

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

2009 DOCNA CHAMPIONSHIPS - October 8, 9 and 10th of 2009

For 2009, DOCNA will offer a Western and an Eastern Championship (competitors can enter either), with the hope of adding a Midwest and Southern championships in the future. Understanding that not everyone can take 4 days to travel or incur airline and large hotel bills, DOCNA would like to offer a championship where everyone can have a chance to play.

The date for the Eastern and Western Championships is October 8-10 2009. The Eastern Championships will be held in Bloomsburg, PA. Indoors on packed dirt, while the Western Championships will be held in Prescott, AZ. Indoors on packed dirt. DOCNA's representative club in the east will be BARC (Bloomsburg Agility Runners Club)

Each of the locations will offer Standard, Gamblers, Jumpers, Snakes`N Ladders and Trigrity with all scoring and placements in these events being either Western or Eastern location based (not combined).

On Saturday at both locations, the North America Challenge Event will take place. Judges will set the course by mid-line tape measure on Friday night after the last event. Each course will be set to the best of the abilities of the course building teams. The courses will be measured 3 times to ensure accuracy. Both courses will be adjusted for distance until yardage at both locations is the same. All dogs entered will run on Saturday, but no results will be given out/awarded until Sunday. On Sunday, each location will announce the local Placements for each division and height.

Immediately after the placements for the Western and Eastern Awards are awarded for the North America Challenge, the National Winners for each division and height will be announced.

All competitors entering the North America Challenge may choose which of the locations they wish to enter. In doing so, the competitor realizes there may be differences in surface, weather conditions, including but not limited to (wind, rain, sun, heat, etc).

2009 Championships Qualification Criteria

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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.

- Off Courses will be judged as elimination, the handler may finish the course.
- The cutoff date for qualifying for the 2009 championships is August 3, 2009.

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.

**Tentative Schedule of Events
October 8-10, 2008 - 3 Day Show**

- 3 Day Show 3 Rounds of Standard in total, 1 each day (Friday, Saturday and Finals on Sunday), 3 rounds of Jumpers in total, 1 each day (Friday and Saturday), 1 round of Traditional Gamblers (Friday) and 1 round of Strategic Time Gamble (Sunday), 1 round only of Snake's and Ladders. (Saturday)
- The top 25% scores of combined runs in Standard and the top 25% scores of combined runs in Jumpers will move on to a final run in each event on Sunday
- On Sunday there will be 1 round of Trigility

Tentative Schedule of Events

****Please note that this schedule is tentative and regional events such as Gamblers, Time Gamble, Snakes 'N Ladders & Trigility may be rearranged to occur on different days depending on number of entries. The schedule may end up different in the east and the west due to differences in entry numbers. ****

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Traditional Gamblers	Strategic Time Gamble	Trigility
Round #1 Standard Agility	North America Challenge Championship	Standard Agility Finals
Snakes 'N Ladders	Round #2 Standard Agility	
Round #1 Jumpers	Round #2 Jumpers	Jumpers Final

2010 Championships Qualification Criteria

The 2010 Championships are planned for a location in the Eastern and Western United States in October of 2010. Current and future championship information and updates will be posted to <http://www.docna.com/Championships.aspx>.

In order to qualify for the 2010 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 June 1, 2009 and August 4, 2010, and in addition they must have competed in a DOCNA Sanctioned Trial between Aug 1, 2009 and Aug 4, 2010.

- Off Courses will be judged as elimination, the handler may finish the course.
- 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.