

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 Milt or Brian 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. Female dogs in heat are banned from the event premises at all times.
4. 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.
5. 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 your trust completely is great. That's the last thing you want. We will only accept dogs that are above average swimmers.
6. 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 un-leashing 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.

7. 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 secretaries 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.
8. No vertical jumping into a pool is allowed!
9. There may be 2 handlers on the dock - one to hold the dog while the other "handles" the dog. In unique service dog situations we 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 side. At UAD, it really is about the dog having fun!
10. 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.
11. 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/UKC events.
12. No fighting allowed amongst handlers. Incident will be reviewed before judgment is given.
13. UAD reserves the right to refuse admittance to anyone.
14. Respect the personal space 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 4ft 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.

15. 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 also usually available.)

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

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. If you are participating in our UKC program, you MUST submit your UKC# upon registering for each event. Otherwise, your scores will not be submitted to the UKC. Per the rules of UKC, there are no retroactive exceptions.

19. NO SHOW FEE: There is a \$5 NO SHOW FEE per dog, per Splash, Fetch It, Catch-It, or Chase-It round that you've registered online and are a NO SHOW, which must be paid before you participate in another event.

For each NO SHOW, there is one dog that was denied the opportunity to jump!

Please understand that cancelling is fine! 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 of the event. In case of an emergency within 3 days of an event, please e-mail or call Milt or Brian:

Milt 904-860-0039 Milt@ultimateairdogs.com

Brian 248-721-6455 Brian@ultimateairdogs.com

20. CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

a. All competitors MUST check in with the Event Secretary at the Registration Desk for EACH activity during the designated Registration Period, which is no less than 30 minutes prior to an activity. Otherwise, you will not be included in the running order. Additions will not be made after the activity has begun. If you are participating in more than one activity per day, it is not necessary to check in for each activity, HOWEVER, this does not include the FINALS.

b. Everyone MUST sign a Liability Waiver.

21. 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. We take the top 5 dogs from each division for the Finals. 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 – in other words, we cannot post the results or the Finals running order prior to the Finals, nor are you able to call a UAD staffer to find out that information. You MUST BE PRESENT (or you may phone a friend to find out if applicable) no later than 30 minutes prior to the Finals. The event secretary will take a "roll call" to check everyone in - You may have someone else check in for you. When you are asked to give your dogs name, do so and then please step aside. The event secretary won't know who is in the Finals until everyone has checked in. If you do not check in before the allotted time, you will lose your spot to the next best dog. 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. Rosettes are given to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd placements. Participant ribbons are available for 4th & 5th.

21. SPECIALTY FINALS

In some instances where time and amount of dogs permit, we have "specialty finals" for Featherweights, Jr. Handlers, Veteran Dogs, and Checkers (Service Dogs). If a dog qualifies for the Divisional Finals and also qualifies for a Specialty Division, the handler would be allowed to pick which one to participate in, but the dog is not able to do both. Ribbons are given to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd placements. Participant ribbons are available for 4th & 5th.

23. COSTS:

OPEN PRACTICE costs \$10 per dog, per day. Each dog will get as many practice jumps as permitted by their turn in line. Please respect others in line and only take 2 jumps per turn. SPLASHES are \$20 per dog, per round (online signup discount \$5); CATCH-IT, CHASE-IT, & FETCH-IT are \$25 per dog, per round (online signup discount \$5). At this time there are no UKC Reporting Fees because we pay a flat fee per event. ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

24. Have Fun and Be Safe!