Summer Team Series Official Rules - 2026

1. Overview

1.1 - The NADAC Team Series is a 12-week, team-based agility series with both in-person and virtual participation options.

1.2 - A new Team Series course will be released every 2 weeks for a total of 6 courses or "Rounds".

1.3 - Scores are submitted to the NADAC office, tracked by NADAC, and posted on the NADAC website approximately every 2 weeks. (Depending on the amount of last minute submissions, Scores may be delayed 24-48 hours.)

2. Dates, Fees, & Eligibility

2.1 - Key Dates:

- Entries Open: Nov 15th at 9:00 AM MST.
- Entries Close: Nov 30th at 6:00 PM MST.
- Series Start: Dec 1st – first course posted at 9:00 AM MST.

2.2 - Entry Fees (per handler/dog pair-per team for the full Series):

- In-Person Team: $25
- Virtual Team: $35

2.3 - All entries must be submitted through the NADAC Team Series online entry system. (monitor the NADAC website, Forum, or Social Media for the link to enter) Each Handler of the team will enter/pay separately and you must enter the **exact same** team name as your teammates so that our system can group you correctly.

2.4 - Dog Eligibility:

- Dogs must have a NADAC registration number.
- Dogs must be in good standing with NADAC at the time of entry and throughout the Series.

3. General Team Info

3.1 - Teams are divided into Divisions by number of dog/handler pairs:

- 3-Dog Teams
- 4-Dog Teams
- 5-Dog Teams

3.2 - Teams may include any combination of Jump Heights and Divisions (JH, VH, Vet, etc)

3.3 - A dog may be entered on a **maximum** of two different teams in the Series.

3.4 - A handler may be on an unlimited number of teams.

3.5 - When entering, each Series entry **must** include the **exact** team name, so members are correctly grouped.

3.6 - Each Team Division (3-Dog, 4-Dog, 5-Dog) must have a minimum of 3 teams to be kept as a separate division for Series scoring. If a Division does not meet this minimum, teams will be moved as follows:

- 4-Dog Teams:
  If fewer than 3 teams enter the 4-Dog division, those teams will be moved into the 3-Dog Team Division, and only the top 3 scores from each team will be counted.

- 5-Dog Teams:
  If fewer than 3 teams enter the 5-Dog division, those teams will be moved into the 4-Dog Team Division, and only the top 4 scores from each team will be counted.

3.7 - If 20 or more teams enter a Division, the Division will be split into 2 sub-divisions. ***Under 18"*** and ***18"+***. The sub-division a team qualify's for will be determined by the wither height of the majority of the dogs on that team, according to their heights listed with NADAC.

4. In-Person Team Event Option

4.1 - In-person teams run the Team Series course together at a designated event or practice.

4.2 - A list of designated Series Judges will be on the website before entries open.

4.3 - It is the Handlers responsibility to coordinate run times and dates with a local event/ facility/Series Judge.

4.4 - Each in-person Team Series event must have a designated Series Judge who is responsible for:

- Setting the course according to the official course map.
- Judging all runs.
- Recording all scores.
- Submitting the official score sheets to the NADAC office.

4.5 - All runs are scored by the Series Judge using standard NADAC rules.

4.6 - **Handlers are responsible for checking their scores at the event.** Once scores are submitted to the NADAC office, they are **final.**

4.7 - All NADAC Rules apply, including, but not limited to, all dogs must enter and exit the ring on leash.

5. Virtual Team Option

5.1 - Virtual teams may be formed with participants from any location.

5.2 - Each virtual participant is responsible for:

- Setting the course according to the official course map.
- Videoing their run from the designated location depicted on the course map. *Failure to do so may result in a 0 score for that round*
- Submitting their video to the NADAC office by the posted deadline.

5.3 - Course Building Accuracy:

- Courses must be set as accurately as possible to the course map in distance and obstacle placement.
- Courses that are set incorrectly, missing obstacles, or obstacles that have been exchanged (a hoop in place of a jump, etc) will receive a 0 score for that run.
- **NADAC Reserves the right to reject any virtual run that we do not deem set correctly according to the official course map.**

5.4 - Virtual runs are timed and judged by the NADAC office and the resulting score is added to that dog/handler's Series team total.

5.5 - All videos **must** be submitted by the deadline for that round. (posted on the Team Series page of the NADAC Website) If a video is not submitted by the deadline, that handler/dog pair will receive a 0 score for that round. ***NOTE*** There is a 1 Round (~2 week) grace period for rounds 1-3 **only**. This grace period is **only** accepted if you email (support@nadac.com) **before** the deadline for that current round.

5.6 - All NADAC Rules apply, including, but not limited to, all dogs must enter and exit the ring on leash **on video**.

6. Courses, Space & Equipment

6.1 - All Team Series courses are designed at an Open/Elite level

6.2 - The minimum ring size **required** to set Team Series courses is 70ft W x 80ft L. No exceptions.

6.3 - Team Series courses are separate from NADAC VT courses and cannot be submitted as VT Runs.

6.4 - To participate in the Series (in-person or virtual), the following **minimum** equipment must be available:

- 1 - A-frame
- 2 - 15-foot tunnels
- 8 - sets of tunnel bags
- 6 - jumps
- 6 - hoops
- 1 - set of 12 weaves (may be broken into a set of 6, as needed)

6.5 - Each course map will indicate a designated camera/judge location:

- Virtual entries must place the camera at this location. **Failure to do so may result in a 0 score for that round**
- In-person events should have the Series Judge in this location.

6.6 - Only the **first attempt** of each round's course counts for Series scores. Any additional practice runs are not eligible for Series scoring.

6.7 - Faults are scored the same as at NADAC trials (standard NADAC rules apply).

7. Judge Requirements (In-Person Events)

7.1 - To be approved as a Team Series in-person Judge, the individual must be either, a current, official NADAC Judge **OR** have both of the following:

- Earned a NATCH in their lifetime.
- **Currently** competing at the Elite level in NADAC.

7.2 - Judge Approval Deadline:

- Individuals wishing to be approved as Team Series in-person Judges must email their Judge approval request to the NADAC office (support@nadac.com) **no later than 7 days before Series entries open**.

7.3 - For each course used at an in-person Series event, the Series Judge must submit a photo or video clip (10 seconds or less) showing the course as set in addition to the event score sheets.

8. Scoring

8.1 - The Team Series uses a Champs-style scoring system.

8.2 - Each individual run starts with a base score of 150 points.

8.3 - Time and faults are subtracted from 150 to determine the final score for that run:

- Final Score = 150 – (time + fault penalties)
- Higher final scores are better.

8.4 - Team standings are calculated within each Team Division (3-Dog, 4-Dog, 5-Dog) based on the combined scores of team members as defined by NADAC for the Series.

8.5 - "Clean" runs from the Team Series do not count as Q's in a Dog's NADAC Points History.

9. Awards

9.1 - Awards will be mailed at the end of the 12-week Series to each member of the winning team in each Division (or sub-division, if applicable).

9.2 - An Overall Series Winner will be awarded to the dog/handler pair with the highest individual cumulative Series score for both In-Person and Virtual. The awards for Overall Series Winner, In-Person and Virtual, will be mailed at the end of the 8 week Series.

9.3 - Any “All Clean” handler/dog pair will be recognized at the end of the 12 week Series. This recognition will be given to any handler/dog pair that runs the entire Series with zero faults across all 6 courses. This recognition will be listed, with the winners, on the NADAC Team Series webpage, Community Forum, and NADAC Social Media.

10. Sportsmanship & Conduct

10.1 - All NADAC rules for safety, fair play, and humane treatment of dogs apply to the Team Series.

10.2 - NADAC reserves the right to:

- Refuse or remove entries for rule violations or unsafe conduct.
- Reject virtual runs where the course is clearly not set to the map.
- Adjust or clarify rules as needed to ensure fairness and safety for all participants.