Requirements above, the team must meet the following requirements:

A. 12 exercises at a single location. The number of different exercises and Advanced exercises shall be the same as are required for the Regular Title entries at that level.

B. Sequence. A Sequence must be included in **three entries** for each of the lower levels (Level 1 and Level 2) and in **five entries** for each

of the higher levels (Level 3, Level 4, and Level 5). The Sequence is a 13th clip showing a sequence of three different exercises (for Levels 1, 2, 3, and Special Division) and five different exercises (for Levels 4 and 5 Open Division) done in succession with one or more EFs at the location and/or an EF that the handler has brought to the location and has used for up to two exercises. The EFs (whether brought by you or not) may be those used for other exercises, even if the exercises are the same as are used in the Sequence clip. The Sequence must be done in this manner:

1. The exercises shall be shown as a choreographed Sequence, in succession, without stopping in between except to move from one EF to another, if applicable, and on and off an EF if it is being used sequentially for more than one exercise.
 2. The sequence must have some degree of flow, so plan your sequence accordingly.
 3. The dog must get on and off each EF, as though each exercise were separate and not part of the Sequence. When using an EF for more than one exercise in the Sequence, do not leave the dog on the EF to do the next exercise. The dog must completely disengage (all four feet off the EF) and then re-engage with the EF for the next exercise. For non-elevated EFs, move the dog away from the EF between exercises so it is clear when/where each exercise starts and ends.
 4. Each exercise must be different from the other exercises in the Sequence and may include exercises done as part of the 12 required exercises.
 5. No treats or toys are to be used until the Sequence is completed and the dog has disengaged from the last used EF.
 6. Exercises may be from the ADP list or may be ones you have created.
 7. List the included exercises just before showing the Sequence clip (or include the list in your entry e-mail) so the judge knows what to look for. Make up names for the non-ADP exercises.
- C. Qualifying entries (Qs) as follows:
- Level 1 - Five Qs (including Q for ADP-L1)
 - Level 2 - Five Qs (including Q for ADP-L2)
 - Level 3 - Ten Qs (including Qs for ADP-L3)
 - Level 4 - Ten Qs (including Qs for ADP-L4)
 - Level 5 - Ten Qs (including Qs for ADP-L5)

D. Each entry at a particular level must use a different location. The same location may be used for entries at different levels. (See **Repeating Locations**, below.)

E. Premier entries may include unlimited Landscape/Hardscape (LH) exercises (Exercise 21), but each LH exercise may be used only once – there will be no repeated LH exercises in any entry.

Repeating Locations: Once a team has completed all five Regular titles, those 11 locations may be used again while the team goes through the Regular title track again or through the Grand Champion track.

Once a Grand Champion title has been earned, those 11 locations may be used again to earn another Grand Champion title. For example, the locations used for the GrCH title may be used again to earn a GrCH(2).

Once a Premier title has been earned, those same locations may be used again to earn another Premier title at the same level or at a different level. For example, the five locations used for an ADP-L1(Pr) title may be used again for an ADP-L1(Pr2) title or for an ADP-L2(Pr) title. In other words, locations used for any Premier title can also be used for all the other Premier titles.

The same location may be used for entries on different tracks. For example, the same location may be used for a Level 3 Grand Champion entry and for a Premier (any level) entry, but the exercise and/or sequence clips for each entry must be of different performances at that location. You may not use the same exercise clip or sequence clip for both entries. You must video the exercise or sequence twice and use different clips for the different entries.

Food and Toy Rewards: Handlers may have food rewards and/or toys in their pockets. Bait bags may be worn but food is not to be carried in the handlers' hands or mouths during the performance of the exercise. Toys must not be visible to the dog during the performance of any exercise. "Performance of the exercise" includes the dog approaching, engaging with, and disengaging from the EF. Unless specifically permitted in an exercise description, no treats or toys are permitted until the dog has completed the exercise and has disengaged (gotten off, moved away, etc.) from the EF. For Hill Patterns and Parking Lot Patterns you may reward while still on the hill or in the parking space at the end of the exercise. Toys may not be substituted for treats in those exercises allowing treats.

NQs: Non-qualifying runs will include those in which any of the following occurs:

1. Not following the rules (such as equipment violations or luring the dog with food or toys).
2. Not showing the dog just before and just after the interaction (for example, getting on and getting off an elevated EF or approaching and leaving a non-elevated EF)
3. Dogs working in a situation where the handler cannot spot the dog. This does not apply to the dog working at a distance, jump sequences, or the dog working on ground level. An NQ example is the dog doing a Walk On on an EF that elevates the dog's back higher than the handler can reach.
4. Harsh treatment of the dog, or dog showing aggression to the handler, wildlife, or other dogs/humans.
5. Using a children's playground while children are using it.
6. Damaging an EF.
7. Dog not being sufficiently supported by the handler when coming off an EF that is higher than the dog's shoulder. This does not apply to the Jump (Assisted) exercise provided that the dog is not jumping onto a concrete or similarly hard surface. This also does not apply to distance exercises although the handler is encouraged to help the dog off an EF after the exercise is completed. NOTE: The term "sufficiently supported" means actually taking weight off the dog by using the harness handle or the leash held close to the harness as the dog gets off the EF. It is not a matter of whether or not your particular dog needs assistance. This is a requirement for all the dogs. The purpose is to cushion or soften the landing when getting off the EF.
8. Dog appearing stressed or uncomfortable. Dog being repeatedly cued or otherwise pressured to perform.

If the entry is an NQ, the team will have 30 days from the date of the e-mailed result to submit another video of the same or a different location. The cost of the re-submission is \$10.00.

Dog Equipment

Dogs must wear rear clip body harnesses that do not impede the dog's natural movements. The harness must be strong enough to support most of the dog's weight. Harness straps should be at least an inch wide for most dogs. The harness must fasten with a sturdy snap-clip or buckle. No harnesses fastened with velcro are permitted unless the velcro fastener is altered by sewing it closed.

Harnesses must be attached to a suitable leash for most exercises. For most dogs, the leash must be at least 1/2 inch wide. It must be strong enough to support most of the dog's weight.

The dog may wear a flat buckle, flat snap, or properly fitted martingale collar in addition to the harness. The collar may have tags provided they do not interfere with the dog's performance of the exercises or pose any risk to the dog. NOTE: The leash is never to be attached to the collar when performing any exercise .

You may dispense with the harness and/or leash in situations where **all** of the following conditions are met:

1. being off leash is safe and legal, **and**
2. the exercise is being done with at least two feet on the ground and/or on an EF lower than the dog's elbow height on all sides, **and**
3. the floor or ground surface is not slippery or uneven.

Dogs may be off leash for distance exercises if it is safe and legal, but the handler is encouraged to help the dog off an EF after the exercise is completed. Handlers should be careful that the dog's equipment does not get caught on branches or other things in the environment. Dogs may be off leash for Rebounds.

The following items may not be used: electronic collars, prong collars, choke collars of any type (metal, nylon, or other material), slip leads, cloth leashes, retractable leashes.

Dogs may wear vests, booties, cool coats, etc. provided the item is for the dog's safety or comfort and does not interfere with the dog's performance of the exercises or pose any risk to the dog.

Video Requirements and Tips (Requirements are in bold)

1. **The dog must be visible at all times and the clip must show the dog approaching the EF, starting and ending the exercise, and leaving the EF.** This includes showing the dog getting on and off every elevated EF and going towards and away from every non-elevated EF.

2. **The handler's hands must be visible throughout the clip** and/or the exercise must otherwise be shown in such a manner that it is clear that the dog is not being lured.

3. Make a single video clip (or YouTube playlist) showing the 12 exercises, and clearly number **(1 through 12 for each entry)** and label **(full exercise name, including what is in parentheses)** each exercise in the clip or on the playlist clip titles. The full names of all exercises are in bold on the ADP exercise list. For Novel Uses, please label each exercise being performed as part of the Novel Uses exercise. Make up your own names for novel use exercises that are not on the ADP exercise list.

*For an example of the correct way to number/label, see "All Dogs Parkour - Sample Entry" on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9jPBvwKiKM>*

4. The video of each exercise must not be edited in any way. However, please trim the clip so it only shows the dog's approach, engagement, and disengagement from the EF without extraneous footage. A few extra seconds on either end (including reinforcement delivery) is just fine and makes it easier to judge.

5. Place the camera on a tripod or other stationary object for a good, viewable result.

6. If you are self-recording, make sure the vidcam is set up so the entire dog and the handler's hands are fully visible. Check your clip before moving to another area to make sure you have a usable clip.

7. On sunny days, it is best to have the sun at the videographer's back. Otherwise, it is difficult for him/her to see the screen in order to follow the team. A large umbrella works well.

8. Do not video unless there is sufficient light. The judges must be able to see the performance clearly in order to judge it.

9. Carefully review your clips before entry.

Thank you for participating in All Dogs Parkour!



Questions and Answers (updated March 11, 2018)

Registration

Q. When does the offer expire for CRO dogs to register with ADP for free? If I register a non-CRO dog with CRO, can I also register him for ADP without charge?

A. The offer does not expire. Dogs registered with CRO (past, present, and future) can get an ADP number free. Dogs registering with ADP (\$15) can get a CRO number at any time without charge.

Q: How do I change my dog from Open Division to Special Division?

A. Include the request in the email for your next entry or send a separate email (any of the email addresses for ADP/CRO can be used).

Q: Do I have to provide proof of age or have a letter from my vet stating the dog has a physical challenge to change my dog from Open Division to Special Division?

A. No. Indicate the reason for the change when you send your request. You do not need independent proof.

Q. For SD, must the exercise be videoed when the dog is 7 or can we use exercises from before the dog is eligible?

A. The dogs should be eligible for SD when they perform exercises that include accommodations for SD dogs and the dogs are using the accommodation (such as stepping over a jump one foot at a time). For exercises without accommodations, it does not matter when they are videoed.

Entries

Q: Can I send in entries for the next level before I get confirmation of the title I've last submitted for? (Example: I sent in all the entries for Level 3, but haven't heard if we've titled. Can I send in an entry for Level 4?)

A. No. The dog must be eligible to enter the level before you send an entry. To enter Level 4, the dog must already have earned the Level 3 title.

Locations

Q. Do all exercises at the single location need to be done at the same time?

A. No, it is fine to return as many times as needed to get all the clips. Many times we are satisfied with a clip while we are on location and then decide we can do better after we see it at home. Or we don't check the clips while we are out and later discover that the dog's head or our hands are not visible.

Q. If I have multiple dogs registered, can they all use one location or do I need different locations for each dog?

A. Locations are listed on the Title Tracking Form for each dog, The same location can be used for multiple dogs even if they are registered with the same handler. You may also use the same exercises and EFs for more than one dog.

Q. If a location has distinct, separate sections, can I use it for more than one entry?

A. Yes. But the EFs in each defined section must be the only EFs used for that entry. You cannot use EFs from one section in an entry featuring a different section. Make sure that the sections you define include enough EFs for the entry you want to do. Also, you must label the section of the location so that it is clearly distinguished from other sections at that same location.

Q: Can I combine two adjacent areas into one larger area? (Example: a park and a municipal building that are next to each other, or a park and the open area directly across the street.)

A. Yes, as long as your location does not overlap with another location that you use for a different entry, you can combine adjacent areas.

Measurements

Q: Does hock height need to be measured with the hind pasterns straight up and down? Does the distance between the front and hind feet need to be measured with the hind pasterns straight up and down?

A. Measurements should be taken with the dog in his/her normal stance.

EFs

Q. Can another dog be an EF?

A. Since the rules say you can bring one item to a location to use as an EF, yes! But you could use only one dog in a particular location for one entry, and the limit is two exercises using a dog as an EF. Items brought to locations must all be different, so a dog could be used at one location but a different dog could NOT be used at a different location unless they were very different in size (a Chihuahua and an Aussie, for example).

Q. Can we use a doghouse or crate as an EF for a Get Inside?

A. Yes. They are not dog sport equipment so the restriction does not apply to them.

Q. Can a single weave pole be used for a Go Around?

A. Yes. A Go Around is not the intended agility use for it. Two could be used for a Figure 8. Three or more could be used for Loops. But they cannot be used for Landscape/Hardscape Weaves.

Q. If we use our vehicle(s) as an “item bought from home” to use as an EF, do a large sedan and a midsize sedan count as two different EFs, since a large and small cooler are considered different EFs?

A. No. They are too similar. A sedan and a van would be different EFs. The coolers, if two are used, should be significantly different sizes - for example, one would be twice the size of the other.

Q: Can we use the same EF for two different Get On (Moving) exercises if the dog puts their front feet on it in one clip, and all four feet on it in the second clip? How about a Get On (Moving) with four feet and a Get On (4 Feet) on the same EF?

A. No to both questions. In the case of the Get on (Moving) exercises, even though the exercise would look different, it is the same exercise and you must use two different EFs if you are doing the exercise twice. In the case of doing the two different exercises with the same EF , the exercises would look the same (both are with 4 feet on the same EF). You could do a Get On (Moving) with 4 feet and a Get On (2 Front Feet) using the same EF. Those are different exercises and they look different.

Exercises

Q. Do the EFs and exercises for the Novel Uses (and the Grand Champion or Premier sequences) have to meet the requirements for the regular ADP exercises?

A. *No, they don't. But for those that don't, please label them as "Off List" and give them a different name. The EF might not be as high as required for a Jump exercise, for example. But you can still use it for a Jump. For Go ArounDs, you may choose to modify the exercise and do a single direction instead of both as required by the "official" exercise. You do not need to do the same exercises that are on the ADP list of exercises. However you modify the requirements of the exercises on the list (EF height/length, duration of exercise, number of repetitions, etc.), you will still have shown a variety of interactions even though they will be different from those on the ADP list. Each interaction must be different, though. For example, don't have the dog circle the EF CW and then do it CCW and call that two exercises.*

Q. In my entry, how do I label Novel Use (or Grand Champion or Premier sequence) interactions that are not on the ADP list of exercises?

A. *Label them with any names you choose other than the names on the ADP list. For example, if you do a Go Around in just one direction you can call it "Single Go Around". For a jump that is lower than permitted, you can call it "Hop" or "Low Jump". For exercises that DO meet the criteria of an exercise on the ADP list, use the ADP name for that exercise. Correct labeling makes your NU or GrCH/Premier interactions clearly either ADP exercises or original interactions. Both are permitted, but each exercise needs to be correctly labeled. Your run will not NQ if you fail to label the exercises correctly, but you will be asked to resubmit the video with the corrected labels (no retry fee will be required).*

Q. Can a treat be given during an exercise?

A. *No, unless the exercise specifically permits a treat before the exercise is completed. Two examples where treats are permitted during the exercise are the Go Around (Exercise 9) and the On Line (Exercise PL4) from the Parking Lot Patterns.*

Q: For Novel Uses in a GrCH entry, how many behaviors are required?

A. *The same number as in a Regular Title entry at that level.*

Q: Can an Open Division dog have an entry with two Landscape/Hardscape Patterns AND two Hill Patterns, or are we limited just two patterns of any combination per submission?

A. *The LHPs and the HPs are two separate exercises. You may use two of each.*

Q: Can a Special Division dog have an entry comprised of three Landscape/Hardscape Patterns, three Hill Patterns, AND three Parking Lot Patterns, or are we limited to three patterns of any combination?

A. *Those are all separate exercises. You may use three of each.*

Q: Can we use a spin in each direction as a trick for the Trick on a Platform and Advanced Trick on a Platform exercises?

A. Yes. It is not prohibited by the exercise descriptions. But you must use different EFs for each of those exercises.

Q. For an entry in Level 1, can you do Go Under as one exercise and the Advanced Go Under (Long and Low) as a separate exercise? Would that count as two different exercises?

A. Yes, those are separate exercises (Exercise 5 and Exercise A13). The Advanced exercises can be used in all the levels. Technically, if you had four suitable EFs, you could do a Go Under exercise four times in a single entry (provided repeated exercises were permitted at that level). Two would be the Go Under from the regular list and two would be the Go Under (Long and Low) from the Advanced list. Do not use the same EF for both those exercises, because the exercise would look the same or very similar. You would need a different EF for each exercise and for each repeat of the exercise (four separate EFs).

Q: If we are doing a sequence for a GrCH or Premier submission, and we drop the leash to allow the dog to do a behavior at a distance, can we stop to pick it up before doing the next behavior in the sequence?

A. Yes. You can drop and pick up the leash as needed throughout the sequence and during any particular exercise. Follow the rules for when the leash is required, though (See the Equipment section in the R&G above).

Equipment

Q. The Comfort Flex has a velcro fastener for adjusting but it has a snap clip on top of that. Is that okay to use?

A. Yes, as long as the harness is secured at all openings by snap clips or buckles, it is fine. A harness secured at any opening only with velcro is not.

Q. Is the Julius ICD harness acceptable?

A. If the chest strap is only held by velcro, then no it isn't. Some harnesses have velcro fasteners plus a buckle/snap and those are fine. I know they "crash test" the Julius, but that is on a new harness and not one where the velcro may be less adhesive from dog hair, wear, water, etc. You can make the harness "legal" if you sew the velcro securely shut. Please submit a photo of the sewn harness with your first entry.

Q. For things like the Go Around or distance exercises, can the dog be on a long line?

A. Yes. And, if it is legal to have the dog off leash and the dog will be safe in the area, working off leash for those exercises is fine.

Q. Can dogs be off leash for some of the landscape/hardscape exercises such as the weave patterns? I'm concerned about the leash getting tangled or caught on something.

A. Yes. If it is legal and safe, the dog can be off leash for exercises where catching/tangled leashes could be a problem. A short leash may also be used if that is more appropriate than the dog's usual leash. You can also do the exercise in a slow enough manner that the leash is cleared by the handler periodically as the dog goes through the exercise - not as much fun, for sure, but still an option.

Q. If working in the house, does the dog need to wear the harness and leash?

A. The equipment is not required if all safety requirements listed in the Equipment section of the Rules and Guidelines are met. Otherwise, yes, the harness and leash must be used, even in the house.

Q. I videoed in my backyard and forgot to put on my dog's harness. All 12 exercises were on the ground except a Get On (4 Feet) and a Walk On, which was only a foot high. Should I re-video everything?

A. Please revideo the two exercises where the dog was not on the ground unless all requirements for dispensing with the harness and leash are met (see Rules and Guidelines in the Equipment section). The other exercises, which are all on the ground, are acceptable without the dog's equipment. The purpose of the equipment rule is to make sure we don't take chances with the dogs and get them in situations where they could slip or fall.