



## **2018 Championships Qualification and info sheet**

**The Qualifying period for Championships is August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

### **Elite Level Qualifications**

1. At least 100 points must have been earned in the current qualifying year from the Regular Agility class at the Open or Elite level.
2. At least 40 points must have been earned in the current qualifying year, at the Open or Elite level, in both Jumpers and Chances.
3. If a dog is 9 or older on the first day of Championships they **MUST** enter the Veterans division. If a dog is 10 or older on the first day of the Championships, then they **MUST** be entered into the Double Digit division.
4. Dogs may still enter the Veterans division at age 7 if they wish

### **What To Expect in the Elite Divisions:**

- Longer courses. The average length of courses will be in the 22-24 obstacle range. With some rounds going up to 28 obstacles.
- Consistently challenging design. There is always an element of some courses being harder and some easier, at Championships the courses will all lean more towards the difficult side.
- Full set of obstacle challenges in each round. While some rounds do have a theme, such as the Jumpers round or Touch n Go round, each and every round will on average have the full set of equipment tests on course.
- Distance tests. These tests are **NOT** bonus lines. But they will typically be a sequence of 2-5 obstacles where you are required to stay behind the line, similar to Chances. This line will be anywhere between 10-20 feet away from the farthest obstacle in the test.

## **Pre-Elite Qualifications**

1. At least 100 points must have been earned in the current qualifying year from the Regular Agility class in Novice, Open or Elite, with the exception that a dog entered in Pre-Elite cannot have earned more than 100 points in Elite Regular in their lifetime up to September 15, 2018. If a dog earns more than 100 points in Elite Regular, then their entry will be switched to the Elite level.

### **What to expect in the Pre-Elite Divisions:**

- Courses similar to an Elite level challenge. Dogs should be comfortable doing a full set of 12 weave poles, multiple contacts and challenges comparable to an Elite level course on a normal weekend
- Shorter courses than the Elite Division. The Pre-Elite course typically has changes from the Elite course. These changes can be either a reduced number of obstacles, or reduced challenge, or both.
- Larger groupings. Because Pre-Elite is not the main event we do not split up the groups like we do for the Elite division. There are only 4 divisions, X-Large, Large, Medium and Small. The only other added division is if we have enough Junior Handlers in Pre-Elite to make a group. Pre-Elite should be viewed as an opportunity for dogs that aren't quite ready for the main event to still get a chance to experience the environment and camaraderie of the event.

### **Scoring:**

- Scoring is done on a time plus faults system. Each round will have a base number of points that everyone starts with. For this example we will use 150 as our base number. When your dog runs their time and any faults incurred will be subtracted from this number.  
So a dog that ran in 25.00 seconds with 10 course faults would have a score of 115.00.  
This score is what determines your placement in your division
- The base number changes depending on the length of the course and the challenges shown. A more challenging course that takes a longer amount of time to run gets a higher number, while a simpler course that runs very quickly gets a lower number
- If the Pre-Elite course is shorter than Elite they will receive a lower base number to reflect the shorter course

- Only the top 33% of each division goes to the finals round.
- The winner is whomever has the highest score over all 8 rounds combined.

### **Placements**

- Placements are based on the size of the division.
- Any division with 8 or more dogs will get placements to 8<sup>th</sup>
- Divisions that have between 4 and 7 dogs will get placements to 4<sup>th</sup>
- Divisions with fewer than 4 dogs will get placements to 4<sup>th</sup>
- Championships is a competitive event at it's core. We have a lot of fun and the atmosphere is like no other. But, it is still a competition and the placements have to reflect that reality.

### **Ribbons and Awards:**

- Placement ribbons for Elite are 16" long triple streamer with a 5" rosette.
- Placement ribbons for Pre-Elite are of the same design but with 12" streamers.
- Overall awards for the Elite Division is a 10" diameter Champion Bowl
- Overall awards for the Pre-Elite Division is a engraved plaque

### **Walkthroughs and briefings:**

- The morning briefing takes place at 7AM each day of the event following the national anthems.
- Thursdays briefing will end at 7:45AM
- Friday, Saturday and Sunday briefing will end at 7:20
- Walkthroughs for **All Groups** will directly follow the morning briefing.
- Order of walkthrough groups will follow the running order for the day, which will be available on the Championships page of the NADAC website.
- Groups will be combined in walkthrough so that there are between 30 and 50 handlers in each walkthrough group.

