



Haute Dawgs & Two Rivers Agility Club of Sacramento
 present the third annual great
HAUTE TRACS 4-Day Combined Event

April 12-15, 2007

USDAA® Sanctioned Agility Test,
 with 2007 Local Qualifiers for
 Grand Prix of Dog Agility® World Championships &
 Performance National StandardSM Championships,
 Dog Agility Steeplechase® & Performance Speed JumpingSM,
 Dog Agility Masters® Team & Performance Versatility PairsSM

JUDGES	Peggy Hammond (Austin TX), Jean MacKenzie (Northwood NH), Kim Donnell (Pflugerville TX), Lisa Barrett (Huntington VT)				
CLASSES (tentative order)		Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
	Jean	TEAM/Vers Standard TEAM/Vers Jumpers	Grand Prix/PNS Mas/P/III Pairs	Mas/P/III Standard Mas/P/III Snooker	Mas/P/III Gamblers Steeplechase/PSJ Rd 2
	Peggy	TEAM/Vers Gamblers TEAM/Vers Snooker	Mas/P/III Standard Mas/P/III Jumpers	Steeplechase/PSJ Rd 1 Mas/P/III Jumpers	Mas/P/III Standard Mas/P/III Pairs
	Kim	Mas/P/III Standard Mas/P/III Jumpers TEAM/Vers Relay	Mas/P/III Gamblers Starters/P/II Standard Advanced/P/II Standard	Mas/P/III Gamblers Advanced/P/II Standard Starters/P/II Standard	Mas/P/III Snooker Starters/P/II Pairs Advanced/P/II Pairs Starters/P/II Gamblers Advanced/P/II Gamblers
	Lisa	Advanced/P/II Jumpers Starters/P/II Jumpers Advanced/P/II Standard Starters/P/II Standard	Starters/P/II Gamblers Advanced/P/II Gamblers Starters/P/II Jumpers Advanced/P/II Jumpers Starters/P/II Pairs Advanced/P/II Pairs	Advanced/P/II Jumpers Starters/P/II Jumpers Advanced/P/II Snooker Starters/P/II Snooker Advanced/P/II Gamblers Starters/P/II Gamblers	Starters/P/II Snooker Advanced/P/II Snooker Starters/P/II Standard Advanced/P/II Standard
LOCATION	Dixon May Fairgrounds 655 South First Street, Dixon, CA 95620 Outdoors on grass, limited shade				
CLOSING DATE	Friday, March 23, 2007, 6 PM Secondary closing for advancements in level: Monday, Apr 9, 2007, 10 PM				

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Score Table Czars	Candy Gaiser, Jackie Drucker, Susan King, Karen Connell	Candy Gaiser, Jackie Drucker Sharon Kihara, Jeri Reinhardt

USDAA Dog Registration Requirement: If you already sent your registration to USDAA but have not received a registration number, call USDAA at 972-487-2200. It is your responsibility to provide a USDAA registration number; USDAA and HD-TRACS cannot accept pending registrations. If you haven't already sent in your registration, we suggest that you send your USDAA registration form to HD-TRACS with your Entry Form and we'll take care of it (include the registration fees in your entry fee check made out to TRACS).

- DOG REGISTRATION APPLICATION - \$18.00**
- JUNIOR HANDLER REGISTRATION APPLICATION - \$12.00**

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. Junior handlers (those 18 years of age and younger) and their dogs must be separately registered for participation in the USDAA's Junior Handler Program (UJHP). A registration number with a "J" prefix will be assigned for use in entering UJHP events. A dog competing in both programs (*regular classes and UJHP*) must be registered separately for each program, for which the total fee is \$30.00.

OWNER/HANDLER INFORMATION:

FOR USDAA USE ONLY:	
REG #	UJHP #

Primary Owner: _____
 Co-Owner: _____ Handler (if different): _____
 Junior Handler: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____
 Address: _____
 City / State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____
 Email Address: _____

DOG INFORMATION:

Formal Name (for certificates): _____ Call Name: _____
 Breed: _____ Birthdate: _____ Height @ Withers: _____
(Specify Breed or state All American to denote mixed breed) (Estimate if unknown) (To nearest ¼")

Awards

Ribbons will be self-serve at this trial. Instructions will be copious at the awards table.

- ❖ **Placement ribbons:** 1st–4th place ribbons in each height class. 1st–4th place ribbons for each of the Pairs mini and open divisions.
- ❖ **Qualifying ribbons:** A maroon rosette for a qualifying score in all classes that apply; a black and maroon rosette for Masters and PIII super-qualifying Snooker score.
- ❖ **Versatility Title** rosettes AND pins will be awarded to anyone earning a versatility title at this event (AD, AAD, MAD, PDI, PDII, PDIII).
- ❖ **Class Title** (flat) ribbons will awarded to anyone titling in a single class (SJ, AJ, JM, PJ1, PJ2, PJ3, etc).
- ❖ **Big title rosettes:** Rosettes will be awarded to those earning an ADCH or an APD. Rosettes will also be awarded to anyone earning their TM or ATD.
- ❖ **Grand Prix and Performance Natl Standard:** Maroon and white ribbons will be awarded to Championship and maroon & pink ribbons will be awarded to Performance for all qualifying scores. Rosettes will be awarded for 1st through 6th place in each jump height. In addition, the first place qualifying handler/dog team in each height class shall earn a "bye" voucher, permitting them to directly advance to the final round of a regional championship.
- ❖ **Dog Agility Steeplechase and Performance Speed Jumping:** "I Made the Cut" flat ribbons will be awarded to all those who qualify in Round 1 and move to Round 2. Placement ribbons for 1st–6th place winners (1st–4th for PSJ) at each height of Round 2. Prize money shall be computed based upon 30% of the total entry fees to be allocated in accordance with the payout table below regardless of the size of entry in any height class. Allocable amounts to finalist positions that are not filled for any reason or allocable prize amounts less than \$3.00 shall not be paid.

Steeplechase Awards							
Ht	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	Total
12"	10%	6%	4%				20%
16"	10%	6%	4%	3%			23%
22"	10%	6%	4%	4%	3%	3%	30%
26"	10%	6%	4%	4%	3%		27%
Totals	40%	24%	16%	11%	6%	3%	100%

PSJ Awards	
Ht	1 st
12"	20%
16"	23%
22"	30%
26"	27%
Totals	100%

- ❖ **Dog Agility Masters Team Tournament:**
 - ✓ Gold, silver, and bronze medallions for 1st–3rd place teams overall. Overall team placement rosettes will be awarded to the 1st through 6th place. Qualifying patches will be awarded to members of all qualifying teams.
 - ✓ Individual 1st through 4th place ribbons will be awarded in each team class at each jump height.
 - ✓ An award for the highest-placing nonmasters team (any team with zero or one masters dog(s) on it).
 - ✓ An award for the highest scoring team in each team class, not including the team relay class.
- ❖ **Performance Versatility Pairs:**
 - ✓ Gold, silver, and bronze medallions for 1st–3rd place teams overall. Overall team placement rosettes will be awarded to the 1st through 4th place. Qualifying patches will be awarded to members of all qualifying teams.
 - ✓ Individual 1st through 4th place ribbons will be awarded in each team class at each jump height.
 - ✓ An award for the highest-placing nonmasters pair (any pair with zero or one masters dog(s) on it).
 - ✓ An award for the highest scoring pair in each pent class, not including the pairs relay class.

Checking in and Measuring in

Check-in rules: All competitors must check in at the check in table during the morning check-in time. Competitors that included a copy of their yellow (NOT BLUE!) permanent height card with their entry form will receive an expedited check-in. If your check-in is expedited in this manner then you are exempt from measuring in.

Measure-in rules: All dogs must be measured in during the morning check-in time except for [1] dogs jumping 26" (22" performance), [2] dogs that have a permanent yellow height card, [3] dogs that have a blue temporary height card with three signatures on it, or [4] dogs that have a check-in letter provided by USDAA office.

Following are the heights for the Championship Program (with Performance heights in parentheses).

Withers's Ht	Jump Height	Long Jump*	Table	A-Frame
Over 21"	26" (22")	60" (48")	24" (16")	6'3" (5'6")
21" or less	22" (16")	48" (36")	24" (16")	6'3" (5'6")
16" or less	16" (12")	36" (24")	16" (12")	5'6" (5'6")
12" or less	12" (8")	20" (12")	12" (12")	5'6" (5'6")

* Effective 1/1/07 the long jump is required in Steeplechase and Speed Jumping

Test Site and Accommodations

Dixon May Fairgrounds, 655 South First Street, Dixon CA 95620

The site is outdoors on grass. There is limited shade. There will be four rings. Daily parking is in designated areas only. See your final confirmations for specific locations. Except for RVs and their tow/towed vehicles, and overnight campers, there is no daily parking inside the Fairgrounds.

Directions from I-80 west: take 113 South towards Dixon. Stay straight as the road curves left over 80, follow the signs to stay on 113-S. 113 becomes First Street. Follow First Street for a couple miles passing through downtown Dixon, the fairgrounds are three blocks past downtown on your left.

Directions I-80 east: take the Dixon Avenue / A Street exit and go right on A Street. Turn right on First Street. The fairgrounds are three blocks south on your left side. Go past the office and main entrance drive and turn left into the south end of the fairgrounds. The agility site will be clearly in view as you enter the fairgrounds.

Overnight Parking for RV's/tents/cars/vans/campers: AVAILABLE BY ADVANCE RESERVATION ONLY! See separate signup form elsewhere in this premium.

Motels that Accept Dogs: you should verify their pet policy for yourself.

Best Western Heritage Inn, (707) 448-8453
1420 E Monte Vista, Vacaville, I-80 at 505
no pet fee

Best Western Inn Dixon, (707) 678-1400
1345 Commercial Way, Dixon, I-80 at Pitt School Rd
\$15 per dog/one time fee

Super 8, (707) 678-3399
2500 Plaza Ct., Dixon, I-80 at Dixon Avenue
\$10 per dog/one time fee

Motel 6, (530) 753-3777
4835 Chiles Road, Davis, 10 miles east of show site
No pet fee.

Food

We will be offering a complimentary continental breakfast buffet for our competitors in the mornings until 9AM. Dannie's Catering will be onsite for breakfast and lunch. Workers who choose their compensation to be lunch tickets will get a free lunch, with thanks!

24-Hour Veterinarian

UC Davis Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital, 530-752-1393

Overnight RV/Camping/Tenting Reservation Form

Anyone staying overnight at the trial site MUST complete this form! Overnighting will only be permitted by advance reservations and each reservation will be given an ASSIGNED spot. If you wish to overnight next to a friend, you MUST send in your reservation forms TOGETHER. We will make every effort to accommodate your wishes. Space is limited, and spots with water/electrical hookups even more limited (sewer especially), so send your reservation in early!

Entrance to the grassy area where the overnight spots will be assigned is only allowed AFTER 3PM Wednesday Apr-11. If you arrive prior to 3PM, you may park in the parking lot outside of the fairgrounds.

Cost is \$20 per night with utilities, free without, but regardless we still need your reservation form. Make checks payable to TRACS.

DO NOT SEND THIS RV RESERVATION FORM WITH YOUR ENTRY!

Mail instead to PAM RICHARDS, P.O. Box 2084, Loomis, CA 95650

NAME:	EMAIL:				
DATE OF ARRIVAL:	# of NIGHTS:	WHICH NIGHTS			
		WED	THU	FRI	SAT SUN
TYPE OF UNIT (circle one):	RV (Class A)	RV (Class B/C)	Trailer	Tent/Van/Auto	
Overall Length (feet, including hitch/racks):	Number of Slideout(s):				
Electric hookup? Yes No	AMPS	50	30	20	
Water hookup? Yes No					
License Plate (number and state):					
Total Enclosed (\$20/night with hookups, free with no hookups, payable to TRACS): _____					
Mail check and form directly to PAM RICHARDS, P.O. Box 2084, Loomis, CA 95650					

Official HauteTRACS USDAA Entry, Apr 12-15 2007, closes Mar-23

Staple Ht Card On to BACKSIDE	0. If you have a <u>yellow permanent</u> Height Card for this dog, attach a copy of it to the back of this entry form to expedite day-of-trial check-in for this dog. (I can't accept BLUE cards in advance, sorry).									
1. Owner	Owner's Name				Handler, if different from Owner					
	Address <input type="checkbox"/> check here if this is a new address				Email <input type="checkbox"/> check here if you want SNAILMAIL ONLY!!!					
	City		State		Zip		Phone			
2. Dog	Dog's Call Name		USDAA Titles			Breed				
	USDAA# <input type="checkbox"/> New (incl form&fees)		Withers Ht			Birthdate				
	<input type="checkbox"/> CIRCLE Jump Ht for Championship Classes				<input type="checkbox"/> CIRCLE Jump Ht for Performance Classes					
	12" 16" 22" 26"		8" 12" 16" 22"							
Entry in same-program classes at different heights must be submitted on a SEPARATE entry form.										
3. Pairs/Team	FRIDAY Pairs Relay Partner, or <input type="checkbox"/> Draw a Partner for us (and tell me who NOT to pick)									
	Handler		Dog Name			USDAA#		JmpHt		
	SUNDAY Pairs Relay Partner, or <input type="checkbox"/> Draw a Partner for us (and tell me who NOT to pick)									
	Handler		Dog Name			USDAA#		JmpHt		
	For Team entries, or <input type="checkbox"/> Draw a Team for me (and tell me who NOT to pick)									
Enter Team name here (LIMIT TO 25 CHARACTERS PLEASE!) _____										
2nd Handler		2nd Dog Name			USDAA#		JmpHt			
3rd Handler		3rd Dog Name			USDAA#		JmpHt			
For Versatility Pairs entries, or <input type="checkbox"/> Draw a Vers partner for me (and tell me who NOT to pick)										
Enter Vers name here (LIMIT TO 25 CHARACTERS PLEASE!) _____										
2nd Handler		2nd Dog Name			Jmp Ht & USDAA#					
4A. Thu		Strs	Adv	Mas	PI	PII	PIII	Cost	Encl.	
	Standard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$12		
4B. Fri	Jumpers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$12		
	Standard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$12		
	Gamblers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$12		
4C. Sat	Jumpers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$12		
	Pairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$12		
	Standard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$12		
	Gamblers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$12		
4D. Sun	Snooker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$12		
	Jumpers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$12		
	Standard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$12		
	Gamblers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$12		
5. Tournament	Championship Tournament Classes									
	Team entry (5 Team classes, Thu, only for dogs in a Team) <input type="checkbox"/>							\$50		
	Steeplechase (Round 1 on Saturday) <input type="checkbox"/>							\$15		
	Grand Prix Championships Local Qualifier (Friday) <input type="checkbox"/>							\$18		
	Performance Tournament Classes									
	Versatility Pairs (5 Pent classes, Thu, only for dogs in a Versatility Pair) <input type="checkbox"/>							\$50		
	Perf Speed Jumping (Round 1 Saturday) <input type="checkbox"/>							\$15		
Performance National Standard Qualifier (Friday) <input type="checkbox"/>							\$18			
USDAA Registration (if new) <input type="checkbox"/>							\$18.00			

6. **TOTAL, payable to "TRACS" :** classes + reg = \$ _____
7. Remember to send RV/camping form/fees to Pam Richards directly!
8. Read and sign the General Agreement on the back of this form, or else we can't accept it!
9. Send to: Leslie Bickel 7486 Meridian Road N, Vacaville CA 95688

General Agreement

I (we) agree that HD-TRACS has the right to refuse this entry for cause, which the Trial committee alone shall deem to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, of the holding of the event and of the opportunity to have the dog participate and/or to be judged, I (we) agree to hold the Trial committee, **Haute Dawgs, TRACS, United States Dog Agility Association, Inc.**, including their members, officers, directors, agents and employees, sponsors of the event, and owners of the premises upon which the event is held and their employees harmless 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 this dog while in or upon the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss, disappearance, appearance, theft, damage or injury, be cause or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes. I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents or any other persons.

I further acknowledge that I have read, understand and will abide by the Official Rules and Regulations of the United States Dog Agility Association, Inc. and the provisions for entry as set forth in the Agility Test Schedule of which this entry form is a part. I acknowledge and represent that the information supplied by me herein is correct to the best of my knowledge; 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. Further, I represent that I am the owner of the dog listed hereon, or that I have full authority as agent for dog's owner and shall hold **Haute Dawgs, TRACS, USDAA**, including their officers, directors, employees and agents and their sponsors harmless from any liability or claims made by dog's owner.

Further, I hereby grant to United States Dog Agility Association, Inc., its representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permission to use or appropriate my and the 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 now known or hereafter to become known. I hereby release USDAA, its representatives, agents and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of personality or any similar right.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE FOR JUNIOR HANDLERS/MINORS:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you use overnight or express mail, you MUST specify NO SIGNATURE REQUIRED.
Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. We charge \$20.00 for returned checks.
Overpayments of less than \$5 will be refunded only if requested in writing.

Worker Preferences (THANK YOU THANK YOU!)

You will receive a commemorative Haute TRACS event t-shirt IF you volunteer in advance AND are assigned to work at least one class/division each day that you are entered. Workers get a choice of lunch or Festival Dollars good towards vendors and future trial discounts and stuff, AND our undying gratitude.

1. Worker's name (make copies this sheet for additional workers) _____

2. TShirt Size Sm Med L XL XXL no thanks, I'll pass on the shirt

3. I prefer my worker compensation be in the form of: LUNCH FESTIVAL DOLLARS

4. Available Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

I can help with Anything; or—I am willing to do only the following:

- | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Timer (standard classes) | <input type="checkbox"/> Gate steward | <input type="checkbox"/> Course Builder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Timer (games) | <input type="checkbox"/> Score table | <input type="checkbox"/> Chute Straightener |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scribe (standard classes) | <input type="checkbox"/> Runner | <input type="checkbox"/> Pole Setter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scribe (games) | <input type="checkbox"/> Leash runner | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

5. Physical/mental/time restrictions? _____

Notice To Competitors

USDAA Rules: USDAA's official rules & regulations are hereby incorporated by reference, a copy of which may be obtained for \$7.00 (includes S&H) online at www.usdaa.com, USDAA Store, or by sending a check/money order to: USDAA, P.O. Box 850955, Richardson, TX 75085-0955. Competitors, through submission of entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of USDAA rules and regulations including but not limited to the following rules regarding entry:

- ❖ All dogs must be registered with USDAA. Registration may be made concurrently with your entry using the form provided in this test schedule. You may register online at www.usdaa.com, click on General Information, Dog Registration, to receive a registration number immediately and a measurement card prior to the show.
- ❖ This test is open to all dogs at least 18 months of age, including purebred and nonpurebred, except bitches in season, dogs suffering from any deformity, injury, or illness that may affect the dog's ability to perform safely, or dogs showing aggression.
- ❖ **No** collars, leads, food, toys, or other aids or devices are allowed on a course at any time. USDAA regulations forbid any and all training, choke, pinch, or shock collars on or around the course at any time.
 - The Trial Committee of an event may refuse the entry of any competitor or dog for just cause should the committee view that participation by competitor or dog would be prejudicial to the sport. However, any committee so doing must notify the competitor in writing (with a copy to the USDAA office) in anticipation of or upon receipt of entry. The notice must include the reason for refusing the entry and a brief explanation of the basis for their decision. The burden of responsibility for appropriateness of such action rests solely with the host group and its Trial Committee.
- ❖ You alone are responsible for the behavior of your dogs and children. If your dogs or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior, the Trial Committee can ask you to leave the show site. In such case, we will not refund any fees.
 - **Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry.** There will be a \$20.00 service charge for returned checks. Payment of entry fees and service charges shall be made in cash or money order within 30 days of postmark of notice of returned check where notification is received after event date. Any fees not received within 30 days of notice result in cancellation of event results for all classes for the registration number(s) of delinquent entry/entries. 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 by owner/handler.
 - **Fault Limits:** In the event of a large entry, fault limits may be established by the Trial committee and judge. *This means that after receiving a certain number of faults, you may be asked to leave the ring without completing the course.*
 - **Refunds:** Refunds (less USDAA recording fees and judges fees) are given for bitches that come into season after the closing date. No refund for entries withdrawn after closing date, or if a dog or handler is dismissed from competition, regardless of the reason. No refund is given if the test cannot open or be completed due to riots, civil disturbances, fire, acts of god, public emergency, acts of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the Trial Committee's control.

Media Release Disclaimer

All Competitors through entry at this event waive any and all rights relative to video broadcast of this event. Competitors shall have the right to videotape portions of this event for their personal use only. No portion of this event may be videotaped for commercial or other purposes. All video, broadcast and telecast rights for this event are the exclusive property of United States Dog Agility Association, Inc.

Portions of this event may be taped for television. Through entry at this event, ALL COMPETITORS and HANDLERS HEREBY GRANT to USDAA and its representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permission to use or appropriate their name 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 now known. All competitors and handlers hereby release USDAA and its 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.

Check out future Northern California agility events info at www.hautedawgs.org and www.agiltracs.org !!

Program Descriptions

Two certification programs will be offered at this event – Championship & Performance. Competitors may enter both Championship and Performance Program classes for which they are eligible; however, under NO circumstance may a dog be entered in the same Championship and Performance class at this agility test (i.e. standard at any level in both programs). Classes include standard agility, gamblers, jumpers, pairs relay and snooker agility as set forth in Chapters 3 – 7 of USDAA Rules and Regulations, each of which are conducted at three competitive levels.

Championship Program Classes

The Starters Standard classes shall be for dogs that have not earned the *Agility Dog*[®] title or a Starters Standard title. Starters Non-standard classes shall be for dogs that have not earned a title in the class being entered (Starters Gamblers, Starters Jumpers, Starters Relay-3 different partners required-or Starters Snooker) or a qualifying score in the equivalent non-standard class at the Advanced or Masters level. When offered separately as Starters and Novice classes, the Starters level classes are for dogs handled by a person who has not previously earned the *Agility Dog* title or a title in the Performance or Veterans Program with any dog. Three qualifying scores in the standard class from two different judges along with one qualifying score in each of the nonstandard classes is required to earn the *Agility Dog* title.

The Advanced Standard classes shall be for dogs that have earned the *Agility Dog*[®] title or a Starters Standard title. Advanced non-standard classes shall be for dogs that have earned the *Agility Dog*[®] title or that have earned a title in the equivalent non-standard class at the Starters level, but have not earned the equivalent Advanced non-standard title or a qualifying score in the equivalent non-standard class at the Masters level. Three qualifying scores in the standard class from two different judges along with one qualifying score in each of the nonstandard classes is required to earn the *Advanced Agility Dog* title.

The Masters Standard classes shall be for dogs that have earned the Advanced *Agility Dog*[®] title or the Advanced Standard title. Masters non-standard classes shall be for dogs that have earned the Advanced *Agility Dog*[®] title, the equivalent non-standard title at the Advanced level, or that had previously qualified for entry into the equivalent Masters non-standard class prior to January 1, 2004.

Performance Program Classes

Generally, Performance Level I, Level II and Level III are run on courses used for Starters, Advanced and Masters classes in the Championship Program, with the following exceptions: the A-frame is set at 5'6", jump heights are one height class lower as set forth in Notes to Competitors, no spread hurdles are utilized and time standards in the standard, jumpers classes are extended by 3 seconds beyond that utilized in the Championship Program and the pairs relay class is non-qualifying. Eligibility is determined as follows:

The Performance I Standard classes shall be for any dog that has not earned the Performance Dog ISM title, the Performance Standard I title, or a qualifying score in the Performance II or Performance III standard classes. Performance I non-standard classes shall be for any dog that has not earned a title in the class being entered (Performance I Gamblers, Performance I Jumpers, or Performance I Snooker) or a qualifying score in the equivalent non-standard class at the Performance II or Performance III level. Three qualifying scores in the standard class from two different judges along with one qualifying score in each of the non-standard classes is required to earn the Performance Dog ISM title.

The Performance II Standard classes shall be for any dog that has earned the Performance Dog ISM title, the Performance Standard I title, the *Agility Dog*[®] title or the Veteran *Agility Dog*SM title, but has not earned the Performance Dog IISM title or Performance Standard II title, or a qualifying score in the Performance III standard class. Performance II non-standard classes shall be for dogs having earned the Performance Dog ISM title, the *Agility Dog*[®] title or a title in the equivalent Starters or Performance I non-standard class, but not having earned a title in the equivalent non-standard Performance II class or a qualifying score in the equivalent non-standard Performance III class. Three qualifying scores in the standard class from two different judges along with one qualifying score in each of the nonstandard classes is required to earn the Performance Dog IISM title.

The Performance III Standard classes shall be for any dog that has earned the Performance Dog IISM title, the Performance Standard II title, the Advanced *Agility Dog*SM title, or the Veteran Advanced *Agility Dog*SM title. Performance III non-standard classes shall be for dogs having earned the Performance Dog IISM title, the Advanced *Agility Dog*[®] title, the equivalent non-standard title at the Advanced or Performance II level, or that had previously qualified for entry into the equivalent Performance non-standard class prior to January 1, 2004.

Nonstandard Class Descriptions

Gamblers Class: This class consists of a course with no pre-determined route, and each obstacle is assigned a point value. In the "opening" period the handler seeks to accumulate points by performing the obstacles of his/her choice in the time allotted. At the conclusion of the "opening" period, the handler attempts the "gamble," a sequence designated by the judge to be handled from a distance, for added points. This nonstandard class is pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 6 & 7 of USDAA Rules and Regulations.

Jumpers Class: This class consists of a course of jumps, and MAY include a tire and/or tunnels. This nonstandard class is scored pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 6 & 7 of USDAA Rules and Regulations.

Snooker Class: This class has an "opening" sequence of point collection similar to the Gamblers followed by a closing sequence of a set pattern. This class requires the dog to successfully complete a "red" jump prior to attempting an obstacle designated as any other color. This nonstandard class is pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 6 & 7 of USDAA Rules and Regulations.

Pairs Relay: This class consists of a standard course with one dog and handler running the first portion of the course, followed by a baton exchange to a second handler and dog that run the second portion of the course. Partners for both Championship & Performance pairs must be in the same level and height division; mini CH 12/16, PF 8/12 or open CH 22/26, PF 16/22. PERFORMANCE PAIRS IS QUALIFYING! Level of eligibility for Performance is determined by the highest Performance Versatility Title earned, a dog with a PDI title is eligible for PII Pairs. Crossing over from Championship works the same as for other classes, a dog with a Starters Relay title is eligible for PII Pairs and a dog with an AAD is eligible for PIII Pairs. A handler may opt to enter Level 1 provided that a qualifying score in a higher level Performance relay class has not been earned. This nonstandard class is scored pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 6 & 7 of USDAA Rules and Regulations.

Tournament Descriptions

Tournament Program Eligibility

Program eligibility in Regional and World Championships shall be determined as follows: Where a competitor has qualifying scores in Championship Program tournaments and Performance Program tournaments, a competitor must enter all Championship Program tournaments unless the total number of qualifications earned in all Performance Program tournaments is greater.

All competitors being entered on a team at the World Championships must have qualified through a local or regional qualifying event. Where a competitor has qualifying scores in both Championship and Performance Program tournaments, a competitor is eligible to enter the Performance Program tournaments at a regional, national, and/or world championship event only if the collective number of qualifications in the Performance Program tournaments for the season are greater than the number earned in Championship Program tournaments as of the closing date of the event to be entered.

2007 Grand Prix of Dog Agility® World Championships Local Qualifier

This class is open to all competitors other than those who are entered in the *Performance National Standard* qualifier at this event, regardless of titles earned or skill level. The Grand Prix is a single-round tournament featuring the sport in its basic form. The course includes obstacles as set forth in Chapter 3 of USDAA Rules and Regulations for standard agility, except that no table obstacle shall be used. Standard scoring shall be applied utilizing time standards generally ranging from 3.50 yards per second to 3.75 yards per second for competitors in the 22" and 26" height classes, from 3.10 to 3.40 yards per second for competitors in the 16" height class and 2.85 to 3.05 yards per second in the 12" height class.

2007 Performance National StandardSM Championships Local Qualifier

This class is open to all competitors other than those who are entered in the Grand Prix qualifier at this event, regardless of titles earned or skill level. This qualifier is a single-round tournament featuring the Performance Program in its basic form. The course includes obstacles as set forth in Chapter 7 of USDAA Rules and Regulations for standard performance class, except that no table obstacle shall be used. Standard scoring shall be applied utilizing time standards generally ranging from 3.30 yards per second to 3.55 yards per second for competitors in the 16" and 22" height classes, from 2.95 to 3.25 yards per second for competitors in the 12" height class and 2.75 to 2.95 yards per second in the 8" height class.

Qualification and Advancement for both tournaments

Competitors that earn five (5) or fewer faults shall earn a qualifying score. Additionally, the first place competitor in each height class who has earned a qualifying score shall be eligible to enter the final round of a Type 1 Regional Championship without regard to their score in the first round. Such eligibility shall be documented through a "bye" voucher. A competitor may earn more than one voucher, and the voucher is non-transferable, can be used only once and must be submitted with the competitor's entry form for a Type 1 Regional Championship. See complete rules and regulations for Regional Championships, which are hereby incorporated by reference. The rules may be found on the USDAA web site—General Information—Forms and Documents Library, or may be requested in writing by US mail from the USDAA office. A competitor must have two qualifications from local qualifiers, one of which may be from the first round of a Regional Championship, in order to qualify for entry to the world championship quarterfinals; however, where a competitor may choose to compete in both Grand Prix and Performance National Standard qualifiers during the current tournament season, the competitor is only eligible to compete in the championships of the tournament in which they have earned the most qualifications. Further, 2007 tournament rules stipulate that a competitor must compete all in Championship or all in Performance tournaments at Regional and National/World Championship events.

2007 Dog Agility Steeplechase® Local Qualifier

Description: The "Steeplechase" is a two-round tournament with emphasis on speed. Each round will be conducted on a jumpers-style course that shall include at least two spread hurdles, a long jump (required beginning January 1, 2007) and an A-frame and weave poles, one of which shall be required to be performed twice. Top competitors as set forth below (see qualification and advancement) shall advance to Round 2 to compete for prize money and Tournament Top Ten points. Qualifiers as defined herein earn the right to enter either the quarterfinals or semifinals at the Dog Agility Steeplechase® championships to be held in autumn of 2007. This tournament is open to all competitors not entered in Performance Speed JumpingSM qualifier at this event regardless of titles earned.

Scoring: The tournament shall be conducted pursuant to USDAA Championship Program Starters level rules, except that scoring in each round shall be on a time plus faults basis, with a five-point penalty added to a competitor's performance time for each occurrence of a fallen hurdle or missed contact; running the wrong course shall be scored as an elimination as defined under Masters rules.

Qualification & Advancement

(For the purposes of this explanation, a score is anything other than elimination.)

Local Qualifiers: Qualification shall be determined based upon the Round 1 scores of the top three dogs in each jump height provided there are at least 5 scores in the 12" or 16" height classes or 7 scores in the 22" and 26" height classes. The top three scores shall be averaged and multiplied by a factor of 1.25 to determine the maximum qualifying score for each jump height. Only competitors with scores equal to or less than the maximum qualifying score qualify.

Further, in the event that fewer than five competitors in any height class receive a score, the top three scores must be determined from the combined height division for small dogs (12" and 16") or large dogs (22" and 26") to determine the maximum qualifying score for all dogs competing in that division in the manner described above.

However, if there are fewer than five scores in a division, the top score from the division shall be used to calculate the maximum qualifying score. In this case, the top score shall be multiplied by a factor of 1.25 to determine the maximum qualifying score.

Qualifiers and placement winners (minimum of four, there is no maximum) in the height class are eligible to advance to Round 2 at a local qualifying event in order to compete for Top Ten points and prize money, provided they have finished the round with a score. Non-qualifying competitors running in Round 2 shall not be credited with a qualifying score regardless of their final standing and at the Regional level are not eligible to earn a bye based upon their score in Round 2. A finalist slot vacated by a competitor who has earned the right to compete in the final round shall be forfeited and no substitutions are allowed.

Regional Championships: The same process used for determining qualifying scores in Round 1 at the local qualifier will be applied in both rounds at the regional level to determine the maximum qualifying score. In Round 2 competitors with scores equal to or less than the maximum qualifying score shall earn a 'bye' into the semifinals at the world championships. Non-qualifying competitors running in Round 2 shall not be credited with a qualifying score regardless of their final standing and are not eligible to earn a bye based upon their score in Round 2. Any 'bye' that is earned may only be used by the handler/dog team who earned it and may not be transferred to another dog and/or handler.

Eligibility for Entry:

Regional Championships: A competitor must have one qualification at a local qualifier to be eligible to enter Round 1 of a Regional Championships.

World Championship Quarterfinals: Two qualifications, one of which may be from the first round of a Regional Championship will be required for entry.

World Championship Semifinals: Advancement from the quarterfinals by earning the equivalent of a qualifying score or by direct entry into the semifinal by having earned a 'bye' at a Regional Championship.

2007 Performance Speed JumpingSM Local Qualifier

Description: This is a two-round tournament with emphasis on speed. Each round will be conducted on a jumpers-style course that shall include a long jump (required beginning January 1, 2007) and an A-frame and weave poles, one of which shall be required to be performed twice. All obstacles are set according to Performance specifications. Top competitors as set forth below (see qualification and advancement) shall advance to Round 2 to compete for prizes or awards. This tournament is open to all competitors not entered in the Steeplechase qualifier at the same event regardless of titles earned.

Scoring: The tournament shall be conducted pursuant to USDAA Championship Program Starters level rules, except that scoring in each round shall be on a time plus faults basis, with a five-point penalty added to a competitor's performance time for each occurrence of a fallen hurdle or missed contact; running the wrong course shall be scored as an elimination as defined under Masters rules.

Qualification & Advancement at Local Qualifiers:

(For the purposes of this explanation, a score is anything other than elimination.)

Qualification shall be determined based upon the Round 1 scores of the top three dogs in each jump height provided there are at least 5 scores in the 8" or 12" height classes or 7 scores in the 16" and 22" height classes. The top three scores shall be averaged and multiplied by a factor of 1.25 to determine the maximum qualifying score for each jump height. Only competitors with scores equal to or less than the maximum qualifying score qualify.

Further, in the event that fewer than five competitors in any height class receive a score, the top three scores must be determined from the combined height division for small dogs (8" and 12") or large dogs (16" and 22") to determine the maximum qualifying score for all dogs competing in that division in the manner described above.

However, if there are fewer than five scores in a division, the top score from the division shall be used to calculate the maximum qualifying score. In this case, the top score shall be multiplied by a factor of 1.25 to determine the maximum qualifying score.

Qualifiers and placement winners (minimum of four, there is no maximum) in the height class are eligible to advance to Round 2 at a local qualifying event in order to compete for prizes and awards, provided they have finished the round with a score. Non-qualifying competitors running in Round 2 shall not be credited with a qualifying score regardless of their final standing. A finalist slot vacated by a competitor who has earned the right to compete in the final round shall be forfeited and no substitutions are allowed.

Eligibility for Entry into the Championships:

Two qualifying scores as defined herein are required to enter the semifinals at the Performance Speed JumpingSM Championships to be held in autumn of 2007.

2007 Dog Agility Masters Team Tournament

You may enter Team as a Draw. The draw will be drawn after the closing date. If at that time there are not a perfect multiple of three dogs entered in the team draw, the odd dog(s) remaining after all teams have checked in on Thursday morning will be eligible for a refund, with apologies.

This tournament series is open to all competitors with any dog, regardless of competition level (i.e. starters, advanced, and masters). A team may be comprised of handlers with dogs from any two height classes (e.g. 12"/26", 16"/26", 22"/22", etc). Each individual on a three-dog/three-handler team competes in four classes of competition--Standard agility, Snooker, Jumpers, and Gamblers choice. Top teams as set forth herein compete in a fifth and final class – the three-dog team relay to establish placements for points and awards.

Each of the five classes will be conducted pursuant to USDAA Rules and Regulations, except that select performance requirements are subject to judge's discretion. The following differences are specifically noted:

The performance requirements of the Standard agility and relay class as specified in Chapter 3 & 6 shall exclude the table (other than as a finish or relay exchange point) and may omit one contact obstacle in the course design at judge's discretion. When the table is used as a finish or relay exchange point, no position or time requirement shall be imposed.

The performance requirements of the Snooker, Gamblers and Jumpers classes shall generally follow the requirements of Chapter 6 except that [1] the Jumpers class will include the weave poles and may omit one or more spread hurdles, [2] the Gamblers class may include or omit rules normally applied for point assignments and joker requirements, and [3] the Snooker class course configuration and course components may be at the judge's discretion. The foregoing variances are subject to the review and approval of the tournament course reviewer and other provisions set forth herein.

Masters scoring rules shall apply for the determination of faults in all classes. Time-plus-faults scoring method shall be utilized for the standard, jumpers, and team relay classes (i.e. no standard course time is employed), with the following special values assigned for infractions: [1] Each refusal is worth two fault points, [2] three refusals per dog or wrong course is worth one-third of the class point value, and [3] omission of a team member in relay (see special rules) is worth 200 fault points. The resulting scores on a time-plus-faults basis shall be deducted from the standard point basis for each class as set forth under "Special Rules" below in order to calculate points earned by each team in a given class. In no case shall the team score for a single class be less than zero. These points are then added to points earned in gamblers and snooker classes, after adjustment as set forth below, to determine each team's final score. Team ranking and placements shall be on the basis of cumulative scores through the five classes of competition.

Special Rules:

1. The standard point deduction and scoring methods for the tournament intend to provide a relative basis of points from all five classes. Standard, jumpers, and relay classes have been assigned a standard point basis of 390, 300, and 450 points, respectively, which are reduced by the time-plus-faults penalties accrued by team members. The resulting point basis score is combined with points earned through performance in the Snooker and Gamblers classes, after adjustments as described below, to determine the final overall score.
Snooker class points are multiplied by a factor of 1.5, and Gamblers class points are multiplied by a factor whose value is established by the judge such that a team may potentially accumulate between 200 and 240 points in the gamblers class. It has been pre-established, that when a 1-2-3-5 system is utilized with 40 seconds on course and a potential 15 points in the joker period, a 1.5 factor should be used. If a 1-3-5-7 system is utilized with 40 seconds on course and a potential of 20 points in the joker period, a 1.25 factor should be used. Other factors should be used as appropriate to the point system employed by the judge. The judge shall exercise due care in contemplating a point system for the opening period and closing period. A judge shall not employ a point system or rules relating thereto that will create a significant imbalance among the five classes, before or after applying a point multiplication factor. Further, the judge shall exercise care in placing relative value to the opening and closing period in the Gamblers class such that the total score is not contingent upon and one or two features. Examples of schemes that should be avoided are doubling class points for performance of a distance challenge, double class points for finishing the round without exceeding the maximum course time, or losing all class points for failure to finish within the maximum allowable time. In any case, the factor shall be established prior to the start of the class and shall not be changed.
2. A handicapping system will be employed in the Gamblers and Snooker classes when computing scores for dogs in the mini division on each team. Competitors with dogs in the 12" and 16" height classes (mini division) shall be allowed approximately 20% and 10% additional time, respectively, as compared to competitors in the 22" and 26" height classes (open division). No time handicapping shall apply in the standard, Jumping, or relay classes; in these classes, the judge shall employ course design elements that will provide natural handicapping to the class (e.g. variations in obstacle spacing and turns that may result in a balance of time over the distance among the different height classes).
3. In relay a reverse baton exchange (RBE) may be used wherein the handler waiting to run next in the exchange area holds the baton and hands it off to the handler arriving in the exchange area. Whether a standard baton exchange or a reserve baton exchange is used, a 10-point penalty shall be assessed for dropping the baton at the exchange (and/or during the round if carried) and other minor errors involving the baton, and a 20-point penalty shall be assessed for throwing the baton, for failing to make the exchange prior to engaging the first obstacle by a team member, completing a segment without an exchange, or other misuses or major infraction involving the baton.
4. Each of the three handlers and dogs must compete in all five classes; i.e. two different dogs on a team may not be handled by a single handler. In the event a handler on a team is unable to continue through all five classes, one handler "substitution of necessity" with the approval of the judge may be made. No substitution of dogs or additional handler substitutions shall be permitted (including reversion back to the original team member). Should no substitution be possible, then the remaining team members may compete in the individual classes, with an elimination score recorded for the withdrawn team member (i.e. zero points earned for the class). A team who has a teammate unable to run in the three-dog relay may have a person pass the baton, declaring "Pass" to the judge, and passing the baton as otherwise required. If the competitor passing is first or last to have to run on course for their team, they must cross the line to start or stop the clock as appropriate. An automatic penalty of 200 points is applied for each competitor unable to run. In any case, the class score may not be less than zero. Failure of the team to start or stop the clock as appropriate shall result in elimination for the team (i.e. zero points earned for the class).
5. If 40 or more teams are entered in any qualifying event, the show committee may elect to impose a limit on the number of teams running in the relay class. If so elected, it must be posted in the test schedule specifying that the number of teams running in the relay class be limited to no less than two-thirds of the number of teams entered based upon scores through four rounds of competition; however, no team whose score is within 25% of the average of the top three scores through four rounds shall be precluded from running the relay class. **Special note regarding this tournament at this Haute TRACS trial: ALL teams entered shall run in the relay class.**
6. A "height rotation" should be utilized in establishing the running order whereby competitors from each height class runs first in one of the four classes, unless it is problematic in establishing a running order, such as when a "group rotation" system is employed. In this case no group shall be first to run in all classes, and heights within the group shall be rotated if appropriate in order to maintain an equitable balance of what height class runs first in the running order. Further, when classes are spread over multiple days, it is preferable that the "strategy" classes (i.e. Gamblers and Snooker) are offered on different days when it is practicable to do so.

Qualification:

A qualifying score shall be awarded to competitors who compete in all five classes and whose team scores are either (1) in the GREATER OF the top 50% of the teams entered (being the actual number of team who compete on the first day of a team tournament), or (2) those teams obtaining a score that is within 25% of the average of the total points earned by the top three teams after the fifth and final class.

2007 Versatility PairsSM Tournament Description

You may enter Versatility Pairs as a Draw. The draw will be drawn after the closing date. If at that time there are not a perfect multiple of two dogs entered in the pairs draw, the odd dog remaining after all pairs have checked in on Thursday morning will be eligible for a refund, with apologies.

This tournament series is open to all competitors with any dog, regardless of competition level (i.e. starters, advanced, and masters). A Pair or "team" may be comprised of handlers with dogs from any two height classes (e.g. 8"/12", 16"/16", 8"/22", 16"/22", 22"/22", etc). Each individual on a team competes in four classes of competition--Standard, Snooker, Jumpers, and Gamblers choice. Top teams as set forth herein compete in a fifth and final class -- the pairs relay, to establish placements for prizes and awards.

Each of the five classes will be conducted pursuant to USDAA Rules and Regulations, except that select performance requirements are subject to judge's discretion. The following differences are specifically noted:

The performance requirements of the Standard and relay class as specified in Chapter 3 & 6 and modified by Chapter 7 shall exclude the table (other than as a finish or relay exchange point) and may omit one contact obstacle in the course design at judge's discretion. When the table is used as a finish or relay exchange point, no position or time requirement shall be imposed.

The performance requirements of the Snooker, Gamblers and Jumpers classes shall generally follow the requirements of Chapter 6 and modified by Chapter 7 except that [1] the Jumpers class will include the weave poles, [2] the Gamblers class may include or omit rules normally applied for point assignments and time allocations and joker requirements, and [3] the Snooker class course configuration and course components may be at the judge's discretion. The foregoing variances are subject to the review and approval of the tournament course reviewer and other provisions set forth herein.

Masters scoring rules shall apply for the determination of faults in all classes. Time-plus-faults scoring method shall be utilized for the standard, jumpers, and team relay classes (i.e. no standard course time is employed), with the following special values assigned for infractions: [1] Each refusal is worth two fault points, [2] three refusals per dog or wrong course is worth one-third of the class point value, and [3] omission of a team member in relay (see special rules) is worth 200 fault points.

The resulting scores on a time-plus-faults basis shall be deducted from the standard point basis for each class as set forth under "Special Rules" below in order to calculate points earned by each team in a given class. In no case shall the team score for a single class be less than zero. These points are then added to points earned in gamblers and snooker classes, after adjustment as set forth below, to determine each team's final score. Team ranking and placements shall be on the basis of cumulative scores through the five classes of competition.

Special Rules:

1. The standard point deduction and scoring methods for the tournament intend to provide a relative basis of points from all five classes. Standard, jumpers, and relay classes have been assigned a standard point basis of 260, 200, and 300 points, respectively, which are reduced by the time-plus-faults penalties accrued by team members. The resulting point basis score is combined with points earned through performance in the Snooker and Gamblers classes, after adjustments as described below, to determine the final overall score.
Snooker class points are multiplied by a factor of 1.5, and Gamblers class points are multiplied by a factor whose value is established by the judge such that a team may potentially accumulate between 120 and 160 points in the gamblers class. It has been pre-established, that when a 1-2-3-5 system is utilized with 40 seconds on course and a potential 15 points in the joker period, a 1.5 factor should be used. If a 1-3-5-7 system is utilized with 40 seconds on course and a potential of 20 points in the joker period, a 1.25 factor should be used. Other factors should be used as appropriate to the point system employed by the judge. The judge shall exercise due care in contemplating a point system for the opening period and closing period. A judge shall not employ a point system or rules relating thereto that will create a significant imbalance among the five classes, before or after applying a point multiplication factor. Further, the judge shall exercise care in placing relative value to the opening and closing period in the Gamblers class such that the total score is not contingent upon and one or two features. Examples of schemes that should be avoided are doubling class points for performance of a distance challenge, double class points for finishing the round without exceeding the maximum course time, or losing all class points for failure to finish within the maximum allowable time. In any case, the factor shall be established prior to the start of the class and shall not be changed.
2. A handicapping system will be employed in the Gamblers and Snooker classes when computing scores for dogs in the mini division on each team. Competitors with dogs in the 12" and 16" height classes (mini division) shall be allowed approximately 20% and 10% additional time, respectively, as compared to competitors in the 22" and 26" height classes (open division). No time handicapping shall apply in the standard, Jumping, or relay classes; in these classes, the judge shall employ course design elements that will provide natural handicapping to the class (e.g. variations in obstacle spacing and turns that may result in a balance of time over the distance among the different height classes).
3. In relay a reverse baton exchange (RBE) may be used wherein the handler waiting to run next in the exchange area holds the baton and hands it off to the handler arriving in the exchange area. Whether a standard baton exchange or a reserve baton exchange is used, a 10-point penalty shall be assessed for dropping the baton at the exchange (and/or during the round if carried) and other minor errors involving the baton, and a 20-point penalty shall be assessed for throwing the baton, for failing to make the exchange prior to engaging the first obstacle by a team member, completing a segment without an exchange, or other misuses or major infraction involving the baton.
4. Each of the three handlers and dogs must compete in all five classes; i.e. two different dogs on a team may not be handled by a single handler. In the event a handler on a team is unable to continue through all five classes, one handler "substitution of necessity" with the approval of the judge may be made. No substitution of dogs or additional handler substitutions shall be permitted (including reversion back to the original team member). Should no substitution be possible, then the remaining team members may compete in the individual classes, with an elimination score recorded for the withdrawn team member (i.e. zero points earned for the class). A team who has a teammate unable to run in the three-dog relay may have a person pass the baton, declaring "Pass" to the judge, and passing the baton as otherwise required. If the competitor passing is first or last to have to run on course for their team, they must cross the line to start or stop the clock as appropriate. An automatic penalty of 200 points is applied for each competitor unable to run. In any case, the class score may not be less than zero. Failure of the team to start or stop the clock as appropriate shall result in elimination for the team (i.e. zero points earned for the class).
5. If 40 or more teams are entered in any qualifying event, the show committee may elect to impose a limit on the number of teams running in the relay class. If so elected, it must be posted in the test schedule specifying that the number of teams running in the relay class be limited to no less than two-thirds of the number of teams entered based upon scores through four rounds of competition; however, no team whose score is within 25% of the average of the top three scores through four rounds shall be precluded from running the relay class. **Special note regarding this tournament at this Haute TRACS trial: ALL teams entered shall run in the relay class.**
6. A "height rotation" should be utilized in establishing the running order whereby competitors from each height class runs first in one of the four classes, unless it is problematic in establishing a running order, such as when a "group rotation" system is employed. In this case no group shall be first to run in all classes, and heights within the group shall be rotated if appropriate in order to maintain an equitable balance of what height class runs first in the running order. Further, when classes are spread over multiple days, it is preferable that the "strategy" classes (i.e. Gamblers and Snooker) are offered on different days when it is practicable to do so.

Qualification:

A qualifying score shall be awarded to competitors who compete in all five classes and whose team scores are either (1) in the GREATER OF the top 50% of the teams entered (being the actual number of team who compete on the first day of a team tournament), or (2) those teams obtaining a score that is within 25% of the average of the total points earned by the top three teams after the fifth and final class.