



**NADAC UK 2022 Championships
AND
NHADOC: Northern Hemisphere
Agility Dog Challenge!**

When: October 8-9, 2022

Where: Oakridge Arena

**NADAC 2022 Championships are open
to all who would like to attend!**

Entries will be open soon for 2022 Championships, with Qualifications waived again this year. The information below will help you decide what level to enter. Championships will again be held at the beautiful Oakridge Arena on the Swinderby Road. There is onsite camping and delicious food at the Café.

There will be a total of 6 rounds of competition, with the top competitors advancing to Finals!

- Three rounds on October 8th
- Three rounds plus Finals on October 9th

There are 4 Divisions:

- Elite
- Pre-Elite
- Intro

What To Expect in the Elite Division:

- Comparable to KC grade 6 and 7.
- The average length of courses will be in the 21-24 obstacle range, with some rounds going up to 28 obstacles.
- Consistently challenging design. While all NADAC courses have some element of difficulty, some may be easier (for certain dogs and handlers) than others. At Championships, the courses will all lean more towards the more difficult.
- Full set of obstacle challenges in each round. While some rounds do have a theme, such as the Jumpers round or Touch n Go round, each and every round will generally have the full set of equipment tests on course.

- Distance tests. These tests are NOT bonus lines. But they will typically be a sequence of 2-5 obstacles where you are can stay behind the line, similar to Chances. This line will be anywhere between 10-20 feet away from the farthest obstacle in the test.
- If the handler successfully completes the distance challenge, they will be awarded 10 bonus points

What to expect in the Pre-Elite Divisions:

- Comparable to KC grade 3 -6.
- Courses similar to an Elite level challenge. Dogs should be comfortable doing a full set of 12 weave poles, multiple contacts and challenges comparable to an Elite level course on a normal weekend. In the themed runs, such as the Jumpers round or the Touch n Go round, there may be more repetitions of certain obstacles than on a regular weekend, though never more than 12 poles at one time.
- Shorter courses than the Elite Division. The Pre-Elite course typically has changes from the Elite course. These changes can be either a reduced number of obstacles, or reduced challenge, or both. There will be a distance test at the Pre-Elite level.
- Distance tests. These tests are NOT bonus lines. But they will typically be a sequence of 2-5 obstacles where you are can stay behind the line, similar to Chances. This line will be anywhere between 10-20 feet away from the farthest obstacle in the test.
- If the handler successfully completes the distance challenge, they will be awarded 10 bonus points

What to expect in the Intro Division:

- Comparable to KC grade 1 and 2.
- Dogs should be comfortable doing multiple contacts and challenges comparable to an Intro level course on a normal weekend. In the themed runs, such as the Jumpers round or the Touch n Go round, there may be more repetitions of certain obstacles than on a regular weekend.
- Shorter courses than the Pre-Elite Division. The Intro course typically has changes from the Intro course. These changes can be either a reduced number of obstacles, or reduced challenge, or both. There will be a distance test at the Intro level.
- Distance tests. These tests are NOT bonus lines. But they will typically be a sequence of 2-3 obstacles where you are can stay behind the line, similar to Chances. This line will be anywhere between 10-20 feet away from the farthest obstacle in the test.
- If the handler successfully completes the distance challenge, they will be awarded 10 bonus points

Scoring for Elite, Pre-Elite, and Intro:

- Scoring is done on a time plus faults system. Each round will have a base number of points that everyone starts with. For this example, we will use 150 as our base number, keep in

mind for the actual event this number can and will fluctuate depending on the course. When your dog runs their time and any faults incurred will be subtracted from this number. So, a dog that ran in 25.00 seconds with 10 course faults would have a score of 115.00 ($=150-(25+20)$). This score is what determines your placement in your division.

- The base number changes depending on the length of the course and the challenges involved. A more challenging course that takes a longer time to run gets a higher base number, while a simpler course that runs very quickly gets a lower base number.
- If the Pre-Elite or Intro courses are shorter than Elite, they will start with a lower base number to reflect the shorter course
- The winner of each division is whomever has the highest score over all 6 rounds combined.

Placements

- Placements for each round will go out to top 20% of entries. Groups with fewer than 3 dogs will be merged with their next closest competitive group for placements.

Possible Divisions at Championships

There is a wide variety of entry options when coming to Championships.

Intro and Pre-Elite are split up by height group, but the Elite divisions get a much wider subset of divisions. The possible options and criteria for Elite are as follows:

Standard: This is for dog under 7 years of age.

Veteran Dog: Dogs taking the Veterans Height break and entering Champs as such. If your dog is 9 years or older on the start of the event date you **must** enter this division.

Veteran Handler: Teams that are taking the Veteran Handler height break and entering Champs as such.

Double Digit: Dogs that are 10 years of age or older. If your dog is 10 years or older on the start of the event date, you must enter this division.

Junior Handler: Open to any handler entering the event as a Junior Handler. (Junior Handlers are those who are 17 years or younger on the start date of the event)

There are 5 Height cutoffs for each Division:

- Each Divisions group is based on your dog's wither height.
- There are five main height groups for Championships: X-Large, Large, Medium, Small and Mini
- The height cutoffs for each group are:
 - 22+(over 54cm+) Inches at the withers = X-Large
 - Over 18 up to and including 22 Inches (over 45cm to 54cm) at the withers = Large
 - Over 14 up to and including 18 inches (over 35cm to 45cm) = Medium
 - Over 11 up to and including 14 inches (over 28cm to 35cm) = Small
 - Under 11 inches (under 28cm) = Mini

NOTE! These height cutoffs are for competitive groupings, and not necessarily reflective of the dog's jump height.

Jump heights:

	Dog Height Withers 11" & under	Dog Height Withers 14" & under and over 11"	Dog Height Withers 18" & under and over 14"	Dog Height Withers over 18"
Proficient Standard	8" (20cm)	12" (30cm)	16" (40cm)	20" (50cm)
Proficient Veteran dog, Veteran Handler or Junior Handler	4"	8"	12"	16"
Skilled Standard	4"	8"	12"	16"
Skilled Veteran dog, Veteran Handler or JH	4"	4"	8"	12"

Note: Although scoring will be the same as at a weekend trial, there will be several differences. For example, we will not allow toys or treats in the ring, or for exhibitors to carry their own leash.

Stakes Entries:

The Stakes Class is for dogs with above average skills to navigate a course at a distance from the handler. There are three Divisions, with increasing expectations of distance handling. There will be markers on the ground, and those handlers who stay inside the markers while their dog successfully navigates the course will earn the most points.

- **StarterStakes** Division: For dogs who regularly compete successfully at least 25' from the handler.
- **SilverStakes** division if for dogs who regularly compete successfully at least 40' from their handler
- **SuperStakes** division if for dog who regularly compete successfully at least 50' from their Handler

Stakes Scoring:

- Scoring will be the same as the other divisions, with bonus points added on.

Walkthroughs and briefings:

- The morning briefing takes place at 7 AM each day of the event
- Walkthroughs for all groups will directly follow the morning briefing.
- Order of walkthrough groups will follow the running order for the day
- Groups will be combined in walkthrough
- Run order and walkthrough orders will vary each day, so if you are in the first group on the first day, you won't likely be in the first group on the following day. This ensures that nobody has all early runs or all late runs, and makes it fair for everyone.

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This year we will compare the cumulative results for each team at the Elite and Pre-Elite levels to the cumulative results for comparable teams in North America. UK Teams will be presented with a certificate of accomplishment.