

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

DOCNA CHAMPIONSHIPS – September 22-24, 2017

The tentative dates of the DOCNA National Championships are September 22-24, 2017 and will be held in Carbondale, CO. There will also likely be pre-championships warm-up titling events on Thursday, September 21, 2017.

The championship will offer Standard, Gamblers, Jumpers, Snakes N Ladders and Trigility and the Championship Event North America Challenge on Saturday.

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 4, 2017 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 4, 2017 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.

2017 Championships Qualification Criteria

In order to qualify for the 2017 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, 2016 and August 4, 2017, and in addition they must have competed in a DOCNA Sanctioned Trial between Aug 1, 2016 and August 4, 2017.

- Off Courses will be judged as elimination, the handler may finish the course.
- The cutoff date for qualifying for the 2017 championships is August 4, 2017.

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

Tentative Schedule of Events
Sept 21, 2017 – Thursday – warm up events Carbondale
Sept 22-24, 2017 - 3 Day Show – see schedules below for each area

- The top 33% scores of combined runs in Rounds 1 & 2 and the top 33% scores of combined runs in Rounds 1 & 2 in Standard and Jumpers will move on to a final run in each event on Sunday.

Tentative Schedule of Events Carbondale, CO

****Please note that this schedule is tentative and regional events such as Gamblers, Time Gamble, Snakes 'N Ladders & Trigrility 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. ****

Friday – Sept 22, 2017	Saturday – Sept 23, 2017	Sunday – Sept 24, 2017
Snakes N Ladders (warm up – Qualifying Event) Training in the Ring allowed	Round #2 Standard Agility	
Snakes N Ladders		Strategic Time Gamble
Traditional Gamblers	North America Challenge Championship	Standard Agility Finals
Round #1 Standard Agility	Round #2 Jumpers	
Round #1 Jumpers	Trigrility	Jumpers Final