

DogsNZ Agility Standing Orders - Section 5

NZDAC Protocols

The following protocols give an outline which will assist with the planning of NZ Dog Agility Championships and covers items which are not in the regulations.

The Agility Committee will:

- Call for clubs in the zone to form a venue selection committee and subsequently an NZDAC organising committee.
- Endorse the organising committee
- Endorse the venue
- Approve the Schedule
- Approve the Judges
- Provide a budget template and approve the budget
- Provide a bank account and assist with setting up the signatories for the use of the organising NZDAC committee.
- Nominate someone from each zone to organise the Team Trials
- Pay the Team subsidies
- Pay for the Team shirts
- Not charge levies
- Upon approving the NZDAC budget, give \$5,000 to the organising committee for pre-show administration and expenses.

The Organising Committee will:

- Provide the names of the organising committee for endorsement. Provide the details of the Executive (Chair/Secretary/Treasurer) to become bank account signatories.
- Select a venue and provide information on the venue to the AC for endorsement.
- Provide a draft programme of events to the AC for approval.
- Provide a list of judges to the AC for approval.
- Meet the requirements of sponsors, Dogs NZ Executive and the AC Chair.
- Provide a draft budget before receiving the \$5,000 seeding money.
- Provide regular updates/reports to the AC, including financials. GST is payable on NZDAC income, less grants, less expenses, (excluding prize money) and needs to be factored into the budget and paid to the AC.
- Provide the AC with a full set of accounts with expenditure invoices for inclusion in the AC accounts by 31st January following the NZDAC.
- The Budget for NZDAC should be done with a view (as a minimum) to return the \$5000 seed money to the Agility committee at the completion of the event accounts. Making large profits should not be the prime consideration of the running of the show but budgeting toward a small profit should be encouraged.
- Organise and run the event
- Pass information on for use in future years
- Pay for all expenditure except Inter-Zone team subsidies and shirts.
- Return any surplus funds to the AC.

- Provide the AC Chair, if competing, meals and social tickets. If not competing, provide travel, accommodation, meals and social tickets.
- Invite the President of Dogs NZ to attend as a guest.
- Check if any other Executive members wish to attend and assist to book their accommodation and ensure there are social tickets available for them. (Note the expenses for other executive members are paid by DogsNZ Head Office)

NZDAC Venue Selection Committee

Purpose of the committee:

To select the venue for the NZDAC. Once the venue is selected, the organising committee will be formed.

Process:

1. The committee consists of one person from each club in the zone.
2. The committee calls for venue proposals from any club or individual in the zone.
3. The proposal should include a description of the venue, a layout of how it would work, probable cost and any other details that would support the proposal such as Council support, accommodation, camping etc.
4. The committee will review the proposals
5. The committee will then vote to select a venue at least 20 months prior to the event.
6. Once the venue is selected and approved by the AC, an organising committee will be formed.

NZDAC Team Selection Process

Introduction:

Each Zone shall run a team selection process in order to select a team for competition in the Inter-Zone Teams Event at NZDAC. A complete team consists of four dogs and four handlers. Each dog/handler will compete in a separate class (Starters, Novice, Intermediate, Senior). Jumpers dogs may also be added to the team, depending on the format used.

General Rules for Conduct of Team Selection

Zone Coordinator

- Each Zone will require a person willing to coordinate the teams' selection process in that Zone. The AC will assist, if required, in locating an individual who is willing to take on this role.
- The Zone Coordinator will be responsible for all matters pertaining to the running of the agility team selection process including setting the entry fee, advertising the trials, setting up online entries, collecting payment, selecting the venue and contracting judges. (see 'selection of judges' below). They may delegate some of these duties.
- The Zone Coordinator will ensure that the name and contact details of the Agility Team Manager for their Zone is given to the NZDAC organising committee by 15th September.

Format

- The dates for the trials will be in the Calendar, they will be held in August.
- There is a set format for the running of each Zone's trials. To find the SOP for your Zone, follow the relevant link below:

[Zone 1 Team Trials](#)

[Zone 2 Team Trials](#)

[Zone 3 Team Trials](#)

[Zone 4 Team Trials](#)

[Zone 5 Team Trials](#)

Entry

- The close of nominations for team trials will be up to each zone.
- An entry fee should be charged per dog. This is to cover all trials and is non-refundable, regardless of the number of trials attended. It is to cover the costs of the trial not covered by any AC subsidy.
- All entrants must be financial members of Dogs NZ
- All entrants must be intending to attend NZDAC
- All entrants must be a member of an Agility Club within their Zone.

Team Member Requirements

- Team members are required to travel to NZDAC and enter the Teams Event.
- Team members are required to wear the Zone uniform. The T-shirt will be supplied by the AC. The rest may need to be supplied by the team member eg. trousers.
- A Team manager will be selected by the team. Their role is to act as liaison between the team and NZDAC organisers.

Bitches in Season

- As (under Dog Training regulation 6.2.1) NZDAC Team Trials are a recognised and approved "fixture", Dog Training regulation 5.4.2 must apply and bitches in season will not be allowed to attend the trials.

Selection of Judges for Trials

- Zone coordinators are free to select judges as they wish for the running of any specific team trial, provided that usual eligibility rules apply.
- It is recommended that the judges for team trials are from the Senior panel.

Announcement of Teams

The Agility Team for each Zone will be announced at the completion of the final trial for that Zone. The team must be entered by 15th September.

IZT Agility Committee Subsidy

Purpose of the subsidy:

- To ensure national participation at our national event.
- To apportion the budget allocated fairly to eligible team members.

The subsidy will be issued to assist with travel expenses. The individual subsidy will vary depending on the area that is being travelled to for NZDAC. The AC will determine the amount to be paid each year to each member of each zone team.

Method:

The subsidy will be the return price of a regular small car ferry crossing (not including the driver) plus 10 cents per kilometre (less first 200km).

The subsidy will be paid to each team member as soon as practical after receipt by the AC of the team members details.

Any team member who becomes unable to attend NZDAC prior to travelling to the venue must repay the subsidy in full.

Any team member who becomes unable to compete in the Zone Teams Event after travelling to NZDAC must provide a current doctor's certificate or a vet's certificate that specifically excludes that team member, or their dog, from competing on the day. They do not need to refund the subsidy they received.

Reserve dogs and/or handlers who are brought into the team during the NZDAC will not receive any subsidy.

NZDAC Finals:

Finals at NZDAC are the pinnacle of competition, the best of the best compete to find the champion in each standard Agility and Jumpers Class. The same method of qualifying for finals will be used every year. This will ensure the system will be understood by competitors and be consistent from year to year.

- Finals provide a point of difference for NZDAC that is exciting to watch, compared to normal club Agility Events.
- Finals determine the National Champions at each level for the year.
- Qualifying for a final should be considered an achievement in itself.
- The qualification system should maintain an interest during the running of the heats to add to the atmosphere at NZDAC.
- Finals are to be competitive.
- There will be at least 3 dogs in each height class.
- The winner of each height in each class in the heats automatically progresses to the final.
- Each final should take no more than 30 minutes to run all the dogs.

The number of dogs in Finals

There will be approximately 25 dogs in each final. These are allocated to the height groups in each class in the following manner:

- 25 x (number of dogs in height group/number of dogs in the class) rounded DOWN.
- A minimum of 3 dogs in each height group.

Examples:

300 dogs in Intermediate (3 heats)

Height	Number of Dogs in height	Calculation	Number of Dogs in Final
240	21	$25 \times 21 / 300 = 1.8$	3
300	54	$25 \times 54 / 300 = 4.5$	4
500	128	$25 \times 128 / 300 = 10.7$	10
600	97	$25 \times 97 / 300 = 8$	8
Total			25

122 dogs in Starters (3 heats)

Height	Number of Dogs in height	Calculation	Number of Dogs in Final
Small	25	$25 \times 25 / 122 = 5.1$	5
500	63	$25 \times 63 / 122 = 12.9$	12
600	34	$25 \times 34 / 122 = 6.9$	6
Total			23

Qualifying for Finals

- The standard agility and jumpers classes are the 'Heats'
- 1st place from each heat in each height automatically qualify for that final.
- Place getters receive points: 2nd = 9 points, 3rd = 5 points, 4th = 3 points, 5th = 1 point.
- For each height:
 1. Allocate places for the heat winners
 2. Calculate the number of places available for each height in the class (the number of places in the final for each height minus the winners)
 3. Allocate those places to the dogs with the most points
 4. If in the event of a tie on points, the number of dogs in the final for a height exceeds the number of places available, all the dogs on tied points would proceed to the final.

Example: Starters Small, 3 heats, 5 places nominally available:

Bob	Winner
Mack	Winner
Jed	Winner
Lucy	12
Bess	9
Zee	9

- Lucy, Bess and Zee all qualify for the final as they are on the same points and there is one extra small dog in the final