via telephone conference.

Agility Course Test (ACT) Event Regulations

The Board reviewed the proposed regulations for the new Agility Course Test (ACT) event. ACT is an entry level agility event meant to introduce beginning dogs and handlers to the AKC agility program and, in a larger sense, the AKC as a dog sport organization.

There are two levels at ACT events – ACT1 and ACT2. ACT is designed to be used as graduation exercises for agility training classes. The structuring of ACT events resembles the CGC program in a number of ways.

Unique things about ACT events are –
- Can be hosted by an AKC club or an independent training facility provided the event is judged by an AKC agility judge or AKC approved ACT evaluator. Because the ACT is relatively simple, ACT evaluators are not required to obtain the same standard of training required of an AKC approved agility judge.
- Small ring size in order that the event can be held in most training facilities.
- Host organizations may accept day-of-event entries at their option.
- Dogs not yet registered/listed may participate. Results will be recorded by assigning the dog a temporary recording number. In essence the registration/listing process will be started with the hopes that the owner will complete the process in order to obtain a title and continue in AKC agility.
- No event application is required.
- Event recording fee is $5.00 per entry.

Following a motion by Mr. Wooding, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously, absent: Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Gladstone) to approve the regulations for a new beginning level agility event called Agility Course Test (ACT). These will become part of the *Regulations for Agility Trials – Chapter 12*. Hosting organizations may start offering ACT events on January 1, 2016.

REGULATIONS FOR AGILITY TRIALS CHAPTER 12

Regulations for Agility Course Test (ACT)

Section 1. Purpose.

The Agility Course Test (ACT) is an entry level agility event to introduce beginning dogs and handlers to the sport of agility and the AKC agility program.

Section 2. ACT Event.

There are two levels of ACT events – ACT1 and ACT2. ACT 1 is designed for the beginning level dog to show beginning sequencing and performance skills. ACT2 requires an increased skill level shown by the additional obstacles to be performed.

Section 3. Eligibility of Dogs.

All dogs fifteen (15) months of age or older may enter a test. Dogs must be physically sound as described in Chapter 1, Section 3, Paragraph 7 of the Regulations for Agility Trials. In order to acquire the title certificate and have the title added to a dog's record, the dog must be registered/listed with the AKC. Canine Partner applications may be accepted at the test by the judge/evaluator and submitted with test results. Dogs that are not AKC registered/listed may participate and their performance will be recorded by the AKC under a temporary recording number. This temporary recording number will be e-mailed to the owner and must be used when entering subsequent ACT events and when the owner registers/lists the dog. Note: Temporary recording numbers may only be used to enter ACT events.

Section 4. Holding ACT Events.

Any AKC club licensed to hold agility trials may hold an ACT event, either in conjunction with an agility trial or as a stand-alone event. An ACT event held in conjunction with an agility trial may be noted in the premium. In addition, any AKC agility judge/ACT evaluator may hold a stand-alone ACT event. The event does not have to be held by an AKC licensed club. No more than two ACT1 and/or two ACT2 events may be held per day.

No event application to the American Kennel Club is required. ACT events may be held as the graduation exercise for training classes provided they are judged by an AKC agility judge or ACT evaluator. See Section 8 for information about ACT evaluators.

Entries may only be accepted if the exhibitor has filled out an ACT entry form. The form must meet all requirements as set forth in Chapter 1, Section 11. Entries may be accepted prior to the event with a predetermined opening and closing date and/or they may be accepted on the day of the event.

All applicable regulations in Regulations for Agility Trials will govern the conduct of ACT events. They will apply to any person and dog entered, unless this chapter states otherwise.

Section 5. Ribbons, Rosettes and Awards.

Ribbons, rosettes and awards may be awarded at the club/evaluators' discretion. Ribbons must bear a facsimile of the seal of the American Kennel Club, the words "ACT Event." A label may be used to identify the Judge/Evaluator, Class, date of event and be placed on the back of the ribbon. Ribbons must be at least 2 inches wide and 8 inches long. Ribbons shall be the following colors:

First Place ....Blue
Second Place ....Red
Third Place ....Yellow
Fourth Place ....White
Qualifying Score ....Dark Green

Certificates, toys or other awards may be used in place of ribbons to recognize dogs that qualify.

Section 6. Submission of Results and Reports.

Results must be submitted as noted in Chapter 1, Section 28. The judge or an ACT evaluator must submit the Test Report in place of Trial Chair and Trial Secretary Reports noted in Chapter 1, Section 28. No event kits will be mailed for ACT events. All forms must be downloaded from the AKC website located under downloadable forms. *(www.akc.org/downloadable-forms/)*

Section 7. Jump Height Divisions.

Dogs may be entered at any of the following jump height divisions: 4, 8, 12, 16, 20 or 24 inches. There is no Regular or Preferred distinction in the ACT program. A jump height card is not required to enter an ACT event, but handlers are encouraged to have their dogs measured if a VMO is available.

Section 8. Judges/Evaluators.

Approved AKC Agility Judges or ACT Evaluators may judge ACT tests.

Evaluators must have earned a minimum of an AX title with one dog and pass an ACT Evaluator written test administered by the American Kennel Club.

Section 9. Course Size, Suitability and Facilities.

Course areas must be a minimum of 3,500 useable square feet. The course area must be moderately level and clear, and be a minimum of 40 feet wide. Refer to Chapter 4, Sections 1 and 2 for additional information.

Section 10. Course Requirements.

All courses must have clearly designated start and finish lines and all obstacles/jumps must be clearly and sequentially numbered. The course layout must be available prior to the walkthrough either by posting it and/or supplying course copies to the exhibitors. Course designs must comply with the current edition of the AKC Agility Judges Guidelines and be submitted for approval to the AKC Agility Department. Courses may be reused by Judges/Evaluators at their discretion.

Section 11. Obstacle and Jump Positions.

Refer to Chapter 4, Section 3. The following exceptions are in place for ACT1 and ACT 2:
- Obstacles may not have adjacent entrances in ACT1 and ACT2.
- A course may have less than 50% winged jumps.

Section 12. Approach Angles.

Approach angles are determined based on the anticipated path of a 20-inch high jumping dog through the obstacles. Approach angles shall generally not exceed 90 degrees, but must not exceed two times at 135 degrees. Additional consideration for safety maybe needed based on the obstacle being approached and the running surface.

Section 13. ACT1.

ACT1 is an entry level test that is open to all dogs that have not earned a title in any AKC Agility class and that meet the age and physical requirements for a regular AKC agility trial (Chapter 1, Section 3). Dogs must have two passing ACT1 scores in order to earn the ACT1 title. Both passing scores may be obtained under the same judge/evaluator. To receive the title certificate and have the

title added to a dog's record, the dog must be registered/listed with the AKC.

ACT1 Performance Standards:
- Minimum allowable score required to qualify = 85
- Performance will be judged as set forth in Chapter 5, Sections 4, 5 & 6 with the following exceptions:
  - Run-outs and Refusals will not be judged.
  - More than 3 attempts at the next correct obstacle (ascent side of contacts) will result in a Mandatory Elimination and will be signaled with an "F" by the judge/evaluator.
  - The 4 –Paw rule is not in effect

ACT1 Standard Course Time:

The time for all jump heights is 60 seconds. This is also the maximum course time. The course must be completed in less than 60 seconds.

ACT1 Minimum Obstacles Requirements:
- Quantity =10-12
- Obstacles required, allowed and not allowed – refer to section 12 for chart.
- All obstacles must meet AKC equipment regulations in Chapter 3

Section 14. ACT2.

ACT2 is the second level Agility Course Test that is open to all dogs that have not earned a title in any AKC Agility class except an ACT1 title and that meet the age and physical requirements for a regular AKC agility trial (Chapter 1, Section 3). Dogs must have two passing ACT2 scores in order to earn the ACT2 title. Both passing scores may be obtained under the same judge/evaluator. To receive the title certificate and have the title added to a dog's record, the dog must be registered/listed with the AKC.

ACT2 Performance Standards:
- Minimum allowable score required to qualify = 85
- Performance will be judged as set forth in Chapter 5, Sections 4, 5 & 6 with the following exceptions:
- Run-outs and Refusals will not be judged
- More than 3 attempts at the next correct obstacle (ascent side of

contacts) will result in a Mandatory Elimination and will be signaled with an "F" by the judge
- The 4 –Paw rule is not in effect

ACT2 Standard Course Time:

The time for all jump heights is 70 seconds. This is also the maximum course time. The course must be completed in less than 70 seconds.

ACT2 Minimum Obstacles Requirements:
- Quantity =11-13
- Obstacles required, allowed and not allowed – refer to section 12 for chart
- All obstacles must meet AKC equipment regulations in Chapter 3

Section 15. Obstacles for ACT1 and ACT2.

OBSTACLES	ACT1	ACT2
Dog Walk	N	A
A-Frame	R(1) set at 5' for all heights	R(1) set at 5' for all heights
Seesaw	N	R (1)
Pause Table	N	R (1) 6 poles
Weave Poles	N	R (1) 6 poles
Open Tunnel	R Max (3)	R Max (3)
Closed Tunnel	N	A (1)
Bar Jump	A	A
Double Bar Jump	A	A (1)***
Panel Jump	A	A
Tire Jump	A	R
Broad Jump	N	A (1)**
Triple Bar Jump	N	A (1)**
One Bar Jump	R	R
Number of Obstacles	10 – 12	11 – 13

R = Required Obstacles
A = Allowed Obstacles
N = Not Allowed
**A maximum of one spread jump required on the course.
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