

# **Titling & Tournament Event**

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# New England Agility Team

# Being Held At: American K9 Country Amherst, NH

May 14 - 16, 2021

Closing Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 Secondary Closing Date: Monday, May 10, 2021 (For move up in level only)

### **Judges**

Ashley Anderson - Harpers Ferry, WV (Officiating Judge)

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### **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.

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Secretary	Val Duff Email: <a href="mailto:valwaussies@comcast.net">valwaussies@comcast.net</a> Phone: (603) 289-5169

#### **Committee Contact**

E-mail is preferred.

Please make telephone calls between 9AM and 8PM

#### **Site Information**

#### **American K9 Country**

336 NH 101 Amherst, NH 03031 United States



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

# Directions to the Site:

From the North (Concord): I-93 South to I-293 toward 101 West. Follow signs towards 101 West (Bedford - Milford). (AK9C is on the right across from Camp Road at the blinking yellow light.)

#### From the South:

From the South (Nashua): Rt. 3/Everett Turnpike (North) to Manchester I-293/101 West. Follow 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 across from Camp Road at the blinking yellow light.) From the South (Boston): I-93 North to Manchester I-293 to 101 West. Follow signs towards 101 West (Bedford - Milford). (AK9C is on the right across from Camp Road at the blinking yellow light.)

#### From the East:

From the East Coast: Rt. 101 West towards Manchester / Bedford. Follow Rt. 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 across from Camp Road at the blinking yellow light.)

#### From the West:

From the West:: Rt. 101 East towards Manchester / Bedford. Watch for Salzburg Square Shopping Complex. American K-9 Country is approximately 1 mile on the left, passed Salzburg Square, at blinking yellow light across from Camp Road.

### Check-in & Measuring

## **Dog Measurements & Certification**

All dogs not jumping 24" in the Championship Program or 20" in the Performance Program at local and regional events must be measured unless they have permanent USDAA or World Cynosport Dog Registration status or a temporary card with 3 signatures as required by the regulations, making the dog eligible for their jump height (prior to 3 years of age). Please note that only dogs 18 months of age may be officially measured.

## A Dog that Measures Up at Check-In - May Run FEO

If a judge's measurement of a dog at check-in establishes that the dog is ineligible for the height class in which entered, the competitor may

- Run the dog at the higher height in the same program based upon the measurement,
- Modify the entry to enroll the dog in the proper height class in the Performance Program,
- . Modify the entry to enroll the dog in the proper height class in the Veterans Program if the dog is 8 years old
- Run For Exhibition Only (FEO) at the next lowest jump height, but only in the program entered.

Because entry into a higher height is permitted in the Performance and Championship Programs, a dog measuring lower may not be moved to a lower height in either program.

#### Class Running Order

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The order of classes is subject to the discretion of the organizing committee

Check-In and Measuring 7:00 - 7:45 a.m. each day.

General Briefing 7:45 a.m. followed by Judges' Briefings

Judging begins upon completion of walk-throughs

Masters/PIII/Vet Snooker will run in random height order

All other Masters/PIII/Vet classes will have varied start heights for each class

Times are subject to change -- please refer to the Final Confirmation

#### Friday

I/S/PI/A/PII/M/PIII/V Jumpers

MC/PMC Biathlon Jumpers

I/S/PI/A/PII/M/PIII/V Snooker

MC/PMC Biathlon Standard

I/S/PI/A/PII/M/PIII/V Standard

I/S/PI/A/PII/M/PIII/V Gamblers

#### Saturday

Misc Championship/Performance

M/PIII/V/A/PII/S/PI/I Gamblers

Grand Prix/PGP

M/PIII/V/A/PII/S/PI/I Standard

**Combined Pairs** 

#### Sunday

Misc Championship/Performance

M/PIII/V/A/PII/S/PI/I Standard

M/PIII/V/A/PII/S/PI/I Snooker

Steeplechase/PSJ

M/PIII/V/A/PII/S/PI/I Jumpers

#### Self Check-in

Self Check-In will be available for competitors who have submitted a copy of their dog's permanent registration card or a printed copy of their dog's information from www.usdaa.com that shows dog's height has been certified.

### **Class Descriptions**

### **Titling Class Rules & Descriptions**

One or more titling classes may be held at this Event as described in Chapters 3 - 8 of USDAA Official Rules & Regulations, which are downloadable from <a href="https://www.usdaa.com/regulations/usdaa-rules-and-regulations.cfm">www.usdaa.com/regulations/usdaa-rules-and-regulations.cfm</a>. When held, these regulations and any amendments there to are hereby incorporated by reference.

# **Tournament Class Rules & Descriptions**

One or more tournament classes for the current tournament season may be held at this event. The description for all tournaments may be downloaded on the Internet at <a href="http://www.usdaa.com">http://www.usdaa.com</a>. Due to COVID-19, the 2020 tournament series championship event has been canceled. Qualifications earned after September 8, 2020, will count toward eligibility in the 2021 tournament series subject to rules set for the 2021 season. Tournament rules are now under review and will be considering the impact of an abbreviated qualifying period due to COVID-19 cancellations in the remainder of 2020 and early 2021. Final regulations will be published later in 2020 once various factors can be determined. In addition, qualifications in tournament classes shall continue to count towards versatility titles and Lifetime Achievement Awards.

### **Veterans Program Classes**

Veterans level classes offered at this event 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. Previous experience in the sport sufficient to establish proficiency and confidence in performance is strongly encouraged. A dog entered in a Veterans class on a day may not be entered in that class in the Championship or Performance Programs. Complete program rules can be found at <u>USDAA Rules & Regulations</u> including amendments.

# Masters Challenge Biathlon - Concurrent Titling Scores

The Masters Challenge (MC) & Performance Masters Challenge(PMC) Biathlon tournaments each consists of two classes; Standard and Jumpers. In addition to the combined score of these two classes being scored for tournament qualification purposes, each class will be scored independently in order to determine if title qualification has been earned for the MC and PMC standard and jumpers classes.

See complete biathlon tournament rules and title qualification rules at <u>USDAA Rules & Regulations</u> and <u>Tournament Rules</u>

# 2021 Tournament Regulation Highlights

A competitor is eligible to enter Cynosport 2021 by earning a qualifying score in any tournament at a local qualifying event\* or regional championship during the 2021 tournament season qualifying period September 3, 2019 – September 30, 2020. Qualification in a single tournament makes a competitor eligible for all tournaments at Cynosport® 2021.

- Competitors may earn "Byes" during the current Qualifying Period for advangement into the Cynosport® 2021 semifinals (i.e., bypassing the quarterfinals) of the Grand Prix of Dog Agility<sup>®</sup> or Dog Agility Steeplechase<sup>®</sup> tournaments (championship and performance) as follows:

  • Competitors in the Grand Prix of Dog Agility<sup>®</sup> who—
- - earn two qualifications at a Regional Championship (i.e., qualification in both the Semifinal and Final rounds of that event), and
  - place in the top 50% of competitors in each jump height competing in the Final round or place 1st through 3rd in the Regional Final round
- Competitors in the Dog Agility Steeplechase® who—
  - earn two qualifications at a Regional Championship (i.e., qualification in both the Semifinal and Final rounds of that event), and
- place within the top 15% of competitors in each jump height in the Final round or place 1st 3rd in the Regional Final round
   Competitors who earn two first-place qualifications in either the Grand Prix of Dog Agility® or Dog Agility Steeplechase® at local qualifying events\* and/or regional championship events during the current season Qualifying Period (vouchers are no longer required or distributed)

  • Competitors who earned Byes at Regional Championships in the tournament during the Qualifying Period for the 2020 tournament qualifying season

\*Qualifications in tournaments offered through USDAA@Home!SM events are for title qualification only and do not satisfy eligibility requirements for entry to Cynosport® 2021.

#### Regional Championships

A competitor may compete at a 2021 Regional Championships in the continental U.S. without previous qualification.

Competitors not qualifying in the semifinal round of either the Grand Prix or Steeplechase at a Regional Championship may run the Regional finals course for an opportunity to earn a local qualification for eligibility to enter Cynosport 2021.

A new unified competitive division structure is being phased in that provides for current jump heights from the Championship and Performance Programs to be recognized during the 2021 tournament season. As part of the transition during 2021, the following rule changes are effective January 1, 2021:

- The maximum withers height measurement in the Performance Program for dogs jumping 12" is raised from 16" to 17" to conform the withers height cutoff between programs.
- The maximum withers height measurement in the Championship Program for dogs measuring ≤ 12" is increased to 13"; a 12" jump height is added to the Championship Program for dogs measuring over 12" not more than 13" in height at the withers. Dogs measuring 12" or less remain eligible remain eligible for the 10" jump height. Awards for the 10" and 12" height classes may be combined at group's discretion.

For Cynosport® 2021, a competitor is eligible to enter any eligible division for tournaments without regard to the height class and program in which qualification has been earned in local qualifying or regional championship events.

#### **MISC Class**

"This class is being offered for training purposes and is open to all levels and is considered FEO. Audible toys are permitted.

Food rewards are not allowed inside the ring but handlers may run outside the ring and reward their dog with a food treat and return to the ring to train if they warn the gate/timer that they will be doing this.

Runs are 60 seconds with the time beginning 5 seconds after "GO".

A horn will sound at 50 seconds to alert handlers that they have 10 seconds to work their way to exit.

A second horn will sound at 60 seconds at which point you must leave the ring.

Any harsh or abusive handling is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate dismissal from the ring and shall be subject to disciplinary actions pursuant to Appendix C of the USDAA Official Rules and Regulations."

# **Tentative Schedule** Friday, May 14, 2021

Ring 1 **Event** Judge Intro Jumpers Anderson, Ashley Jumpers - Starters Anderson, Ashley Jumpers Level 1 Anderson, Ashley Anderson, Ashley Jumpers - Advanced Jumpers Level 2 Anderson, Ashley Jumpers - Masters Anderson, Ashley Jumpers Level 3 Anderson, Ashley Jumpers - Veterans Anderson, Ashley Biathlon MC Jumpers Anderson, Ashley Biathlon MC Performance Jumpers Anderson, Ashley Anderson, Ashley Intro Snooker Snooker - Starters Anderson, Ashley Snooker Level 1 Anderson, Ashley Anderson, Ashley Snooker - Advanced Snooker Level 2 Anderson, Ashley Snooker - Masters Anderson, Ashley Snooker Level 3 Anderson, Ashley Anderson, Ashley Snooker - Veterans Biathlon MC Standard Agility Anderson, Ashley Biathlon MC Performance Standard Anderson, Ashlev Anderson, Ashley Intro Standard Standard Agility - Starters Anderson, Ashley Anderson, Ashley Standard Level 1 Standard Agility - Advanced Anderson, Ashley Standard Level 2 Anderson, Ashley Standard Agility - Masters Anderson, Ashley Standard Level 3 Anderson, Ashley Standard - Veterans Anderson, Ashley Intro Gamblers Anderson, Ashley Gamblers - Starters Anderson, Ashley Gamblers Level 1 Anderson, Ashley Gamblers - Advanced Anderson, Ashley Gamblers Level 2 Anderson, Ashley Gamblers - Masters Anderson, Ashley Anderson, Ashley

Gamblers Level 3 Gamblers - Veterans

# Saturday, May 15, 2021

Anderson, Ashley

	Ring 1
Event	Judge
Other Nonstandard Class - 2 Height Divisions	Anderson, Ashley
Gamblers - Masters	Anderson, Ashley
Gamblers Level 3	Anderson, Ashley
Gamblers - Veterans	Anderson, Ashley
Gamblers - Advanced	Anderson, Ashley
Gamblers Level 2	Anderson, Ashley
Gamblers - Starters	Anderson, Ashley
Gamblers Level 1	Anderson, Ashley
Intro Gamblers	Anderson, Ashley
Grand Prix of Dog Agility - Local Qualifier	Anderson, Ashley
Performance Grand Prix - Local Qualifier	Anderson, Ashley
Standard Agility - Masters	Anderson, Ashley
Standard Level 3	Anderson, Ashley
Standard - Veterans	Anderson, Ashley
Standard Agility - Advanced	Anderson, Ashley
Standard Level 2	Anderson, Ashley
Standard Agility - Starters	Anderson, Ashley
Standard Level 1	Anderson, Ashley
Intro Standard	Anderson, Ashley
Combined Pairs Relay - 2nd Titling Run*	Anderson, Ashley
Combined Pairs Relay - Performance - 2nd Titling Run*	Anderson, Ashley

### Sunday, May 16, 2021

Ring 1

Event Other Nonstandard Class - 2 Height Divisions Standard Agility - Masters Standard Level 3	<b>Judge</b> Anderson, Ashley Anderson, Ashley Anderson, Ashley
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Standard - Veterans Standard Agility - Advanced Standard Level 2 Standard Agility - Starters Standard Level 1 Intro Standard Snooker - Masters Snooker Level 3 Snooker - Veterans Snooker - Advanced Snooker Level 2 Snooker - Starters Snooker Level 1 Intro Snooker Dog Agility Steeplechase® - Qualifying Round Performance Speed Jumping - Qualifying Round Jumpers - Masters Jumpers Level 3 Jumpers - Veterans Jumpers - Advanced Jumpers Level 2 Jumpers - Starters Jumpers Level 1

Intro Jumpers

Anderson, Ashley Anderson, Ashlev Anderson, Ashley Anderson, Ashley Anderson, Ashley Anderson, Ashley Anderson, Ashlev Anderson, Ashley Anderson, Ashley Anderson, Ashley Anderson, Ashley

Anderson, Ashley

### **Entries & Acceptance**

# General Rule on Eligibility

This event is sanctioned by the United States Dog Agility Association, Inc. ("USDAA").

This test is open to all persons with dogs being at least 18 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® Official Rules and Regulations, a copy of which may be viewed and printed online at <u>USDAA Rules & Regulations</u>, as amended.

# 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.

## **Refund Policy**

There shall be NO REFUNDS for entries withdrawn after the closing date for acceptance of entries, for absentee, dismissal from the event as a result of disciplinary action, dismissal from a class, or for any other reason. Also, no entry fees will be refunded if the event cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, acts of terrorism, fire, "act of God", public emergency, strike, or any other cause beyond the control of the host organization.

#### Spam Blocker

Confirmations will be sent via email using the secretary's address. If you have a spam blocker on your email account, please configure it to allow email from the secretary's address since confirmations will be sent from this account.

### **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.

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.

#### **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.

#### **NEAT Bad Check Policy**

Bad checks are defined as any check that does not clear our bank the FIRST time it is deposited. A bad check will incur a \$30 fee plus any additional bank charges, regardless of the reason for the bad check.

# **NEAT Refund Policy**

Please note: Overpayments of entry fees are not refundable. Please check your math!

A dog or handler who suffers an injury and/or illness, or bitches that come into season after the closing date, may be eligible for a refund of up to 50% of the total entry fee paid for that dog. Requests for said refunds must be received in writing by the Test Secretary by Monday, May 10 at Noon and must be accompanied by a dated letter from the veterinarian or doctor on the veterinarian's or doctor's letterhead with a brief description explaining the reason the dog, or the handler, cannot compete.

# **General Entry Conditions**

## **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.

# Social Distancing & COVID-19 Safety Measures

We are pleased to offer an opportunity for competitors and others to get out and enjoy events with their dogs. So that we do not risk any setbacks that may impact future events, please join us in following safe practices recommended by the U.S. Center for Disease Control and other State and local health agencies:

- Maintain social distancing (of both you and your dog) from others to the extent possible;
- Wear a mask in confined spaces where social distancing is not possible (e.g., briefings, walk-throughs, walk-ways, restrooms, parking lots, and vending areas
- Be aware of items that you touch that may have been touched by others (e.g., wear gloves if you are touching things that are touched by others)
- Avoid touching your face
- Wash your hands often with soap and water and/or use hand sanitizers (gels, wipes, etc.); please bring your own to assure availability
- Bring your own food and refreshments, if allowed

This is not a complete list. Please visit the Center for Disease Control website or other State and local health agencies for guidance, as measures may vary by geographic region.

To contribute to this effort, please bring your own sanitizers, gloves, masks, food, and beverage to assure availability. Please be accepting of changes from past practices as we seek new ways keep everyone safe as possible. We are doing our best to address specific measures that we could put in place to promote safety during this event, including, but not limited to change in ring operation procedures, prepping volunteers, judges, and staff in safe practices.

While we hope that the environment for public gatherings continues to improve, BE AWARE that safety measures could change and additional measures imposed at any time. Watch your entry confirmation prior to arrival at the event, as we cannot be responsible due to changes beyond our control in this fluid situation.

**By all means**, if you have been exposed to anyone that may have been exposed or infected with a virus or flu within two weeks prior to the event, or if you are feeling ill, please self-isolate and stay home, knowing that we will happily welcome you at a future trial.

Additional health and/or safety measures may required by the facility owner at which this event is being held, or by the Event Organizer. Such statements may be included in this test schedule, in the event confirmation, or posted on site at Check-In for this event. Failure to comply with these requirements, as well as other provisions in this test schedule are subject to disciplinary action as described in Appendix C to USDAA Official Rules & Regulations, which could result in dismissal from the event and/or cancellation of all results from performance at the event, without recourse.

#### 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.

### **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.

#### 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.

### BIS

# Bitches is Season:

NEAT is now excepting 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.

#### 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**

#### **Tilting Class & Tournament Awards**

#### **TITLING CLASSES**

Starters/PI Standard - Advanced/PII - Masters/PIII Standard - Intro - Veterans & ALL Levels of non-standard: Ribbons for 1st through 4th place in each jump height and to mini/open for Pairs Relay. A maroon qualfying ribbon will be awarded for those achieving a qualifying score in any regular class being held for certification purposes.

#### **TOURNAMENTS**

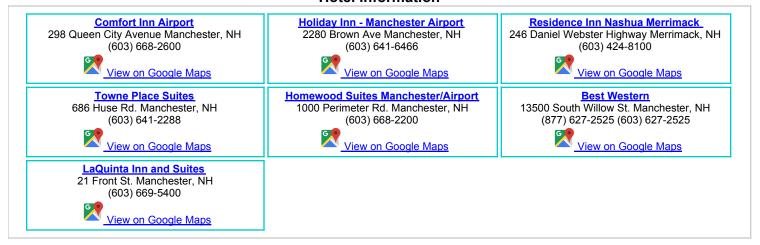
**Grand Prix/Performance Grand Prix Qualifiers:** 1st through 3rd place ribbons will be awarded in each jump height. All qualifiers receive maroon and white qualifying ribbons.

Steeplechase/Performance Speed Jumping: Qualifying ribbons will be awarded to all dogs earning a qualifying score. 1st through 3rd place ribbons and monetary awards will be awarded.

**Biathlon:** Placements in each jump height and qualifying ribbons will be awarded.

**NEAT** is pleased to award special tournament qualifying ribbons for all tournament qualifiers!

#### **Hotel Information**



# **Hotel Policies and Courtesies**

ALL POOP IS TO BE PICKED UP
Bring a sheet to cover the beds and chairs
Bring a towel to put under the crates, food and water bowls
Do not groom or bathe your dogs in or at your hotel
DO NOT LEAVE YOUR DOGS ALONE IN THE ROOM AT ANY TIME
Please give NEAT feedback on your stay

#### Hotel

Sorry NO RV Parking.

Accommodations: American K9 Country has Corporate rates with many of the hotels on this list.

You must ASK for the American K9 Country rate!
These hotels have graciously agreed to accept our well-mannered dog

## Other Information

#### Food

No Food will be available. Please bring your own lunch, snacks and drinks.

**Neat Covid Policies** 

#### COVID-19 Policies for NEAT Trial - May 14-16th

There will be additional COVID-19 Policies in place for the NEAT trial. Mask, Hygiene and Social Distancing Guidelines will be in effect. We will have detailed facility guidelines & protocol that will be sent to each competitor prior to the trial. These measures must be followed to participate. These may be updated closer to the event if necessary to meet current Facility requirements, Board of Health, CDC guidelines. Final guidelines will be sent to all competitors along with a COVID-19 Waiver and Health attestation form the week prior to the trial.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT:

Waiver and Health Attestation - Competitors will need to sign a waiver and a health attestation before the trial.

Masks – Competitors should expect to be required to wear a mask. We will not allow neck gaiters or mesh masks. If competitors plan to use a cloth/fabric mask these must be minimally 2 layers. Masks must cover the nose and chin tightly.

Social Distancing – Competitors should maintain a social distance (6-feet plus) while waiting in line, on the grounds, and attempt to distance as much as possible during walk throughs. Multiple walkthroughs may happen where class sizes require.

Hygiene – Hand washing, hand sanitizing, and other hygiene protocols and stations will be in place for the trial. Additional cleaning measures will also be in place.

App - We are looking into options for agility apps for use for check ins and for use at the gate. More will be released on this closer to the trial

Travel - Competitors will need to follow all state travel restrictions and will sign an affidavit to this affect.

Ring access – competitors should expect to use the exterior doors to access the ring. In the event of inclement weather or extreme sun/heat open sided tents will be in use to protect competitors as they wait.

Spectators – spectators will not be allowed unless they are authorized volunteer workers for the trial. We are unsure if we will be able to allow for indoor spectating and that decision will be made closer to the trial date.

Crating – we are unsure if we will be able to offer indoor crating. This will depend on CDC guidance in May.

Vaccine exemptions – anyone with the vaccine is still subject to all the COVID policies.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY – competitors or volunteers not following any of these policies will be subject to immediate dismissal without refund.

### **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

FURTHER, COMPETITOR HEREBY RELEASES 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.

# 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 U	FOR USDAA USE ONLY			
		REG#	UJHP#			
Dogs must be registered with USDAA in ord facilitate entry at USDAA events and trackin			mber with a "U" prefix will be issued to			
You must complete ALL information for	a valid registration:					
OWNER/HANDLER INFORMATION:						
Primary Owner:						
Name(s) to appear on awards:	·····		<del></del>			
Junior Handler:	DOB:	Telephone:				
Address:						
City / State:	Postal Code:	Country:				

\_\_\_\_\_Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(To nearest 1/4")

: \_\_\_\_\_\_DOB: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Height @ Withers: \_\_\_\_\_ (Specify breed or state "All American" to denote mix-breed) (Estimate if unknown) (To nea Test\_Schedule\_108563\_8FFC89E1-A897-5C74-F3792F45A7627BAD.pdf

(Dog name to appear on certificates; please print clearly or type)

DOG INFORMATION:

Formal Name: \_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# USDAA® Official Entry Form - New England Agility Team - Amherst, NH

May 14 - 16, 2021 - Closing Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 Return to: Val Duff, 44 Lincoln Drive New Boston, NH 03070 - Make check payable to: New England Agility Team

### Dog and Handler Information

Dog's Call Nar	ne:		USDAA	#:	Breed:			Height:	Birthdate:	
Address:							City, St/Pr/F	Region:		
Postal Code:			Day Pho	hone:   Night Phone:						
Handler:				Email:						
				Clas	s Entry Info	ormation				
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	\$15.00	Gamblers			□MST	□ADV	□STR	□ PIII	□PII	□PI
	\$15.00	Jumpers			□MST	□ADV	□STR	□PIII	□PII	□PI
	\$15.00	Snooker			□MST	□ADV	□STR	□PIII	□PII	□PI
	\$32.00	Tournament Qua	lifiers	☐ Masters C	hallenge Bi	athlon®		☐ Performance Challenge Biathlon		
Saturday. May	15, 2021		Veteran		Champ	ionship		Perfor	mance	
	\$15.00	Standard			□MST	□ADV	□STR	PIII	□ PII	□PI
	\$15.00	Gamblers			□MST	□ADV	□STR	□PIII	□ PII	□PI
	\$25.00	Tournament Qua	lifiers	☐ Grand Prix of Dog Agility®			☐ Performance Grand Prix			
	\$15.00 Misc			☐ Combined Pairs Relay - 2nd Titling Run*						
	\$15.00	\$15.00  Misc   Combined Pairs Relay - Performance - 2nd Titling Run*								
	\$12.00	Misc		☐ Other Non	standard C	lass - 2 Heigl	nt Divisions			
Sunday. May 1	6, 2021		Veteran		Champ	ionship		Perfor	mance	
	\$15.00	Standard			□MST	□ADV	□STR	PIII	□PII	□PI
	\$15.00	Jumpers			□MST	□ADV	□STR	PIII	□PII	□PI
	\$15.00	Snooker			□MST	□ADV	□STR	PIII	□ PII	□PI
	\$25.00	Tournament Qua	lifiers	□ Dog Agility Steeplechase® □ Performance Speed Jumping						
	\$12.00	Misc		☐ Other Non	standard C	lass - 2 Heigl	nt Divisions			
	SUB-TO	ΓAL								
	\$40.00	Dog Registration	on (if not pr	eviously regis	tered) - AT	TACH SEPA	RATE FOR	M or Register Online		
	Discount	(see footnote belo	w for terms,	if any discoun	t is offered)					
	TOTAL F	EES								
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Signature:					Date	e:				
Signature of E	aront or	or:								
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PAIRS PARTN	ER INFOR	MATION: I've enf	tered pairs a	is a draw. Whe	en selecting	g a partner fo	r me, please	do not select the following	g dogs:	
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# volunteers needed

# USDAA® Official Intro Program Entry Form - New England Agility Team - Amherst, NH

May 14 - 16, 2021 - Closing Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 Return to: Val Duff, 44 Lincoln Drive New Boston, NH 03070 - Make check payable to: New England Agility Team

# Dog and Handler Information

Dog's Call Nam	ne:		USDAA#:		Breed:		Height:	Birthdate:
Address:	City, St/Pr/Region:							
Postal Code:			Day Phone:			Nigh	t Phone:	
Handler:				Email	:			
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	\$15.00	Gamblers						
	\$15.00	Jumpers						
	\$15.00	Snooker						
Saturday. May	15, 2021							
			Class					
	\$15.00	Standard						
	\$15.00	Gamblers						
		Jumpers	N/A					
		Snooker	N/A					
Sunday. May 1	6, 2021							
			Class					
	\$15.00	Standard						
		Gamblers	N/A					
	\$15.00	Jumpers						
	\$15.00	Snooker						
	SUB-TOT	AL						
	\$40.00	Dog Registratio	n (if not previou	ısly reg	istered) - ATTAC	H SEPARATE FOR	M or Register Online	
	Discount (	see footnote belov	for terms, if any	discou	nt is offered)			
	TOTAL FE	EES						
			Gen	eral A	greement A	cceptance		
Through my sign	nature, I de	clare that I have re	ad USDAA Offic	ial Rule	s & Regulations a	nd the General Agre	ement and Test Sched	ule provisions set forth for
entry to this eve	nt, and I ac	knowledge that I u	nderstand and a	gree to	abide by all such r	ules, regulations, po	licies and provisions st	tipulated therein, including
any provisions in	ncorporated	a by reletence.					Dete	
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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian, if a Minor\_\_\_\_\_