

# A **USDAA**® Licensed Event

## Titling & Tournament Classes

hosted by



## New England Agility Team

**Being Held At:  
American K9 Country  
Amherst, NH**

**May 20 - 21, 2023**

Closing Date: Sunday, April 30, 2023  
Secondary Closing Date: Sunday, May 14, 2023  
(For move up in level only)

### Judges

Rebecca Hill - Parkton, MD  
(Officiating Judge)

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### New Jump Heights - New Measurement Cutoffs In Effect

With USDAA Rules Amendments adopted 10/11/2022, new jump heights with new measurement cutoffs are in effect for this event.

Dog Size	Dog Withers Measurement	Championship Jump Heights	Performance Jump Heights	Veterans Jump Heights
Extra Large	> 22"	24"	20"	16" or 12"
Large	≤ 22"	20"	16"	12"
Medium	≤ 18"	16"	12"	08"
Small	≤ 15"	12"	08"	04"
Extra Small	≤ 12"	08"	04"	

See full rules amendments published on [usdaa.com](http://usdaa.com).

### Proud Sponsor

NEAT's 2023 Trial is Proudly Sponsored by Non-stop Dogwear!

At this year's trial we have some fabulous prizes provided by Non-stop Dogwear, additionally participants will have the opportunity to test out some of Non-stop Dogwear's high performance gear for active dogs and their humans.

## 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.

<b>Chairperson</b>	Lauren Kras Email: <a href="mailto:lauren.kras@gmail.com">lauren.kras@gmail.com</a> Phone: (603) 801-4628
<b>Secretary</b>	Val Duff Email: <a href="mailto:K9AS@comcast.net">K9AS@comcast.net</a> Phone: (603) 289-5169
<b>Committee At-Large</b>	Miranda Jones
<b>Committee At-Large</b>	Meg Haviland

## 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



[View on Google Maps](#)

[www.americank9country.com](http://www.americank9country.com)

**Surface Type:** Indoor on Artificial Turf

**Ring Configuration:** 76'x105'

### Directions to the Site:

#### *From the North:*

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 15 months of age may be officially measured and recorded on temporary registration cards/forms. Dogs competing in Intro classes less than 15 months of age (14 months minimum required) should be measured for the event, but the measurement shall not be officially recorded.

### Class Schedule

Saturday-Sunday

Check in and measuring starts at 7:15am

General Briefing 7:40am

Judges Briefing 7:45am

7 minute walk through immediately follow Judges briefing. First dog on line 3 minutes after walk through finishes

**Tentative Schedule**  
**Saturday, May 20, 2023**

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**Ring 1**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Judge</b>
Standard - Veterans	Hill, Rebecca
Standard Level 3	Hill, Rebecca
Standard Agility - Masters	Hill, Rebecca
Standard Level 2	Hill, Rebecca
Standard Agility - Advanced	Hill, Rebecca
Standard Level 1	Hill, Rebecca
Intro Standard	Hill, Rebecca
Standard Agility - Starters	Hill, Rebecca
Biathlon MC Performance Standard	Hill, Rebecca
Biathlon MC Standard Agility	Hill, Rebecca
Gamblers - Veterans	Hill, Rebecca
Gamblers Level 3	Hill, Rebecca
Gamblers - Masters	Hill, Rebecca
Gamblers Level 2	Hill, Rebecca
Gamblers - Advanced	Hill, Rebecca
Gamblers Level 1	Hill, Rebecca
Intro Gamblers	Hill, Rebecca
Gamblers - Starters	Hill, Rebecca
Dog Agility Steeplechase® Qualifier	Hill, Rebecca
Jumpers - Veterans	Hill, Rebecca
Jumpers Level 3	Hill, Rebecca
Jumpers - Masters	Hill, Rebecca
Jumpers Level 2	Hill, Rebecca
Jumpers - Advanced	Hill, Rebecca
Jumpers Level 1	Hill, Rebecca
Intro Jumpers	Hill, Rebecca
Jumpers - Starters	Hill, Rebecca
Biathlon MC Performance Jumpers	Hill, Rebecca
Biathlon MC Jumpers	Hill, Rebecca
Snooker - Veterans	Hill, Rebecca
Snooker Level 3	Hill, Rebecca
Snooker - Masters	Hill, Rebecca
Snooker Level 2	Hill, Rebecca
Snooker - Advanced	Hill, Rebecca
Snooker Level 1	Hill, Rebecca
Intro Snooker	Hill, Rebecca
Snooker - Starters	Hill, Rebecca

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

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**Ring 1**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Judge</b>
Jumpers - Starters	Hill, Rebecca
Jumpers Level 1	Hill, Rebecca
Intro Jumpers	Hill, Rebecca
Jumpers - Advanced	Hill, Rebecca
Jumpers Level 2	Hill, Rebecca
Jumpers - Masters	Hill, Rebecca
Jumpers Level 3	Hill, Rebecca
Jumpers - Veterans	Hill, Rebecca
Snooker - Starters	Hill, Rebecca
Snooker Level 1	Hill, Rebecca
Intro Snooker	Hill, Rebecca
Snooker - Advanced	Hill, Rebecca
Snooker Level 2	Hill, Rebecca
Snooker - Masters	Hill, Rebecca
Snooker Level 3	Hill, Rebecca
Snooker - Veterans	Hill, Rebecca
Combined Pairs Relay	Hill, Rebecca
Combined Pairs Relay - Performance	Hill, Rebecca
Combined Pairs Relay - 2nd Titling Run	Hill, Rebecca
Combined Relay Performance - 2nd Titling Run	Hill, Rebecca
Gamblers - Starters	Hill, Rebecca
Gamblers Level 1	Hill, Rebecca
Gamblers - Advanced	Hill, Rebecca
Gamblers Level 2	Hill, Rebecca
Gamblers - Masters	Hill, Rebecca
Gamblers Level 3	Hill, Rebecca
Gamblers - Veterans	Hill, Rebecca
Grand Prix of Dog Agility® Qualifier	Hill, Rebecca
Intro Gamblers	Hill, Rebecca

Intro Standard  
Standard Agility - Starters  
Standard Level 1  
Standard Agility - Advanced  
Standard Level 2  
Standard Agility - Masters  
Standard Level 3  
Standard - Veterans

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## Class Descriptions

### Tournament Class Rules & Descriptions

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

- **Grand Prix of Dog Agility®**

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

- **Dog Agility Steeplechase®**

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

- **Dog Agility Masters® Team**

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

- **Masters Challenge Biathlon<sup>SM</sup>**

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

Rules for all tournaments may be downloaded from the Internet at <https://usdaa.com/regulations/tournament-rules.cfm>, and are incorporated here in their entirety by reference. The rules include important disclosures on eligibility and advancement, start and end dates for the current tournament season qualifying period, information on special prizes and awards, advancement rules for each tournament at Regional Championships and Cynosport® championships. For local qualifying events after September 30, 2022, 2023 tournament regulations will be in effect. Regulations have not been finalized at the initial time of publication of this event test schedule. Significant changes are not anticipated from 2022. 2023 regulations shall be published no later than September 15, 2022.

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

#### Masters Challenge Biathlon—Concurrent Scoring for Titling Purposes

When the Masters Challenge Biathlon is offered, the two classes in the Biathlon (i.e., Masters Challenge Jumpers and Masters Challenge Standard Agility) are scored on a time-plus-faults basis for a combined tournament score. These classes are concurrently scored for titling purposes pursuant to rules set forth in [Chapter 12 of USDAA Rules & Regulations](#), which are incorporated here in their entirety by reference. Qualifying scores earned in each round of the tournament are recorded for tournament, title, and lifetime achievement awards.

### Titling Class Rules & Descriptions

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

#### Veteran Classes

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

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

#### Pairs Relay—Combined or By Level

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

- When offered as on a Combined basis, pairs relay will appear on the Entry Form and Class Schedule as "Combined Relay". When offered by Level, relay will appear as "Pairs Relay", with each level offered being listed on the entry form.
- The two methods of offering pairs relay is in keeping with a primary purpose of the Relay class in promoting camaraderie in working a course with a partner (amendment to regulations effective April 2020).
- A Combined Relay class is run on an Advanced level course and scored under Advanced level rules, and the Qualification is valid for any level title within a program.
- A Pairs Relay by level is run on three different courses to meet the requirements for courses at each experience level (i.e., Starters, Advanced, and Masters).
- When entering a Relay class of either type, simply complete the form marking the appropriate Program and list a partner of choice by including the owners name and their dog's registration number.
  - Alternatively, you may enter as a "draw" team when you do not have a partner and are willing to run with others. For "Pairs Relay" class

offered by level, your partner will be drawn from other draw entries of competitors at the same level. For "Combined Relay", your partner will be drawn from other competitors at any level in the same program.

- A group may pair a competitor with an "accommodating dog" (i.e., one who is not entered in the class) when an odd number of competitors are entered, but the group is not required to do so. In this latter case, a refund of entry fee will be made.
- When a second offering of the class (indicated "2nd run" on the Entry Form) is to be *run on the same course*, each handler runs their chosen portion of the course, and immediately following the first run, competitors run a second time with each running the other section of the course previously run by their partner.

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

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

### **Miscellaneous Classes**

One or more Miscellaneous Classes may be held in conjunction with this event identified on the entry form as "Misc". The rules and description for such classes shall be included below as a separate disclosure or when not disclosed below, may be obtained by writing the Event Secretary. Such rules and description are incorporated here by reference.

### **Intro Basic Program With Regular Event - 6 Jump Heights FEO ALLOWED**

This program is designed to help new competitors measure their progress in training and to acclimate to the fundamental elements in dog agility competition. Competitors with dogs that are at least fourteen (14) months of age and have not earned a title in the Championship, Performance or Veterans programs are eligible unless entered in the same class on the same day at the event in the Championship, Performance or Veterans programs.

Obstacle standards shall be the same as in the Starters class with exceptions noted in Chapter 10 of the regulations. Six(6) jump heights are offered: 4", 8", 12", 16", 20" & 24" with the A-frame set at approximately 5'0". FEO competitors may opt for a 5'6" A-frame Height.

At this event, dogs may be entered For Exhibition Only. An inaudible toy may be used, but must not be a distraction to the other ring by being tossed in the vicinity of the other ring.

Performance standards for the Intro Program classes are the same as in the Starters level except as modified by special rules for each class as detailed in Chapter 10 as amended. Qualifications earned are accumulated toward title certification in each class - Standard, Jumpers, Gamblers and Snooker - and overall for a versatility title.

### **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."**

### **Entries & Acceptance**

#### **Policy on Refusal of Entry**

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

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

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

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

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

#### **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.

#### **General Rule on Eligibility**

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

This event will be held under USDAA® Official Rules and Regulations, as amended as of the event date. A copy of the regulations and any any amendments may be viewed and printed online at [USDAA Rules & Regulations](#).

## 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 14 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

### Policy on Fault Limits

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

### Statement of Responsibility

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

### Prohibitions on Aids & Devices

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

## Evolving COVID-19 Environment Health Safety Measures

The health environment related to COVID-19 and its variants are continuing to evolve nationwide. Competitors, show organizers, and guests are urged to remain respectful of individual choices and varied practices that may occur. USDAA recognizes that the biology for each person is different with respect to any illness, and each may have their own preferences on what is necessary for them to return to open events given their personal situation.

Groups may set specific requirements for their events as they deem necessary to provide a safe and enjoyable event for competitors. Because of the many uncertainties, the host Group, USDAA, and event officials can assume no liability related to these risks, and individuals shall be solely responsible for making their own decisions regarding health risk and safety measures taken, or whether to attend the event. Any stipulated requirements by the Group shall be set forth either in a note in the test schedule for the event, communicated in event confirmations (or otherwise by email), and/or posted at the event. Competitors shall expect that a host Group shall enforce whatever rules they set in place under authority set forth in USDAA Disciplinary Rules published in USDAA rules & regulations..

Each person attending this event as an official, volunteer, or competitor shall be solely responsible for and assume liability for their own decisions regarding health risk and safety measures, and each person shall be accountable for their actions relative to any procedures in effect, which may or may not include:

- Maintaining social distancing measures
- Wearing a mask or gloves
- Being aware of items that you may touch and that may have been touched by others
- Washing hands and/or use of hand sanitizers
- Enjoying of food and refreshments, if provided

Additional health and/or safety measures may be 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.

**Further**, if you have been exposed to anyone that may have been exposed or infected with a virus or flu or any other contagious illness within one to two weeks prior to the event, or if you are feeling ill, please take responsibility and stay home and rest.

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

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

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

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

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

## **Mulligan Runs**

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

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

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

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

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

Additionally,

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

## **BIS**

### **Bitches in Season:**

**NEAT is now accepting entries from Bitches in Season. (BIS) BIS will be allowed to compete within the following parameters: Valori Duff (the trial secretary: k9as@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 qualifying 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. The first place qualifier in each height class in both tournaments will receive a 'bye' voucher for a Regional.

**Steeplechase/Performance Speed Jumping:** Qualifying ribbons will be awarded after the first round to all dogs earning a qualifying score. 1st through 3rd place ribbons and monetary awards will be awarded after Round 2 is complete.

**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

<p><b><u><a href="#">Comfort Inn Airport</a></u></b> 298 Queen City Avenue Manchester, NH (603) 668-2600</p> <p> <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Holiday Inn - Manchester Airport</a></u></b> 2280 Brown Ave Manchester, NH (603) 641-6466</p> <p> <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Residence Inn Nashua Merrimack</a></u></b> 246 Daniel Webster Highway Merrimack, NH (603) 424-8100</p> <p> <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a></p>
<p><b><u><a href="#">Towne Place Suites</a></u></b> 686 Huse Rd. Manchester, NH (603) 641-2288</p> <p> <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Homewood Suites Manchester/Airport</a></u></b> 1000 Perimeter Rd. Manchester, NH (603) 668-2200</p> <p> <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Best Western</a></u></b> 13500 South Willow St. Manchester, NH (877) 627-2525 (603) 627-2525</p> <p> <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a></p>
<p><b><u><a href="#">LaQuinta Inn and Suites</a></u></b> 21 Front St. Manchester, NH (603) 669-5400</p> <p> <a href="#">View on Google Maps</a></p>		

#### 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

#### 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



# 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 understand 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 USDAA USE ONLY	
REG #	UJHP #
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Dogs must be registered with USDAA in order to compete in USDAA sanctioned events. A registration card and number with a "U" prefix will be issued to facilitate entry at USDAA events and tracking of show results in the regular classes.

**You must complete ALL information for a valid registration:**

## **OWNER/HANDLER INFORMATION:**

Primary Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) to appear on awards: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Handler: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City / State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **DOG INFORMATION:**

Formal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Height @ Withers: \_\_\_\_\_

(Specify breed or state "All American" to denote mix-breed)

(Estimate if unknown)

(To nearest 1/4")

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