

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

### **2011 DOCNA CHAMPIONSHIPS – September 23-25, 2011**

The 2011 Championships will be held September 23-25, 2011. The West will be held in Grand Junction, CO and Sugarbush Farm, Stephentown, NY will be the location of the East Championships (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. Both locations are outdoors on grass.

Each of the locations will offer Standard, Gamblers, Jumpers, Snakes N Ladders and Trigility 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).

### **Trial Entry**

Competitors may enter the North America Challenge event in whatever division(s) they are eligible to enter. Competitors are required to enter the Challenge during the calendar year at least the highest level in which they have entered in Standard Agility.

For anyone entering the North American Challenge. Dogs that are competing in Standard Agility at the Elite Level in Nadac, Masters in USDAA, Excellent in AKC, etc, must enter the North American Challenge at the Specialist Level in the Division they are choosing to run in Competition, Select, Veteran, Jr. Handler or Grand Veteran.

### **Championship Entry**

#### **North America Challenge Event**

Handlers must enter the highest level (Specialist or Intern) and division (Competition, Select, Veteran, Jr. Handlers, or Grand Veterans) that they qualified for prior to August 2, 2011 in the NORTH AMERICA CHALLENGE. If the team has moved from one division to another division permanently – i.e. Competition to Select or to Veterans, they may use the higher qualification to enter the current division they are running in. This change must be made prior to the August 2, 2011 cutoff. It is also understood that handlers requesting this move feel that their dog may require additional time and that a lower jump height would be in the best interested of their dog and are not using this assistance just to obtain a competitive advantage for the championships. Any move to a different division becomes a permanent move.

- Competitors may not enter a higher level of North America Challenge than they have qualified at.
- It is acceptable to enter at a higher level if so desired.

#### **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.

**2011 Championships Qualification Criteria**

In order to qualify for the 2011 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, 2010 and August 2, 2011, and in addition they must have competed in a DOCNA Sanctioned Trial between July 30, 2010 and Aug 2, 2011.

- Off Courses will be judged as elimination, the handler may finish the course.
- The cutoff date for qualifying for the 2011 championships is August 2, 2011.

**Tentative Schedule of Events**  
**Sept 22<sup>rd</sup> 2011 – Thursday – warm up events**  
**Sept 23-25, 2011 - 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) , On Saturday there will be 1 round of Trigility
- 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

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**\*\*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. \*\***

<b>Friday – Sept 23, 2011</b>	<b>Saturday – Sept 24, 2011</b>	<b>Sunday – Sept 25, 2011</b>
Snakes N Ladders	North America Challenge Championship	Strategic Time Gamble
Traditional Gamblers	Round #2 Standard Agility	Standard Agility Finals
Round #1 Standard Agility	Trigility	
Round #1 Jumpers	Round #2 Jumpers	Jumpers Final

**2012 Championships Qualification Criteria**

The 2012 Championships will be a Tri-Championship and will be held September 21-23, 2012. There will be 3 locations - Denver, CO, Sugar Bush Farm, Stephentown, NY, and a location to be determined in AZ. (competitors can enter any of the 3). Each location will be outdoors on grass. (AZ to be confirmed). Over the next number of years, we hope to add additional regional sites. 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.

Current and future championship information and updates will be posted to

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

In order to qualify for the 2012 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, 2011 and August 1, 2012, and in addition they must have competed in a DOCNA Sanctioned Trial between July 29, 2011 and Aug 1, 2012.

- Off Courses will be judged as elimination, the handler may finish the course.
- The cutoff date for qualifying for the 2012 championships is August 1, 2012.

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