

Standardized NADAC Judge's General Briefing (Updated: 10/17/18)

"Hello/Hi and welcome! I'm [judge's name] from [city and/or state]. First I'd like thank [club's name] for inviting me to judge this event, I'm looking forward to a great weekend with all of you."

[Optional: 1-2 sentences of personalization in your briefing. Use this to build camaraderie, connection & community when possible. See * below for appropriate examples]

"I have a few quick NADAC specific reminders:

1. There will be a copy of the NADAC Overview & Rule Updates Information Sheet on the main club table (indicate where). You are all encouraged to look it over, if you have any questions you can always ask me. It lists more recent rule changes, updates and further NADAC general information.
2. Once in the ring, wait for me to tell you "Good Luck" before removing your dog's leash
3. Remember dogs run naked in NADAC so no collars when your dog is running the course, but make sure your dog is leashed and under control before exiting the ring.
4. You can run with food or toys, but they must be in a secure container and in a pocket until you are 10' outside of the ring after your run
5. Training in the ring is permitted, with an Elimination Fault. If you chose to train, you will have 1 minute total of course time then I'll kindly ask you to then exit the ring. If at any point during your 60 seconds, I feel you or your dog are acting in an unsafe manner, I will ask you to exit the ring immediately. Examples of training in the ring could be: redoing a contact obstacle, or crossing the plane of the start obstacle after leading out past it.

Also, thank you to everyone volunteering today. Without your help with ring crew and course building we couldn't run the trial. You are all important and so appreciated! Thank you!

And finally, remember NADAC's mission includes safety, good sportsmanship and teamwork as top priorities. Let's all strive to enjoy our dogs, support our fellow competitors and have a fun, safe trial. Good luck to all of you!

Unless the club has anything further to brief, (pause and look at trial chair or other club member in charge), we'll have first dog on the line in [give #] minutes."

*Appropriate examples of personalization you may add into your briefing after your initial greeting & before your 5 rule overview:

"This is my (2nd, 3rd, etc) time judging for your club, I'm happy to be back! I see some familiar faces in the crowd & great to see some new folks as well!"

"I've been running agility for 10 years, but this year am back in novice with my youngest dog. Sheesh these baby dog brains can be tough! Novice folks, I empathize if your dogs do anything silly out there today"

"I started in agility way back when my spouse started classes with our dog. Pretty soon I was learning to set courses at trials, then chief course builder, then got my own dog to run, and now I'm a judge. I look forward to seeing all you future judges out here course building this weekend!"