

2018
NADAC AUSTRALIA
Dog Agility Nationals
Australian Division - NADAC
12 Wellman Street
Box Hill South, Victoria 3128



October 11-14, 2018 for Regular Agility Challenge Champion (Elite and Pre-Elite) and Challenge (Starters) Stakes Champion

Judge: Wendy Napier (Australia)

(NB: a General Entry trial will run concurrently at the Nationals – it will be a double run trial of 2 NADAC classes per day over the 4 days - excluding Regular Agility)

**Indoor Arena 2, Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre
Werribee, Victoria**

Entries close
September 1st, 2018

All entries are via the online entry form which will be available via the website

<http://nadacaustralia.com/Calendar.html>
(printed or emailed entries not accepted)

Prizes and Awards

Rosettes will be awarded for 1st to 4th (to 8th place should entry numbers permit) places in Challenge.

Points Award Rosettes will be awarded to Challenge Starters Stakes should they achieve required points for any given round counted as an Excellent Round.

(NB: Those entered into the General Trial will be awarded placements rosettes/ribbons to fourth place in each jump height for each class, in each category, except Chances which is a pass/fail class. Daily Q-pins will also be awarded to General entry exhibitors)

Special Prizes and Awards

On Sunday, the **Overall Challenge Champion** winner will be named to the highest scoring dog/handler in **Elite** and **Pre-Elite**. Points for this class will have been accumulated from points earned in each round of the Regular Agility classes over the 4 days. The same handler must handle the dog in all rounds in order to be eligible for Overall cumulative awards. All categories and divisions are combined. *Should entry numbers permit separation of heights and/or divisions this will be considered.*

On Sunday, the **Challenge Starters Stakes Cup** winners will be named. Cup winners will be those who have met the minimum cumulative (over the 4 days) point score for Challenge Starters Stakes. The same handler must handle the dog in all rounds in order to be eligible for Overall cumulative awards.

**Clean and Fast Runs to Everyone in the Australian
NADAC Nationals!**

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

The dog/handler team must be the same handler for every class for any overall awards.

ALL dogs MUST be on leash when not in the competition ring or warmup ring.

Any dog which has been determined as aggressive shall be excused from the competition.

The Official Judge(s) may be a different person for each jump height in each class. The Official Judge(s) will be a person from the current NADAC Judges list. The Official Judge(s) may be aided by contact zone stewards, who also shall be members from the NADAC Judges list.

Verified Shoulder Height:

Any dogs who do not have a NADAC Height Card will be required to verify their shoulder height if entered into Challenge Champion Regular Elite and Pre-Elite level. This is done so that you are placed in the correct group for your height. A special height form will be made available.

Scoring

There will be 8 Regular Rounds for both Challenge Elite and Challenge Starters Stakes, the 8th round will be a final. To make the finals in Challenge Elite and Challenge Pre-Elite teams will have to achieve the point requirements for their height grouping. Please see this post on the forum <http://www.nadacastralia.com/Forum/index.php?topic=1196.0> Please note all entrants in Challenge Stakes compete in the final round.

Scoring will be on a time plus faults basis for both Challenge and Challenge Starters Stakes. Please see this post on the forum for full scoring details <http://www.nadacastralia.com/Forum/index.php?topic=1196.0>

(NB: Scoring for the General entry trial will be as for normal weekend NADAC Trials)

Course Differences- Regular Agility Class – Elite

The courses are longer than the average weekend, as this event should highlight the gifted **dog/handler teams which can show both mental and physical stamina with consistent performances**. In all divisions, the courses will be 28 or more obstacles, (more likely to be 25-35) with a possibility of more contact and weave pole performances than a normal weekend (with no more than 12 weave poles in any one set). Each course will have several distance challenges, in which, if the dog fails, they will receive 5 faults per distance test that is attempted and failed. If the distance test is not attempted at all, then 10 faults will be assessed.

Course Differences- Regular Agility Class – Pre-Elite

The courses will be comparative of the average weekend. There will be no distance tests on any of the courses.

The term "current year" shall mean the term from August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018.

Class Eligibility for the 2018 Australian NADAC Nationals

CHALLENGE

Elite

Regular Agility, Elite level, Proficient/Skilled: at least 200 points must have been earned in the dog's lifetime. These points may have come from any/all classes offered in NADAC, with the following requirements:

1. Dog must be eligible for Elite level in Regular (ie they have already earned their OAC).
2. At least 100 points must have been earned in the current year from any NADAC Class at the Open or Elite level.
3. At least 30 points must have been earned in the current year Aug 1 2017- July 31 2018) at the Open or Elite level in each of the following classes Regular, Jumpers and Chances.
4. If a dog is over 7 on September 1, 2018, then they MUST enter the Veterans division.

Pre-Elite

Regular Agility, Pre-Elite level, Proficient/Skilled: at least 200 points must have been earned in the dog's lifetime. These points may have come from any/all classes offered in NADAC, with the following requirements:

1. Dog must be eligible for Open level in Regular (ie they have already earned their NAC).
2. At least 100 points must have been earned in the current year from any NADAC Class at any level.
3. At least 30 points must have been earned in the current year Aug 1 2017- July 31 2018 at the Novice or Open level in each of the following classes Regular and Jumpers.
4. A dog entered in Pre-Elite cannot have earned more than 100 points in Elite Regular in their Lifetime up to September 1, 2018. If a dog earns more than 100 points in Elite Regular and they meet all other entry criteria for Elite their entry will be switched to Elite Level.
5. If a dog is over 7 on September 1, 2018, then they MUST enter the Veterans division.

Please note that the office reserves the right to consider individual circumstances in regard to eligibility and to also consider "second chance entry"

CHALLENGE STARTERS STAKES

Dogs must be eligible for Elite level in Regular (ie they have already earned their OAC). Dogs must also be eligible for Elite level in Chances (ie they have already earned their OCC)

All stakes entry dogs must meet the Challenge Elite entry criteria as stated above.

In addition they must meet the following criteria;

1. For entry into the Challenge Stakes division the dog must have earned at least one 15 point distance challenge qualifiers, or one 15 point Regular bonus in the current year. An Excellent Round in Challenge Stakes in the 2017 Nationals will be accepted in lieu of a successful distance challenge/bonus run.
2. For entry into the Silver Stakes division the dog must have earned a minimum of 75 bonus points with at least one 20 point bonus/distance challenge in Regular OR two 15 point bonuses/distance challenges in Regular in the current year.
3. For entry into the SuperStakes division the dog must have earned a minimum of 120 bonus points with a minimum of two 25+ point bonuses in Regular in the current year with both of those being with a run index of over 100.
4. For each run of Regular Agility, there could be several bonus areas set on each course, for which the dog will earn points for successful sequences performed at a distance that will count towards his overall Stakes points for the entire competition week. The degree of distance will change with each level. The dogs will be allowed to jump at the same jump height as they are on a regular weekend trial, including any height reductions for Veterans, and Jr, Handlers. Dogs will be placed with all dogs in their Standard division jump height.
5. The distance requirements for the bonus areas could be greater than the distance tests on regular trial weekends. This class will highlight the dog/handler teams ability to do exceptional distance handling skills and obstacle performance skills.

GENERAL TRIAL ENTRY

General entry open to all NADAC exhibitors of all levels (Elite, Open, Novice and Intro) as per normal NADAC weekend trial criteria. There is no eligibility requirement for those wishing to enter General entry. Exhibitors who enter Challenge may also enter as general exhibitors.