

Team Try Outs- 2018 Nationals VIC

The Agility Committee has decided to keep a similar selection process to what has been used for the past three Nationals as we have found it works well in terms of giving both the handler and dog a feel for what it's like to run under pressure representing the team at Nationals. However, given the numbers that are expected on our home ground we are restricting entrants to dogs that are currently competing in Masters Agility (have ADX title) as of closing date.

Selection will be based on individual performances of 4 x Masters Agility Courses run over 2 separate dates.

The 6 dogs will make up the Victorian Team with the lowest aggregate score over the 4 heats being selected to represent Victoria at the 2016 Agility Nationals Teams event in Victoria. All going well the first 5 dog and handlers will compete at the Team event, with the 6th being the emergency.

Details are below:

Event Selection:

- Dog / Handler team members will be selected using scores from 4 heats over Masters Agility courses
- 3 best scores out of the 4 heats will be used with worst score discarded
- Scoring will be based on team rules listed below
- 6 Dog / Handler teams with the lowest scores will be selected – 5 will compete and 1 emergency

Criteria for Entry:

- Handler / Dog teams should be intending to attend the Victorian Nationals
- Dogs, Owners / Handlers must be registered with Dogs Victoria and a resident in Victoria
- Dogs must have an ADX ANKC Title
- Dog and Handler teams must be prepared to complete the course presented even if that means that you go back to an obstacle. Obtaining a DQ and not completing the course does not help the Team.

Try out Dates:

- Heats 1 & 2 - will be on Saturday 11 November 2017
- Heats 3 & 4 - will be on Sunday 17 December 2017
- Heats will be held at KCC Park (unless otherwise advised)

After the heats we may run a fundraiser event where you pay a donation to have a fun run over the course that is set up. One course will remain Masters standard the other course will be adjusted to be an easier level.

Entry Process:

K9 Entries will be used to submit your entry/s. Note the system requires an 'entry fee' to be processed, however there will be no fee payable. You will be able to check your entries have been received online. The running order will be published closer to the date.

Entries Close: 31 October 2017

Scoring:

Scoring for selections is based on the 2016 ANKC National Agility Teams Events.

Each team will compete individually over each Trial Course in the designated running order.

The ANKC Ltd Rules for The Conduct of Agility Trials will be used to decide the results with the following differences:-

- A disqualification will incur 50 penalty faults. However the dog should continue and complete the course as correctly as possible as further faults under the standard rules will be accumulated as they occur and further disqualifications will each incur a further 50 penalty faults.
NOTE: A dog will score the 50 fault penalty on each occasion that it goes off-course. No regard is to be taken of how many “out of order” obstacles it takes on each occasion.
- A dog that is withdrawn from the ring, or fails to complete the course for any reason, will incur a score of 200 penalty faults. As an accurate time cannot be recorded a course time of 100sec will be recorded. The maximum faults that a dog can incur are 200.
- Results will be determined by ANKC Ltd scoring – i.e. Individual performances will be recorded with Clear Rounds, Course Faults, Time Faults and Penalty Faults being incurred and totalled.
- Each three (3) refusals incurred during a dogs run will equate to a disqualification = 50 penalty points. The disqualification points will replace the three (3) individual refusals. Any additional three (3) refusals will be counted in the same way.
Example 1: A dog has 2 refusals = 10 penalty points
Example 2: A dog has 3 refusals = 50 penalty points
Example 3: A dog has 4 refusals = 55 penalty points
Example 4: A dog has 6 refusals = 100 penalty points
- 3 best scores out of the 4 heats will be used with worst score discarded.
- In the event of a tie for any position the following criteria will be used to determine the Team eligible:
 - The Team with the lowest score over the 4 heats, then
 - The team with the lowest total course time from all 4 heats.

Entire bitches will be eligible to try out for teams if in season.

Bitches in season will be required to run last in the running order of their ring and will only enter the event precinct immediately prior to their competing and will leave the event precinct immediately after their run. A start line mat will be required for their starting position in the ring and will be placed at the exit gate near their lead. In order to accommodate this the Agility Committee reserves the right to schedule the published running order and the height order appropriately on the day, or to make other changes to the published running order should the need arise.