

2007 One-Day Nationals Qualifying Event

General

A one-day Nationals qualifying event will be offered on Thursday, August 16, 2007, prior to the 2007 AAC National Championships. The event will be held at Halton Place Equestrian Centre Halton Hills, Ontario. This will be a special, limited entry-qualifying event, with a maximum of 40 teams participating. Rules of the competition will be as per the AAC Regional Rules. All height categories in Regular, Specials and Veterans classes will be offered. Dogs must have a valid AAC ID card to compete.

Entries

Entries will open on the same day as the Nationals entries and must be **postmarked by July 13, 2006**. All entries to this event must also include a completed Nationals entry form (including associated fees). All selected entrants to the one-day qualifier will be automatically entered in Nationals.

Selection Criteria

Entries will be ranked and selected based on the following criteria (in no particular order):

1. Unable to compete at Nationals due to an error in handling of a Regional entry.
2. Unable to compete at Regional event due to an injury to the dog (also including heat cycles for intact females) that any dog that is unable to compete in the Regional event due to an injury will need to supply a vet note to that effect (dated prior to the regional date) with their pre-qualifier application.
3. A dog/handler team may apply to compete in the one-day Nationals pre-qualifier if the dog or handler was injured during the Regionals, was not able to complete the 6 rounds and did not accumulate the points necessary to qualify for the Nationals. The officiating judge must provide a letter to validate the injury. It is the accountability of the handler to have this letter prepared by the judge on the day of the injury at the Regionals. This letter must be attached to the application for entry into the one-day Nationals pre-qualifier and sent to the NSC for approval. Alternately, a letter from a Veterinarian may be used to verify injury of a dog. This application will be placed with all other applications and be reviewed by the NSC in due process. Taking the first obstacle on the first course is considered "competing in the Regionals".
4. Unable to compete at Regional event due to an agility judging conflict.
5. Unable to compete at Regional event due to illness of the handler.
6. Unable to compete at Regional event due to conflicting family commitments and/or family emergency.
7. Unable to compete at regional event due to dog not being of age at time of regional.
8. Others (out-of-country applicants and anyone who does not meet one or more of above criteria).

In all of the above categories, preference will be given to AAC members over non-members. General criteria will be made public, however specific ranking and selection criteria will be kept confidential, so that information provided on entry forms will not be biased towards the highest

ranking selection criteria. The Host committee reserves the right to ask for documentation to verify any of the above criteria.

In the event that all entries falling into categories 1 through 9 above have been entered in the qualifier and places are still available, a random draw will be made to fill the remaining places. At any point in the selection process where there are more equitable entries than places are available, a random draw will be used to fill the trial. The random draw will be supervised to ensure impartiality.

Entry Fees

Entry fees will be \$110.00 plus GST, covering all 6 events in one day. Entries must be accompanied by a completed and paid Nationals entry. Cheques are to be made out to the Agility Association of Canada.

Prizes

No placings, or Regional championship equivalent prizes/trophies shall be awarded. Participants who qualify with 300 pts will receive a qualifying rosette. Note: participants will have the option of dropping out of remaining events, if sufficient points to qualify for Nationals are earned prior to the completion of all 6 events. No refunds will be given for events not run. One of each of the standard class, gamblers and jumpers will be run before the second class of each is run. Please note, competitors are welcome to run all six events, this is only an option.

Volunteers

Judge: Claude Dionne

Selection Committee: AAC National Steering Committee (Julie Press, Kathryn Harvey, Heather Taylor, Nicole LeBlanc, Suki Ford, Theresa Rector, Linda Barton)

Non-qualifiers

Teams competing on the one-day qualifier that are unsuccessful in earning sufficient points (300) to qualify for the Nationals, will have their Nationals entries pulled and entry fees refunded for the nationals entry.

Venue

Halton Place Equestrian Centre
Halton Hills, Ontario