

This is a brief synopsis of the new AKC Rules. Please refer to the full explanation for details.

## **AKC Rule changes as of September 2010**

- 1) **Single breed specialties** may hold a trial on the same day and same site as an all breed club either consecutively or concurrently. They may share the same judge. The specific breed may only show in the specialty and not the all the breed show. For example, the Collie Club of New England could hold a collie only trial and another club could hold an all breed (except collies) trial at the same time. This would allow Collies to compete against only collies. It's an idea for National clubs that want to have special attention for their breed but can't afford to pay for equipment and judges for a singular breed. The
- 2) **Aframe height** is to be set within 1 inch of 5 feet 6 inches, except for the 4" and 8" jump heights, which shall have the A-Frame set to within 1 inch of 5 feet 0 inches.
- 3) **Dog Walk** They must touch the down contact zone with any part of one foot prior to exiting the obstacle. The up contact will no longer be judged
- 4) **Table** The dog shall pause on the table for five cumulative seconds. The judge's count shall start once all four paws have touched the table (and the dog remains on the table top). Neither a sit or a down position shall be required
- 5) **Weave Poles performance** If the sequence is broken, the dog must restart the weave poles at the first pole, beginning anew between poles number 1 and number 2 from right to left. **Dogs are allowed three attempts at the weave poles and then must go on. This is new for Novice and Open dogs. You cannot re enter mid way through the poles.**
- 6) **Panel Jump** if wind conditions merit, the panel jump may be replaced with a bar jump.
- 7) **Tire Jump height** shall be set one jump height division lower than the Bar Jump height.
- 8) **Training on show grounds** No training is allowed on the trial equipment from 12:00 a.m. the day of the trial, to at least one (1) hour after the completion of the trial (on the last day of any set of trials).
- 9) **Chute, tire, dog walk, seesaw or a frame** If the dog gets tangled up in the closed tunnel fabric, gets hung up going through the tire, or falls off on the ascent side of the dog walk, A-frame or seesaw, the handler has the choice to immediately reattempt the obstacle once and then leave the course. Alternatively, the handler has the choice not to retry the obstacle the dog had trouble with and continue running the course.
- 10) **Increase in time** 8" dogs and 24" dogs will now get more time to run the course.

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## **Changes effective July 2011**

**Multipliers** 1 point is awarded for each full second under standard course time. Multipliers for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place will no longer be in effect.

## **Changes effective January 2012**

**Chute** The length of the fabric on the chute must be between 6 feet and 6 feet 6 inches, measured with the chute fabric attached to the barrel and the measurement should be taken from the bottom edge of the exit end of the barrel (with the fabric lying on the ground) to the exit end of the chute fabric.

**Weave Poles** uniformly spaced at 24 inches

**Double Bar and Triple Bar Jumps** Solid sides that do not allow viewing of all bars from both sides of the obstacle are not permitted.

**Jump Wings.** Jump wings must be between 16- and 36-inches wide (24-inches recommended). Wings must be between 26 and 42-inches tall and can be angled. Wings may either be freestanding or attached to the upright of a jump. **It is recommended that wings be placed at the rear of the triple bar jump (e.g. even with the highest bar) and at the mid-section of a double bar jump (since the double may be bi-directional).** The combined width of a bar jump's upright and wing may be no more than a maximum of 40-inches.

**Time To Beat** T2B-a new class -read full rules.

## **Rules effective July 2012**

**Lifetime Achievement Award will be awarded** as Bronze, Silver, Gold, Century titles. Master Bronze Agility Title for Standard is MXB and requires 25 Q's in Ex B Std. An additional 25 Q's earns the Master Silver Agility Title MXS, and 25 more earns the Gold MXG and 25 more earns the Century award MXC.

The same is true for JWW with titles of MJB, MJS, MJG, MJC

The same is true for FAST with the titles of MFB, MFS, MFG, MFC

Time to Beat will accumulate multiple titles also.

Preferred titles are: Std: MXPB, MXPS, MXPG, MXPC JWW: MJPB, MJPS, MJPG, MJPC  
FAST: MFPB, MFPS, MFPG, MFPC

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**PACH** 750 points and 20 QQ's for a Preferred Agility Championship