



AGILITY DOG ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA LTD

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MEDALLION STAKES POLICY

Introduction:

ADAA wishes to encourage and facilitate participation by Members across a wide cross-section of competitions, recognising achievement at a local/regional level as well as in national events.

Purpose:

The ADAA Medallion Stakes is an annual awards based competition for Dogs registered with ADAA. The purpose of this Policy is to provide guidelines for Members for participation in the Medallion Stakes and Medallion Stakes Invitational.

Policy Statement:

This Policy covers the specific requirements for entry and participation in the Medallion Stakes and Medallion Stakes Invitational.

Definitions:

Dog – a Dog registered on ADAA's International Programme Register or Regular Programme Register.

Judge – Judge appointed and currently authorised to officiate at ADAA events

Region – geographic areas, as defined in this Policy

Responsibilities:

Board of Directors – responsible for implementing and managing this Policy, including issuing invitations for the Medallion Stakes Invitational

Judges – responsible for lodging Judge's Medallion Stakes Registration Form

Procedure:

1. Rules & Summary of Competition

- 1.1 The Medallion Stakes will be held within each of the four height Classes (separate competitions for International and Regular Programme Registered Dogs). It is the Dog that receives award points. The Handler may vary from round to round.
- 1.2 During 2011 the competition will be conducted over eleven (11) rounds between October 2010 and June 2011, with a maximum of nine (9) rounds to count toward any Dog's points tally. This should allow invitations for the Medallion Stakes Invitational to be issued prior to close of entries for the Grand Prix. The first round for each region will be conducted at the 2010 Grand Prix (future years will commence from July, to allow a spread of events over 12 months), each region will conduct a further nine rounds where Dogs may earn points and there will be a bonus round at the ADAA Nationals 2011. Points earned in each region may only be used for a Dog's tally in that region, so points earned in SEQLD may only be used for a Dog's SEQLD tally. For rounds conducted at the same location simultaneously, points will be allocated to the tallies in the region of residence as listed on ADAA records unless otherwise notified to ADAA in writing.
- 1.3 For the 2011 competition, four regions will be on offer: NSW (all competitions conducted in New South Wales), WA (all competitions conducted in Western Australia), SEQLD (all competitions conducted in the South East Queensland pocket up to and including Bundaberg), NQLD (all competitions conducted in Queensland north of Bundaberg). A competition conducted outside of the nominated region may be deemed to be included in a region's round, but this will be clearly specified (eg 1st round at Grand Prix, ADAA Nationals Bonus Round, a Northern NSW round may be tagged to SEQLD).

- 1.4 Each of the rounds will be at Open A or Regular-Open A Standard as applicable to the class. Dogs will be awarded points based on a clear round/qualifying run and time/faults/points earned basis. The Owner of any/all Dogs that have achieved the set minimum number of points at the completion of the eleven rounds (within each region) will be awarded a Bronze, Silver or Gold Medallion. Duplicate medallions may be purchased from ADAA (cost available on application).
- 1.5 Further, rankings based on points achieved throughout the competition will be used for ascertaining eligibility (from each region) for the top ten (10) in each Class to receive an invitation to the Medallion Stakes Invitational (to be conducted at the 2011 Grand Prix).
- 1.6 Each Round to be held under the Rules and Agility Regulations of the Agility Dog Association of Australia Ltd, and these Rules and Summary of Competition. Additionally, all ADAA policies must be adhered to.
- 1.7 Host entities must allow Dogs that have not been awarded their Australian Agility Dog title to enter the Medallion Stakes Round hosted by them. Host entities must offer four height classes across both IPR and RPR for each Medallion Stakes Round. Host entities must conduct at least 3 Open and Regular-Open standard tests or games on the competition day to be eligible to conduct a round.
- 1.8 A maximum of three rounds may be offered within any three day period in each region.
- 1.9 Judging and specific scoring/benchmark details for all Games will be announced by the Judge prior to the Game. Judges must use benchmark options 4 or 5 when conducting Individual Gamblers rounds.
- 1.10 All Dogs and Handlers must be registered with ADAA.
- 1.10.1 Dogs under 18 months of age are not eligible for entry.
- 1.10.2 Dogs that have not been awarded their AAD title are eligible to enter the competition.
- 1.10.3 Bitches in oestrus may not compete or remain in the precincts of the Competition.
- 1.10.4 Dogs may only enter Classes as per the eligibility for Classes in the ADAA Regulations and the schedule of events.
- 1.11 There are no additional fees (over and above normal entry fee) for competing in the Medallion Stakes.
- 1.12 Any disputes regarding any aspect of the competition or the prize will be resolved by the Board of Directors of ADAA, in such manner as they may determine, and such decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 1.13 It is a condition of entry that the Owner/Handler authorises ADAA to take, or arrange to have taken, any and all photographs/video-taping of Dog and/or Handler and releases copyright of such photos/video-taping to ADAA for its use as it deems fit (including publication in any magazines).
- 1.14 Upon hearing a MCT/Dismissal horn/whistle (if used) the Handler and Dog must immediately leave the ring.
- 1.15 Any attempt to impugn the Judge, or any display considered by the Judge (or ADAA Board of Directors) to be unsportsmanlike or not in the best interests of the sport and/or ADAA may result in the Handler being deemed ineligible to win a prize/medallion.
- 1.16 All Dogs entered in Classes, other than Maxi, must have an official height recorded with ADAA to be eligible for a medallion and/or an offer to participate in the Medallion Stakes Invitational.
- 1.17 Unless specifically approved by the Board of Directors (due to special circumstances), points earned in a height Class are not transferable to another height Class.
- 1.18 Points earned by a Dog in the International Register Programme competition are transferable to the Regular Programme Register competition if a Dog transfers between the two registers during the competition timeline, but not vice versa. This will occur at the time of transfer unless otherwise notified to ADAA within 14 days of a transfer request.
- 1.19 It is required that Handlers will assist with course changes, and stewarding, in rings.
- 1.20 The Medallion Stakes will consist of the following eleven rounds (11) for each region:
 - 1.20.1 4 x Agility,
 - 1.20.2 3 x Jumping,
 - 1.20.3 2 x Gamblers, and
 - 1.20.4 2 x Snooker.
- 1.21 Medallion Stakes rounds will be clearly marked on the schedule. Dates will be proclaimed in advance, including nominated reserve dates. A list of Competitions where rounds will be conducted will be published to the ADAA web page (and distributed to mail out members via their monthly mail out) as the dates are confirmed.
- 1.22 A Judge nominated to judge on the same day as a round of the Medallion Stakes, be it at the club holding the Medallion Stakes round or any other club, in the same region or not, may nominate a Dog or Dogs that they have registered for the year as handling the Dog in Medallion Stakes, to receive a bonus of fifteen (15) points in lieu of the opportunity to compete in that specific round. If a Judge has to travel on the day of a Medallion Stakes round so that they can get to/from a competition they are judging before/after a Medallion Stakes round, then they will also be eligible to nominate a Dog(s) to receive the bonus points. A Dog cannot be nominated to receive the 15 point bonus if it competed in the Medallion Stakes for that specific round. Judges may only receive the bonus points for registered Dogs for a maximum of three rounds in their region of domicile. Judges are ineligible to receive the 15 point bonus for the round

conducted at the Grand Prix, unless a judge at the Grand Prix judges for the entire weekend or the specific Medallion Stakes event and does not compete, then they are eligible for the 15 points for the round held at the Grand Prix. A Judge's Medallion Stakes Registration Form must be lodged by Judges, in writing by posting to ADAA's postal address or email to secretary@adaa.com.au, to register Dogs that they would like to be allocated points for in Medallion Stakes rounds that they have performed a judging obligation in lieu of competing. Only Dogs that have been officially registered with ADAA, using the form, on or prior to the competition date or on or before 15 March 2011 to nominate rounds conducted in 2010, will be awarded points under this rule. If a Dog that does not live in the household of the Judge, is handled by another person in a particular round, then all subsequent rounds will be deemed ineligible for points allocation under this rule. (normal points allocation is still applicable.)

- 1.23 Medallions will be awarded to all Dogs that earn at least One (1) Clear Round or Qualifying Certificate AND total points in line with the following (there is no limit to the number of Dogs that could acquire the set number of points below):
- 1.23.1 65 - 84 points - Bronze Medallion,
 - 1.23.2 85 - 114 points - Silver Medallion,
 - 1.23.3 115 and above points - Gold Medallion.
- 1.24 At the completion of each round, the judge will take the scoresheets and submit them to the ADAA coordinator for that region for processing. If a club wishes to get a copy of the scoresheets for rounds conducted by them, then please contact the Secretary and a photocopy will be returned to the club.
- 1.25 As progressive results are calculated they will be added to the ADAA web page for viewing. Disputes should be submitted in writing within 14 days of the round results being officially posted on the ADAA web page or ADAA mail out for those in receipt of these.
- 1.26 If a competition round is cancelled, the nominated round will be delegated to the reserve date. If the reserve date is no longer suitable, the Board reserves the right to nominate another date.
- 1.27 The Point score system in each Class for deciding the placings over the eleven rounds of Agility/Jumping/Snooker/Gamblers in the Medallion Stakes, will be to award points on the following basis:

Agility/Jumping	Points
Clear Rounds	15
0.01 to 4.99 faults	10
5.00 faults	9
5.01 to 9.99 faults	7
10.00 to 14.99 faults	5
15.00 to 19.99 faults	3
20.00 or more faults	2
Elimination	1

Speed Bonus for Clear Rounds for Agility/Jumping Rounds	
Dog's Time	Bonus Points
T >=20% under SCT	5
20% under SCT > t >=15% under SCT	4
15% under SCT > t >=10% under SCT	3
10% under SCT > t >=7.5% under SCT	2
7.5% under SCT > t >=5% under SCT	1

Snooker/Gamblers	Points
Qualifying Round	20
40 points or more (non-qualifying)	10
Points earned: 35 to 39	9
Points earned: 30 to 34	7
Points earned: 25 to 29	6
Points earned: 20 to 24	5
Points earned: 15 to 19	4
Points earned: 10 to 14	3
Points earned: 1 to 9	2
Points earned: 0 or Elimination	1

2. Medallion Stakes Invitational

- 2.1 Points earned in the Medallion Stakes will be used to ascertain eligibility for invitation to the Medallion Stakes Invitational to be held at the 2011 Grand Prix.
- 2.2 The top ten (10) in each class, in each region, after eleven rounds (maximum of nine rounds to count toward Dog's points tally), who have met the minimum points tally of forty-one (41) points, will be invited to compete in the Medallion Stakes Invitational. If that invitation is declined or not responded to within 14 days (or the date specified on the invitation), invitation will be extended to the next placed Dog and so on, until all ten places from each region are filled or no more Dogs are eligible. If tenth place is tied, all Dogs on the cut-off total of points will be invited. In the event a Dog qualifies in more than one region it will only receive an invitation from the region that it earned the highest placing on the points tally. Dogs that have transferred from the International Register will be placed accordingly within the respective Medallion Stakes tally. The cut-off for this transfer is 14 days after the last round is completed.
- 2.3 The Medallion Stakes Invitational will be a single Agility Test for each height Class within the respective Programme, scored as per normal ADAA Regulations. Placings will be awarded to first, second and third provided five or more competitors are in the class, otherwise first place only. Details of prizes will be included in the 2011 Grand Prix schedule.
- 2.4 The Medallion Stakes Invitational (at the Grand Prix) will be free of entry fees for those invited to compete. Clear Round Certificates will be issued at the Medallion Stakes Invitational.
- 2.5 The Medallion Stakes Invitational will be held under the Rules and Agility Regulations of the Agility Dog Association of Australia Ltd, and this Policy.
- 2.6 This event is only open to Dogs that qualified and whose invitation was accepted in accordance with this Policy.

Stakeholders to be consulted prior to policy change:

Board of Directors

Related documents:

ADAA Agility Regulations REF-AR-001

ADAA Medallion Stakes Rounds REF-MEM-002

ADAA Judge's Medallion Stakes Registration Form FOR-JDG-041

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