



**AGILITY DOG ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA LTD**

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## **ADAA MEDALLION STAKES 2009**

### **Rules and Summary of Competition**

1. The ADAA Medallion Stakes is an annual awards based competition for dogs registered with ADAA. 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.
2. During 2009 the competition will be conducted over ten (10) rounds between October 2008 and August 2009, with a maximum of nine (9) rounds to count toward any dog's points tally. Both NSW and QLD will conduct ten rounds where competitors may earn points. Points earned in NSW may only be used for your dog's NSW's tally, points earned in QLD may only be used for your dog's QLD tally. For rounds conducted at the same location simultaneously, points will be allocated to the tallies in the state of residence as listed on ADAA records unless otherwise notified to ADAA in writing.
3. Each of the rounds will be at the 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 ten rounds (within each State) will be awarded either a Bronze, Silver or Gold Medallion. Duplicate medallions may be purchased from ADAA (cost available on application).
4. Further, rankings based on points achieved throughout the International Programme Register competition will be used for ascertaining eligibility (from each State) for the top ten (10) in each Class to receive an invitation to the Medallion Invitational Stakes (to be conducted at the 2009 Grand Prix).
5. 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.
6. Host entities must allow non-AAD dogs to enter the Medallion Stakes Round hosted by them. Host entities must offer 4 height classes across both IPR and RPR for each Medallion Stakes Round. Host entities must conduct at least 3 Open standard tests or games on the competition day to be eligible to conduct a round.
7. 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.
8. All dogs and handlers must be registered with ADAA.
  - Dogs under 18 months of age are not eligible for entry.
  - Non-AAD dogs are eligible to enter the competition.
  - Bitches in oestrus may not compete or remain in the precincts of the Competition.
  - Dogs may only enter Classes as per the eligibility for Classes in the ADAA Regulations and the schedule of events.

9. There are no additional fees (over and above normal entry fee) for competing in the Medallion Stakes.
10. 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.
11. 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).
12. Upon hearing a MCT/Dismissal whistle (if used) the handler and dog must immediately leave the ring.
13. 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.
14. 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 invitation to the final.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. It is expected that handlers will assist with course changes, and stewarding, in rings when possible.
18. Any dog who has had contact with an infectious disease (except kennel cough), is excluded from any ADAA sanctioned event for 18 days post contact. If a dog on club grounds is established as having an infectious disease (except kennel cough), then all dogs on the ground are excluded from ADAA events for 18 days. Any dog who has kennel cough, or any dog in the same household, is excluded from any ADAA sanctioned event for 21 days from the onset of clinical signs of kennel cough. (see Interim Kennel Cough Policy)
19. The Medallion Stakes will consist of the following ten rounds (10) for each State:
  - 3 x Agility,
  - 3 x Jumping,
  - 2 x Gamblers, and
  - 2 x Snooker.
20. Medallion Stakes rounds have been selected for the following competitions (and will be clearly marked as such on the schedule of events):

**Rounds for NSW:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> October 2008 – A.D.A.A. Grand Prix
- 13<sup>th</sup> December 2008 – ADAA (Glendenning)
- 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009 – ADAA
- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009 – PICS
- 28<sup>th</sup> March 2009 - SCDTC
- 16<sup>th</sup> May 2009 – ADAA (this is a double round competition)
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- 13<sup>th</sup> June 2009 – ADAA (Kiola)
- 14<sup>th</sup> June 2009 – ADAA (Kiola)
- 25<sup>th</sup> July 2009 – SCDTC
- Reserve dates: 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 – PICS. If a round should be cancelled, ADAA reserves the right to schedule two (2) rounds at a competition date listed above.

**Rounds for Qld:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> October 2008 – A.D.A.A. Grand Prix
- 8<sup>th</sup> November 2008 – ADCQ
- 6<sup>st</sup> December 2008 – BADC
- 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009 - PADS
- 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009 – WAAG – Amended date
- 28<sup>th</sup> March 2009 – SFAC – Amended date
- 3rd May 2009 – ADAA Dogmania
- 6<sup>th</sup> June 2009 – BDS – Cancelled, replaced by 16<sup>th</sup> May 2009 (ADCQ)
- 27<sup>th</sup> June 2009 – PADS
- 19<sup>th</sup> July 2009 – WAAG
- Reserve dates: 7<sup>th</sup> March 2009 (ADCQ), 16<sup>th</sup> May 2009 (ADCQ), 4<sup>th</sup> July 2009 (BADC)

21. 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 state 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 state 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 and does not compete, then they are eligible for the 15 points for the round held at the Grand Prix.

22. A Judge's Medallion Stakes Registration Form must be lodged by Judges 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, prior to the round, 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.)
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):
- 65 -84 points - Bronze Medallion,
  - 85 - 114 points - Silver Medallion,
  - 115 and above points - Gold Medallion.
24. At the completion of each round, the judge will take the scoresheets and submit them to ADAA 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.
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.
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.
27. The Point score system in each Class for deciding the placings over the ten rounds of Agility/Jumping/Snooker/Gamblers in the Medallion Stakes, will be to award points on the following basis:

<b>Agility/Jumping</b>	<b>Points</b>
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
<b>Speed Bonus for Clear Rounds for Agility/Jumping Rounds</b>	
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

<b>Snooker/Gamblers</b>	<b>Points</b>
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

### **Medallion Stakes Invitational**– International Programme Register only

1. Points earned in the Medallion Stakes will be used to ascertain eligibility for invitation to the Medallion Invitational Stakes to be held at the 2009 Grand Prix.
2. The top ten (10) in each class, in each state, after ten rounds (maximum of nine rounds to count toward dog's points tally), who have met the minimum points tally of thirty (30) points, will be invited to compete in the Medallion Invitational Stakes. 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 state 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 both states it will only receive an invitation from the state that it earned the highest placing on the points tally. Dogs who have transferred from the International Register will be ineligible for invitation, or to compete in the Medallion Invitation Stakes.
3. The Medallion Invitational Stakes will be a single Agility Test for each International height Class, scored as per normal ADAA Regulations. Placings will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Details of prizes will be included in the 2009 Grand Prix schedule.
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 Invitational Stakes.
5. The Medallion Invitational Stakes to be held under the Rules and Agility Regulations of the Agility Dog Association of Australia Ltd, and these Rules and Summary of Competition.
6. This event is only open to dogs who qualified and are registered on the International Programme Register only.

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**Judge's Medallion Stakes Registration Form.**

This form should be lodged by Judges 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, using this form, with ADAA, prior to the round, 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.) This rule (and form) is only applicable to nominated Medallion Stakes rounds.

Judge's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ADAA No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This Dog does/does not live in my household (*delete whichever is not applicable*)

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ADAA No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This Dog does/does not live in my household (*delete whichever is not applicable*)

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ADAA No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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This Dog does/does not live in my household (*delete whichever is not applicable*)