

Section 2 OFFICIAL CLASSES

2.1 RETRIEVAL PROFICIENCY TESTING

This is a test to assess the dog's ability to retrieve an object to its handler. The object to be retrieved is the handler's choice and may be any safe item (ball, stick, toy, Frisbee®). The item must be thrown a minimum of 10yds. The retrieval is scored as follows.

- The dog passes if the item is delivered to the thrower's hand or dropped within the handler's box.

Dogs passing the RPT receive a certificate.

Dogs need to have a competition number to enter the RPT.

All teams will be allowed one practice throw and retrieve.

No food or other toys are to be brought onto the field.

Handlers may use as many words, hand signals, commands or cheering as they wish.

Handlers must stay within the handler's box. The box will be an area 2 yards by 2 yards marked on the ground.

The object to be retrieved will be supplied by the handler and may be any safe item that does not damage or contaminate the field.

The dog must make a reasonably straight line from the retrieved object to the handler.

Once the dog enters the handler's box with the retrieved article it must not leave the box without relinquishing the object to the handler.

The dog must not drop or put down the retrieved object before entering the handler's box.

A dog and handler may not attempt more than one RPT test per sanctioned trial.

Section 2 OFFICIAL CLASSES

2.2 NOVICE SINGLE DISC RULES AND GUIDELINES

Section 2.2 – page 1 of 2

After achieving a qualifying score on the RPT dogs can compete for points and titles in the Single Disc class.

- Dogs who have not earned a BDD title must compete in the novice division.
- ***Handlers must use an approved disc (see the list of Approved Discs)***
- Each dog is given two one-minute rounds to achieve as many successful catches as they can.
- There may be no more than two one-minute rounds in a single sanctioned trial.
- Teams may not compete in back to back rounds. There must be sufficient time between rounds for teams to rest.
- The same handler must handle the same dog in both rounds of single disc.
- Two practice throws and catches (or misses) are allowed before the first round to assess wind and conditions. Handlers may waive their practice runs if they wish.
- The field is divided into measured distances: 0 yards, 10 yards, 15 yards, 20 yards and 30 yards.
- The thrower has the option to throw from either end to adjust to wind or sun conditions. The thrower cannot change ends once time has started. The handler can change ends from one round to another if they wish.
- Handlers may switch to another approved disc between rounds only. No disc can be changed during a round.
- Both the dog and the handler must be behind the throw line (0 yard line) before their time starts. The handler can cross the throw line at any time but must make all throws from behind the throw line.
- Time starts when the dog crosses the throw line.
- After the initial throw the dog does not have to be behind the throw line for additional throws.
- The dog must catch the disc to score points, but does not have to deliver the disc back to the handler.
- Points are awarded as follows:

All catches at or over the 10-yard line – 1 point
All catches at or over the 15-yard line – 3 points
All catches at or over the 20-yard line – 5 points

- Catches will be measured from the point at which the dog's leading front foot lands.
- All catches made while the dog is airborne (no feet touching the ground) will receive an extra bonus point.
- If the disc leaves the thrower's hand before time is called the catch will be counted.

- If the handler's feet touch or are over the throw line at the time the disc is thrown any catches resulting from that throw will be scored zero (0) points.
- A handler taking extra practice throws or starting before the judge indicates that he/she is ready will be given a 5-point penalty per extra throw.
- Once time is called the dog will be given a reasonable amount of time to retrieve the disc. Once retrieved if the handler then throws the disc again they will be assessed a 5 point penalty per throw. This rule is not meant to penalize a handler that throws the disc in error as time is called.
- If the disc becomes damaged during a round to the point that it is no longer safe (e.g. breaks in two) that round will end. A new disc may be used for the next round.
- The dog receiving the highest score for the two combined one-minute rounds will be declared the winner.
- All points earned in the single disc class (novice and advanced) count towards the dog's Disc Dog (DD), Disc Dog Excellent (DDX) and Disc Dog Champion (DDCh, DDACH, DDMCh, DDECh) awards.

2.3 NOVICE SINGLE MINI DISC DIVISION

- *Only dogs 15" and under are eligible to compete in the mini division*
- *The trial judge will measure all dogs in the mini disc division.*
- All rules for the regular distance class apply except that a smaller official disc is used.

Any Approved Mini Discs can be used for this class.

2.4 ADVANCED SINGLE DISC DIVISION

- *A dog that has earned a BDD must compete in the advanced division.*
- *Points will be awarded as per the Novice Single Disc Division with the addition that all catches over 30 yards will be scored 7 points.*
- *Catches made while the dog is airborne will receive an extra bonus point.*
- *All other rules are as per the Novice divisions*

2.4.a ADVANCED SINGLE MINI-DISC DIVISION

- A dog that has earned a BMDD title is eligible to compete in the advanced division
- Points will be awarded as per the Novice Single Disc Division with the addition that all catches over 30 yards will be scored 7 points.
- All other rules are the same as for the Novice Mini division.

Section 2 OFFICIAL CLASSES

2.5 FREESTYLE RULES AND GUIDELINES

This is a competition in which a dog and handler compete with a disc routine to music. The choice of music and routine are at the handler's discretion. Handlers must supply their own music in the form of a compact disc (CD).

Basic Freestyle

- Up to 5 official discs may be used in competition
- ***All discs must be of an identical brand and type of approved disc (see Approved Discs section 1.3)***
- Routines are to be a maximum of 90 seconds long (moves and catches after 90 seconds will not be scored).
- Time starts when the music starts.
- There are no count downs during the routine
- Routines will be scored according to the following three categories:

Catches:

Number of completed catches to throws

Tricks:

Straight throws

Multiple (minimum of 3 catches)

Crossings (in front or behind)

Over the Body tricks

Under the Body tricks

Artistic Impression:

Field Presentation

Disc Management

Disc Tricks

Drive

Ability

Choreography

Composition

- Catches are scored out of a potential 20 points
- Tricks are scored out of a potential **25 points**
- Artistic Impression is scored out of a potential **55 points**
- Total score is 100 points.
- The winner of this event is the handler/dog team that achieves the highest score.

Section 2 OFFICIAL CLASSES

2.5 FREESTYLE RULES AND GUIDELINES

Advance Freestyle

- Up to 8 official discs may be used in competition
- ***All discs must be of an identical brand and type of approved disc (see Approved Discs section 1.3)***
- Routines are to be a maximum of 120 seconds long (moves and catches after 120 seconds will not be scored).
- Time starts when the music starts.
- There are no count downs during the routine
- Teams competing in Advance freestyle must have already earned a BDF.
- Routines will be scored according to the following three categories:

Catches:

Number of completed catches to throws

Tricks:

Disc release

Multiple (minimum of 4 catches)

Leaps or vaults

Over the Body tricks

Under the Body tricks

Artistic Impression:

Field Presentation

Disc Management

Rhythmic Team

Drive

Ability

Coordinated Team movement

- Catches are scored out of a potential 25 points
- Tricks are scored out of a potential **20 points**
- Artistic Impression is scored out of a potential **55 points**
- Total score is 100 points.
- The winner of this event is the handler/dog team that achieves the highest score.

A Pre-Novice Freestyle class may be offered.

Section 2 OFFICIAL CLASSES

2.6 FURTHEST CATCH RULES AND GUIDELINES

- This class measures the distance the dog catches the disc.
- Each dog is allowed three throws using *an approved disc* (***see the Approved Disc section 1.3***).
- The furthest catch class may be further divided into male throwers and female throwers at the discretion of the trial host.
- A mini division for small dogs can be offered for dogs less than 15".
- A mini dog division will follow the same rules as the regular division except that ***an approved mini disc*** must be used.
- The handler must remain behind the throw line for each of the three throws.
- After crossing the 10 yard line the dog must not stop forward movement before the disc is released
- Only the furthest catches will be measured.
- Catches are measured from the point at which the dog's leading front foot lands (estimated as accurate as possible by the judge) using the closest yardage line on the green.
- The distance will be measured at a 90-degree angle to the yardage line.

Example:

Disc is caught 12 feet past the 30-yard line. The measured distance is 30 yards x 3 = 90 feet + 12 = 102 feet.

- All measurements will be recorded in feet and inches
- Only the furthest catch out of three throws will be recorded. (Catches that are short of a previous catch do not need to be measured or recorded.)

Use of ***Approved*** Discs:

- All dogs must use ***an approved disc***.
- Handlers may use a disc already supplied by the host club or they may supply their own disc.
- Discs that are damaged may be replaced with an identical disc during a round (between throws) if the disc is sufficiently damaged. The damaged disc must be shown to the judge and the replacement disc must be readily available (only a few seconds needed to replace it). Replacement discs must not be brought out onto the disc green. Only one disc may be on the green at any one time.
- No modifications may be made to the disc.
- At any time the judge may examine any disc that they feel may be modified.

The CDDA will maintain records of the furthest catches each year including the overall furthest record catch.