

Class Changes Effective January 1, 2020

Entering a Mixture of Regular and Preferred Classes Within the Same Trial Weekend – Multiple Jump Heights Within the Same Trial Day

Effective January 1, 2020, exhibitors may enter a mixture of both Regular and Preferred classes on the same trial day and/or during a trial weekend. For example, the same dog may now be entered in Regular FAST and/or T2B to finish up those titles while also entered in Preferred Master STD/JWW to start working towards their PACH at the lower height. Any mixture of Regular and Preferred classes is allowed.

Please note that if a dog qualifies in Regular Master Standard and Preferred Master JWW (or vice versa) on the same trial day, then NO Double Q shall be earned toward either the MACH or PACH title. The Double Q still requires that Standard Agility and Jumpers With Weaves be either both Regular OR both Preferred on the same trial day.

Additionally, within the same Regular or Preferred classes, a dog may now be entered in multiple jump heights within the same trial day. For example, the same dog may now be entered in 20-inch Master STD/JWW while also entered in 24C-inch Premier STD/JWW on the same trial day.

A separate entry form must be submitted when the same dog is being entered in a mixture of Regular and Preferred and/or different jump heights within the same trial weekend thereby clearly indicating which class(es) and/or jump heights belong together for each trial day of the weekend.

When calculating entry fees, treat multiple entry forms for the same dog as if only one form had been filled out. In other words, the 1st run entry fee is only paid once per day, per dog, even if that dog's runs have been submitted on multiple entry forms.

Entering For Exhibition Only (FEO)

As of January 1, 2020, For Exhibition Only may be offered at the option of the host club. FEO will be offered on a one-year pilot basis in order to give AKC time to evaluate its impact. FEO will allow exhibitors to work with their dogs in a trial environment. FEO is only allowed in the Time 2 Beat and FAST classes. FEO will be of value to new exhibitors or exhibitors that are having difficulty with a specific obstacle and/or ring environment. Competitors must enter in T2B and/or FAST. Participation in FEO is non-qualifying.

- FEO runs are treated as trial entries. The exhibitor must enter the class(es) (T2B and/or FAST) prior to the closing date, pay class entry fee(s) and the Trial Secretary must record the entry in the Trial Catalog as part of the results for that class. FEO does not need to be noted on the entry form; the handler will declare the day of the show.
- Dogs may be entered in any jump height for FEO runs. If entered in an ineligible jump height, the team is committed to FEO for that run and must declare FEO on the start line. Day of show jump height changes are not allowed.
- Dogs may be entered in any level of FAST (Novice, Open, Excellent, Master). If the dog is not eligible for the level entered, the team is committed to FEO for that run and must declare FEO on the start line. Day of show level changes are not allowed.
- The exhibitor must declare FEO in the ring prior to leading out. FEO may be declared earlier (ex. when checking in at the gate board).
- Toys are allowed in the ring
 - Toys must be non-audible
 - Toys may not leave the handler's hand
 - Toys that roll freely cannot be used
- Food/treats are not allowed in the ring
- FEO should be utilized for the benefit of the dog and not as a punitive correction. Harsh verbal and /or physical corrections shall not be tolerated. Any determination of harshness by the judge shall be immediately whistled and the handler will be dismissed from the ring.
- A judge must monitor the entire run. Judges can stop a run at any time

Fix and Go On (FNG)

As of January 1, 2020, Fix and Go On will be offered on a one-year pilot basis in order to give AKC time to evaluate its impact. FNG allows exhibitors to immediately reattempt an obstacle at any time while on course when the dog's performance of an obstacle is not to their expectation. This allows the dog to successfully complete the obstacle then finish the course or leave the ring on a positive note. Using FNG will result in a non-qualifying score.

Fix and Go On is not pre-entered; rather, it occurs during the course of the run.