

North America Challenge Event – Championship Qualifiers

The North America Challenge Event will be the standard for qualification into future championships. This is a special agility run that is scored under the same rules and SCT as Standard Agility with the exception that off courses will be judged as elimination. North America Challenge Events will be more technically challenging courses. Each course will include 1 set of 10-12 weaves and may include an additional set of 5-6 weaves for all levels. In addition, courses may include the performance of 4 contact obstacles, multiple side changes, and additional discriminations.

Performance resulting in Elimination

- Deliberately Skipping an obstacle North America Challenge (contacts/weaves – major object or section)
- **Off Course in North America Challenge**

***An obstacle may be attempted; but not completed and the handler would receive a fault as per this example (Handler attempts weave poles and goes on (fault 10 for failure to perform obstacle)**

Divisions and Levels

Each division will have its own Challenge event, Competition North America Challenge, Select North America Challenge, Veteran North America Challenge, Grand Veteran North America Challenge and Junior Handler North America Challenge.

Each Division will have two levels for the Challenge event - Intern and Specialist. There will be no Beginner level in the North America Challenge, although beginner dogs are invited to enter either level.

2009 Championships Qualification Criteria

The 2009 Championships are planned for a location in the Eastern and Western United States in October of 2009. Current and future championship information and updates will be posted to

<http://www.docna.com/Championships.aspx>.

In order to qualify for the 2009 DOCNA National Championships event, competitors will be required to earn one (1) North America Challenge qualifying round with a maximum of 12 faults (or less) between April 1, 2008 and August 3, 2009, and in addition they must have competed in a DOCNA Sanctioned Trial between Aug 1, 2008 and Aug 3, 2009.

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- The cutoff date for qualifying for the 2009 championships is August 3, 2009.

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- The cutoff date for qualifying for the 2010 championships is August 4, 2010.

Qualification criteria for future years will be reviewed and revised as needed by DOCNA.

Entry Eligibility

Competitors may enter the North America Challenge event in whatever division(s) they are eligible to enter. Competitors are required to enter the Challenge event in at least the highest level in which they have qualified in North America Challenge.

Adjustments to Course Time for Select, Veteran, Grand Veteran and Junior Handlers

- Select Division now receives 15% more time than Competition.
- Junior Handler Division now receives 20% more time than Competition Division.
- Veterans Division receives now 20% more time than Competition Division.
- Grand Veterans receive now 25% more time than Competition Division

Disabled/handicapped handlers will receive additional time for the purpose of qualifying as follows:

In all divisions Handicap handlers will receive 20% more time than non-handicap handlers in the same division.

How does a club host a North America Challenge Event

All club/groups will have a number of options available to run a North America Challenge Qualifying Event.

- If the Club/group is running events on Friday Night, they may add a North America Challenge event on Saturday or Sunday providing the maximum number of runs by a dog does not exceed 6 on any given day.
- The club/group may, depending on the number of rings and the maximum number of runs per day allowed for each dog and the number of events per day, run a North America Challenge event as one of the 6 events allowed per day.
- The club/group may replace one (1) round of Standard with a North America Challenge event.

A club/group may offer only one (1) challenge run per trial per weekend unless approved by DOCNA in advance.

Competitors may earn Certificates of Merit for qualifying runs in the Challenge Events. (see Awards Table)

Dogs On Course in North America, LLC North America Challenge Championships

This section has been moved to Appendix B: DOCNA 2008 National Championships Information. Please look for it there.

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