



2024 Championships Qualification and Info Sheet

The Qualifying period for Championships is August 1st , 2023 through August 1st 2024

Grand Champion division added!

For 2024 we are continuing the Grand Champion division. a division based purely off height groups, and no sub divisions. So this would be a group consisting of the Standard, Veteran and Veteran Handler dogs, all competing for one Grand Champion Award. The height groupings would still apply, so there will be a Grand Champion for the Miniature, Small, Medium, Large and X-Large divisions.

For 2024 Pre-Elite and Double Digit will be included in the Grand Champion Division scoring

Returning Champion Added!

For 2024 we are continuing the returning champion trophy. we are going to be adding a tower that can be attached to the division winners trophy if they had won a division the year prior. An Example would be winning the Elite-Standard Large division in 2023, and then coming back and winning the Elite-Veteran-Large division in 2024.

This would create an added level to your trophy, showing that you are a returning Champion who won two years in a row.

Changes/Updates for 2024 are highlighted in red.

2024 Qualifications and Requirements

Qualifications for the 2024 NADAC Championships will be done as an “Open” style format. All dogs may enter Championships without fully meeting the qualifications. *(Except those entering the Stakes classes, those entries must meet the qualifications to enter)*

If entries for the event fill, dogs who have met the qualifications for Elite or Pre-Elite are guaranteed entry. If you have not met the qualifications for entering your respective level, those who are the closest to the qualifications are given priority.

For example:

If your dog is 20 points away from meeting the qualifications for your respective level and the dog ahead of you is 10 points from meeting the qualifications, priority will be given to the dog who is 10 points from meeting the qualifications.

Points from the Intro level do **NOT** count towards qualifications for Championships.

If you have exceeded the qualifications for the Pre-Elite division you will be required to enter the Elite Division.

Elite Level Qualifications

- At least 100 points must have been earned in the current qualifying year from any combination of the Regular and Chances classes
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- 2. A maximum of 50 points of that 100, may come from the Open level, the rest MUST come from Elite
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- 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 enter into the Double Digit division.
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- 4. Dogs MAY enter the Veterans division at age 7 if they wish.

What To Expect in the Elite Divisions:

- Longer courses. The average length of courses could be in the 22-24 obstacle range.
- Consistently challenging design. While all NADAC courses have some element of difficulty, some may be easier (for certain dogs and handlers) than others. At Championships, the courses will all lean more towards the more difficult.
- Full set of obstacle challenges in each round. While some rounds may have a theme, such as the Jumpers round or Touch n Go round, each and every round will generally 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 can stay behind the line, similar to Chances. This line will be anywhere between 10-20 feet away from the farthest obstacle in the test.
- If the handler successfully completes the distance challenge, they will be awarded 10 bonus points

Pre-Elite Qualifications

At least 80 points must have been earned in the current qualifying year from any combination of the Regular, and Chances classes, with the exception that a dog entered in Pre-Elite cannot have earned more than 120 points in Elite Regular and Chances combined, in their lifetime up to August 30th 2024.

If a dog earns more than the maximum they will be moved into the Elite division

What to expect in the Pre-Elite Divisions:

- Courses will be the same as the Elite level, the distance test will be modified for Pre-Elite.
- 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 5 divisions: X-Large, Large, Medium, Small and Mini. The only other added division may be 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.
- Pre-Elite ribbons and overall awards are smaller than the Elite Divisions (but still pretty darned nice!).
- Distance tests. These tests are NOT bonus lines. But they will typically be a sequence of 2-5 obstacles where you can stay behind the line, similar to Chances. This line will be anywhere between 10-20 feet away from the farthest obstacle in the test.
- If the handler successfully completes the distance challenge, they will be awarded 10 bonus points

Scoring for both Elite and Pre-Elite:

- 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, keep in mind for the actual event this number can and will fluctuate depending on the course. 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 involved. A more challenging course that takes a longer time to run gets a higher base number, while a simpler course that runs very quickly gets a lower base number.

The winner of each division is whoever has the highest score over all 7 rounds combined.

Placements

- Placements will go out to 8th regardless of entry size, assuming there are 8 dogs in that division. If there are fewer dogs, the placements will go up to the last dog in that division. Dogs who are eliminated do not receive a ribbon for that round.
- There must be at least 3 dogs in a group for that group to avoid being merged with their next closest competitive group.

Stakes:

Please refer to page 35 in the NADAC rulebook for information on the NADAC Stakes program and on the sections required.

Only Bonuses/Distance Challenges from the Regular class count towards Championship qualifying.

Starter Stakes:

Dogs must have 100 points in their lifetime in Elite Chances, and THREE (3) bonuses or distance challenges of any value from the Regular Agility Class in the qualifying period. (Aug 1st 2023 – Aug 1st 2024)

*If the dog has 200 or more Bonus or Distance Challenge **lifetime** points in the Regular class, they are not eligible for the Starter Stakes Division.*

Silver Stakes:

Dogs must have earned at least Four (4) three section Bonuses

OR

Two (2) Three section Bonuses **and** Four (4) two section Distance Challenges.

Super Stakes:

Dog must have earned:

Four (4) 30 point section Bonuses

OR

Two (2) 30 point section Bonuses **and** Four (4) 25-point section Bonuses

- **Stakes dogs must enter Championships at the level they are qualified for.**

Stakes Scoring:

Scoring will be the same as the other divisions. With bonus points being added on. A Distance Cup is awarded to the dog and handler teams who meet the bonus point criteria for the event.

~~Sashes are given out for exemplary performance in each round and overall performance throughout the event.~~

Sash's were originally created as a way for bonus handlers to receive recognition during the event as placements were not given out for the rounds. With the addition of placements given out for the Stakes round, sashes have been removed from the 2024 Championships.

Walkthroughs and briefings:

- The morning briefing takes place at 7 AM each day of the event following the national anthems.
- Thursdays briefing will end at 7:45 AM or earlier if there aren't many questions.
- Friday, Saturday and Sunday briefing will end at 7:20 or earlier if there aren't many questions.
- 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.
- Run order and walkthrough orders will vary each day, so if you are in the first group on the first day, you won't likely be in the first group on the following days. This ensures that nobody has all early runs or all late runs, and makes it fair for everyone.

Team Info:

The team event for this year will consist of cumulative scores from rounds 1 through 5, with a relay round occurring On Sunday Morning which will count for 50% of the teams score for the week.

Teams are encouraged to be creative with their team names and costumes!

Misc. info:

- Number of dogs who go to finals: The number of dogs going to finals is decided by allowing all dogs who are within 30 points, of the third place dog.
So if the dog in third place has 650 points, we would be bringing in any dog who has more than 620 points into finals.
- Each Divisions group is based on your dog's wither height.
- There are five main height groups for Championships: X-Large, Large, Medium, Small and Mini
- The height cutoffs for each group are:

22+ Inches at the withers = X-Large

Over 18 up to and including 22 Inches at the withers = Large

Over 14 up to and including 18 inches = Medium

Over 11 up to and including 14 inches = Small

Under 11 inches = Mini

For each main division there will likely be a **sub-division for your dogs height**. Examples would be:

Medium Veteran Dogs

Large Veteran Dogs

Large Standard Dogs

Medium Standard Dogs

We do this to keep the competition comparable to the dogs competing. Since there are a wide variety of options in NADAC for your dog to reduce their jump height, it isn't fair to place the competitions by jump height, as you could very well have a Proficient Standard Terrier jumping 12 inches, and a Skilled Veteran Border Collie jumping 12 inches. And having those dogs compete against each other is not a fair representation for the dog at the event.

Possible Divisions at Championships

There is a wide variety of entry options when coming to Championships.

As mentioned earlier Pre-Elite only gets split up by height group, but the Elite divisions get a much wider subset of divisions. The possible options and criteria are as follows:

Standard: This is for dog under 7 years of age.

Veteran Dog: Dogs taking the Veterans Height break and entering Champs as such. If your dog is 9 years or older on the start of the event date you **must** enter this division.

Veteran Handler: Teams that are taking the Veteran Handler height break and entering Champs as such.

Double Digit: Dogs that are 10 years of age or older. If your dog is 10 years or older on the start of the event date, you must enter this division.

Junior Handler: Open to any handler entering the event as a Junior Handler. (Junior Handlers are those who are 17 years or younger on the start date of the event)

It is suggested that anyone heading or even thinking about heading to Championships join the NADAC Community (available at www.nadaccommunity.com). There will be a Champs-specific group discussion in which many other questions will be answered, regarding such things as crating, RV parking, set up times, etc.