

Ultimate Air Dogs Event Rules

(Specific Splash/It-Game rules found on ultimateairdogs.com/eventsexplained.html)

- 1. The Event Judge always has the final say. Any questions should be directed to Brian or Milt Wilcox.**
- 2. A Judge may not judge his/her own dog or family dog(s). A Judge may jump his dog if there is a 2nd judge (not related) willing to judge him.**
- 3. The definition of "HANDLER" means the person that THROWS THE TOY.**
- 4. Female dogs in heat are banned from the event premises at all times.**
- 5. Dogs must be AT LEAST 6 months old, and you may be asked for proof if your dog looks too young. Special circumstances are considered if you have an exceptional swimmer that is younger than 6 months old, but keep in mind that it is solely at the discretion of the event Judge. Please ask the Secretary if you can speak to the Judge because you would like your pup evaluated for competition. The event Judge can test the pup's swimming ability, and it is up to him/her if they will allow your dog in.**
- 6. Your dog must be considered an above average swimmer. This is the dog that has no fear in the water, and will swim out for his/her toy with no extra splashing or flailing about. This means that your dog can get in a pool, lake, pond or what have you, and swim around with no erratic splashing. The dog's confidence should be at the highest level. The reason why we won't let an immature dog participate is important for you to understand... if your dog gets "water freaked" in the slightest bit, not only could it ruin your dog from ever swimming again, but the likelihood of your dog losing his trust in you completely is great. That's the last thing you want. We will only accept dogs that are above average swimmers.**
- 7. Only ONE dog may be off lead at a time*.**
 - a. This is the dog who's turn it is on the dock. All other dogs must remain either on lead or kenneled at all times.**
 - b. It is your responsibility to watch that the dog on the dock is back on lead before unleashing your dog.**
 - c. NO RETRACTABLE LEASHES!**

***The exception to the one dog off lead at a time rule is when you have one handler/owner that owns 2 dogs, and the owner wants to use one of their dogs to help urge the other to jump. This is allowed and encouraged, as long as the owner has control of his dogs, no other dogs are off leash, and there are enough people**

willing to help out when the dogs are coming out of the pool.

8. No abusive treatment of dogs will be permitted during or outside of competition.

a. This includes any harsh correction and collar jerks.

b. No pushing or pulling the dog up the stairs or into the pool. (The dog MUST go in on its own accord for the jump to be scored.)

c. "Training collars" are not allowed on the dock. This includes but is not limited to prong collars, pinch/choke collars, etc. Electronic "dummy" collars, or e-collars in the "off" position are permitted on the dock, BUT the remote control must be left on the secretary's desk. Nothing may be hanging off of collars, either. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification.

d. DO NOT EVER PUSH YOUR DOG OFF THE DOCK!

e. We retain the right to ask anyone to leave our event at our discretion.

9. No vertical jumping into a UAD pool is allowed!

10. There may be 2 handlers on the dock - one to hold the dog while the other "handles" the dog, as long as we have an electronically signed liability waiver for each person. In unique service dog situations with pre-approval from UAD, we may allow 3 people on the dock. We will also allow anyone who can't get on the dock because of a disability, to throw from the ground on the side of the pool. At UAD, it really is about the dog having fun!

11. UAD's whole concept is revolved around the dog, not the team. Therefore, each dog can only be listed in the running order once per Splash - there is no exception. However, handlers can be switched at any time. So if you have 2 handlers, you can either take turns being the person who throws for each of the 2 jumps, or 1 handler throws for the dog for both jumps in 1 Splash, and the other handler throws for the dog in a different Splash. The dog will only retain the highest score in the Bubble, and can then only jump in the Finals in a single division with either handler. Just make sure that there is a liability waiver on file with us for each!

12. In the case of a dog biting a person, the offending dog's owner will be asked to leave the event site immediately. Incident will be reviewed for severity. Second offense will be a permanent ban from all UAD events.

13. No fighting allowed amongst handlers. Incident will be reviewed before judgment is given.

14. UAD reserves the right to refuse admittance to anyone.

15. Respect the personal space (and social distance) of others.

a. When in line, it is your responsibility to be aware of the dog and human in front of you and behind you, keeping your dog out of reach of all others. Maintain a 6ft distance.

b. When leading your dog, be aware of all other dogs and humans around you.

c. When in the Staging area, please do not touch the property of others without permission. This includes but is not limited to dogs, kennels and all other belongings.

16. There is No Poop Fairy... Pick up all of your waste.

a. We retain the right to ask anyone who has not picked up their dog's waste, to leave the event.

b. You are responsible for bringing bags to pick up after your dog(s). Bags are sometimes available at the Registration desk, if you forgot yours. (Hand sanitizer is usually available.)

c. This also includes any garbage you or your family may accumulate while at the event, ie. Beverage bottles, paper products, etc...

17. There will be a designated Staging Area at events.

a. You are encouraged to bring a kennel, doggy waste bags, food, treats, water, bowls, towels, blankets, toys, an emergency medical kit and/or anything else necessary for your dog's comfort and care while at the event. NOTE: WE DO NOT PROVIDE TOYS.

b. You are welcome to bring chairs, a pop-up canopy*, coolers, non-alcoholic beverages, food and anything else necessary for your family's comfort and care while at the event. *Space is sometimes limited.

c. All of these things should remain within the Staging area.

18. All competitors and staff must conduct themselves in a civilized manner, which reflects the values of Ultimate Air Dogs.

a. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated.

b. Common sense prevails.

19. CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS: All UAD events are rain or shine... so there are no refunds unless the event gets canceled. If your dog becomes injured prior to the event, you will receive a refund (minus applicable fees) with a verifiable Vet certificate. If you need to cancel your registration for any event, or make any changes to your registration, please, e-mail events@ultimateairdogs.com within three (3) days prior to the event.

20. FINALS: You must check-in with the event secretary 30 minutes prior to the start of the Finals to be eligible to participate. The Finals are free and are totally determined by the Bubble, which is a running compilation of every dog's highest score throughout the course of the event. The top 5 dogs from each division are invited to compete in the Finals. Please note... It is impossible to know if your dog will be in the Finals until the last Splash's scores are put into the computer, and a final Bubble is made. The event secretary will take a "roll call" to check everyone in. When you are asked to give your dogs name, do so and then please step aside. Do not ask if you are in the Finals because the event secretary won't know who is in the Finals until everyone has checked in. So it goes without saying that the more you jump, the better the dog gets, the more chances he/she has to qualify to be invited to the Finals.

Also, even if your dog is sitting in 8th place, it doesn't count him out... dogs will constantly jump out of their division, as well as some people don't show up for the Finals because they don't think they will make it, moving you up.

In the case of a tie, the 2nd best jump score is taken into consideration. If both scores are tied, the two dogs are placed in the same "place" position on the Bubble. Awards are given to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd placements. Participation ribbons are typically available for 4th & 5th.

21. SPECIALTY FINALS - Featherweights, Jr. Handlers, Veteran Dogs, and Checkers: In some instances (where time and amount of dogs permit), we have "specialty finals" for Featherweights, Jr. Handlers, Veteran Dogs, and Checkers (Working Dogs). If a dog qualifies for the regular Divisional Finals, and also qualifies for Featherweight, Veteran, or Checkers, the handler would be allowed to pick which one to participate in, as long as we have enough dogs in those divisions, but the dog is not able to do both.

Jr. Handlers: To be considered a Jr. Handler, you must compete in at least 1 Splash and Handle the dog so that you appear on the Bubble. For a Jr. Handler to be considered for the Jr. Handler Finals, there must be enough dogs and enough time. If an adult jumps a dog in a regular Splash, and a Jr. Handler jumps the same dog in a different Splash, an exception is made for the dog to participate in the Finals twice... but if this is the case, the adult handles the dog in the regular divisional Finals, and

the Jr. Handler handles the dog in the Jr. Handler Finals. The definition of "HANDLER" means the person that **THROWS THE TOY**. This is also subject to time and amount of dogs that are qualified to participate in the Finals.

For any specialty division Finals, awards are given to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd placements.

22. CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

a. Everyone **MUST** check-in with the Secretary at least 30 minutes before **EACH** activity on the event schedule, even if you have registered. Otherwise, you will not be included in the running order. Additions will not be made after the activity has begun.

b. Every one who wants to get on the dock **MUST** have a Liability Waiver on file with us – there are no exceptions.

23. PRACTICE: OPEN PRACTICE costs \$30 per dog, per day.

EVERY NEW DOG TO UAD MUST START BY ENTERING THE POOL VIA THE RAMP PRIOR TO GETTING ON THE DOCK... NO EXCEPTIONS!

Please respect others in line and only take 2 jumps per turn, then feel free to jump back in line. Each dog will get as many practice jumps as permitted by how much time we have allotted.

24. PRICES:

SPLASHES, CATCH-IT, and CHASE-IT are \$25 per dog, per round (online signup discount \$5); **FETCH-IT** is \$30 per dog, per round (online signup discount \$5).

At this time there are no ASCA Reporting Fees for competitors.

ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

24. Have Fun and Be Safe!