FIRST CLASS OF THE DAY

Introduce yourself to the judge

Check with judge about:

- ☐ walk throughs (separate for small/tall championship/performance etc?).
- ☐ whistle for timing error or continue run?

Gate setup:

- ☐ Determine location from course layout/course map.
- ☐ Set up easel and white/cork board - board with bottom tray preferred.
- ☐ Outdoors: weight easel (hang from center using hold-down strap from trailer).

Obtain:

- ☐ clips to hold on board and sheets.
- ☐ tape for posting sheets.
- ☐ felt pen for check-in.
- ☐ highlighter to cross off runs.
- ☐ Post worker schedule on gate board.
- ☐ Post A-frame and table heights on gate board (USDAA).

Timer and Scribe Setup

- ☐ Determine timer location from judge.
- ☐ Set up chairs (timer, scribe, ast scribe).

Obtain:

- ☐ clip boards (2).
- ☐ pencils (scribe, ast. scribe, + one extra).
- ☐ whistle.
- ☐ stop/go paddle.
- ☐ stopwatches (2, even if you are using electronic timers!).
- ☐ rout electronic timer cable.

Ring setup

- ☐ Set up baby gates for ring entrance-exit:
  - • Keep passing dogs and people out of the start-finish areas.
  - • Separate entering and exiting dogs.
  - • Prevent exiting dogs from running into congested areas or across street (Lacey Novice ring!).
- ☐ Set out chairs for ring stewards.
- ☐ Set out leash hanger.
- ☐ Set out ring sign .
- ☐ Obtain duct tape.
- ☐ Obtain ring clean-up materials (bucket, brush, spray bottle with cleaning solution).
- ☐ Locate hammers, spikes, drills, bolts, extra sand bags.
- ☐ Locate and check-in ring crew for 1st class - early!

EACH CLASS:

☐ Change ring sign to show current class (if used).
☐ Return gate sheets to score table (if they are being saved).
☐ Obtain gate sheets, scribe sheets/catalog for next class.
☐ Check gate location.
☐ Check timer location.
☐ Fill in holes in ring crew.
☐ Make sure that someone is putting the scribe sheets in order (if used).
☐ Introduce judge to timer and scribe.
☐ Check with judge:
  • Reset jump bars during run?
  • When next dog on the line?
☐ Instruct ring crew:
  • when to reset bars
  • how to set double, triple, and broad jumps, if used
  • how to adjust tire, if necessary
☐ Towards end of walk-through, ask people to set bars at the first jump height.
☐ Check course:
  • Stray tools, spikes, etc.?
  • Chute, weaves, spiked?
  • Teeter, Tire sandbagged?
  • Jumps set correctly? - Check doubles and triples.
  • A-frame and table at correct height?
  • All saddle-type tunnel bag handles are turned TOWARDS tunnels?
☐ Mark jump/table/A-frame height changes on the gate sheets,
☐ Make sure that moves are indicated all the way across all columns on the gate sheet list - otherwise the gate steward scanning down a column may miss a move marked only the right or only on the left.
☐ Brief the Gate Steward:
  • Make sure that the GS understands that handlers DO NOT need to take their dog off-leash as they move up to the line if there is ANY question about the reliability of their dog.

OTHER NOTES
1. Judge's Hospitality - check with the judge periodically to make sure that they have what they need - drinks, lunch etc.
2. Membership Records - Be sure to keep one copy of the worker schedule with people who showed up checked off or highlighted, and with any changes written in. If at all possible, HAND this to a member of the membership committee at the end of the trial. This saves the trouble of trying to mail it after the event.
3. Don't panic.

USDAA Table and A-Frame Heights

Championship

Dogs Jump Height	Table	A-Frame
26"	24"	high (75")
22"	24"	high (75")
16"	16"	low (66")
12"	12"	low (66")

Performance

Dogs Jump Height	Table	A-Frame
26" (jumps 22")	16"	low (66")
22" (jumps 16")	16"	low (66")
16" (jumps 12")	12"	low (66")
12" (jumps 8")	12"	low (66")

USDAA Spread (Double) and Jumps

The judge may set the span (horizontal distance between the first and second bar) anywhere within the allowable range. For dogs jumping 26" and 24", the span determines how the bars are set:

1. If the span is set in the range of 12" to 15", the bars are set parallel (both at the same height)
2. If the span is greater than 15" the bars must be set in the ascending configuration, with the 1st bar set at least 4" below the specified jump height.

Dog's Jump Height	Span (horizontal distance)	Bar Configuration	1st bar height	2nd bar height
26"	12" - 15"	parallel	26"	26"
	>15" - 24"	ascending	22"	26"
22"	12" - 15"	parallel	22"	22"
	>15" - 24"	ascending	18"	22"
16"	10" - 12"	parallel	16"	16"
12"	10" - 12"	parallel	12"	12"

USDAA Extended Spread (Triple) Jumps

Dog's Jump Height	Span (horizontal distance)	Bar Configuration	1st bar height	2nd bar height	3rd bar height
26"	20" - 24"	ascending	20"	24"	26"
22"	20" - 24"	ascending	26"	20"	22"
16"	12"	ascending	8"	12"	16"
12"	12"	ascending	4"	8"	12"

There are no Spread or Extended Spread Jumps in the Performance Program.