

TOP DOG JUDGES APPLICATION

PLEASE SUBMIT PHOTO WITH ALL NEW APPLICANTS

Application and test to be returned to:
ADBA P.O. Box 1771, Salt Lake City, UT 84110
or email to heather@adbadog.com for correction

(Completed test must be submitted at least two weeks prior to scheduled event)

New Applicant (Complete section 1 & 2) Renewal (Complete section 1)

Application must accompany test**

Section 1

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone (____) _____ Cell phone (____) _____

Male / Female DOB: _____ E-mail: _____

Location(s) of Airport(s) you would be flying out of: _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Section 2

****TWO CLUB OFFICERS MUST SIGN FOR ALL NEW APPLICANTS****

Name of Sponsoring Club _____

Signature of 1st Club Officer _____ Date _____

Signature of 2nd Club Officer _____ Date _____

Time involved with the Top Dog Events:

Assist as Club Member: _____ Judge fun events: _____

Exhibitor _____

****Please note: Passing the written test does not automatically make you eligible to be an overall judge. At the discretion of the ADBA, you may be asked to mentor under another judge before fulfilling the overall judging position.**

(02/06/23)

“Top Dog” Judges Exam

(To be returned to ADDBA for correction – Use additional paper if needed for answers)

The Following Questions Pertain to the TDAE Overall Rules:

1. What age must a dog be to compete in a sanctioned “Top Dog” event? _____
Any Exceptions? _____
2. Two handlers are allowed to handle the dog in each event. Yes / No (circle one)
3. How many dogs must compete for a sanctioned Top Dog Event? _____
4. How many dogs must compete for it to be considered a “Major”? _____
5. A total of _____ separate competitions must be held for a Sanctioned “Top Dog” event.
6. How many groups will you be dividing into if you have 6 – 14 dogs entered? _____
7. How many groups will you be dividing into if you have 15 - 27 dogs entered? _____
8. How many groups if you have 28 - 52 dogs entered? _____
9. How many groups if you have 53 – 65 dogs entered? _____
10. How many groups if you have 66 – 78 dogs entered? _____
11. What is the **most** groups you can have for a Top Dog Event? _____
How many dogs must be entered for this number of groups? _____
12. What is the goal when dividing dogs into groups? _____

13. Can the judge weighing the in the dogs also have a dog in competition? Yes / No
Explain: _____

14. What are the duties of the Overall Top Dog Judge? _____

15. Can the Overall Top Dog Judge have a dog entered in the event? Yes / No (circle one)
16. Can a Sanctioned Wt Pull judge weigh the dogs for a Top Dog Event? Yes / No (circle one)
17. Any Top Dog Event that is judged by a non-certified judge, or a judge whose certification has expired, been suspended, or revoked, will have points voided. True / False (circle one)
18. If there is a Handler Withdrawal (HW) or a no score (a zero), how many events must that dog score in to be to be counted for a Major Event? _____ Explain: _____

19. Can a dog weighing exactly 45 or 55lbs choose what group will be competing in? (circle one) Yes / No Explain: _____

20. All dogs entering Top Dog are to be weighed and measured (height taken at the withers) before entry is considered complete? Yes / No (circle one)
21. How do you measure the height at the withers using a wicket? _____

22. Weigh-in will be performed the day of the first event entered. Yes / No (circle one)
23. Dog must have a "time or score" listed for each event to be considered for tiebreaker. Yes / No (circle one)
24. The drag sprint will be used as an alternative for any of the three events: Treadmill race, wall climb, lure course. Yes / No (circle one)
25. Dogs being weighed for Top Dog can use the same weight for the weight pull, and vice versa. Weight will remain the same throughout the weekend, regardless of day of entry. Yes / No (circle one)
26. For Overall Top Dog Tiebreaker: Only the 9 final overall dogs (regardless of group) are to be considered. True / False (circle one)
27. If a tie results, and scores of all three events equal the same score, explain the method used to break this tie: _____

28. What would be the second tiebreaker? _____

29. If dogs are the same height and went the exact same height on the wall, do you use the number of attempts to break the tie? Yes / No Explain: _____

30. When are the treadmill race results used regarding the Overall tiebreaker? _____

31. NOTHING other than a ADBA regulation "type" tug can be used as bait in a sanctioned Top Dog event. True / False A) Color of the tug is of no consequence. True / False
32. The tug can be altered with a squeaky toy. True / False (circle one)
33. The judge must approve all tugs to be used in the event. True / False (circle one)
34. What equipment besides a regulation "type" tug is required for the owners to supply to compete in the Top Dog Event?
 a. Wall Climb: _____

- b. Treadmill Race: _____

- c. Drag Sprint: _____

- d. Lure Course: _____

35. Any participant that uses bait other than a regulation tug will be disqualified and dog may no longer participate. (No refund will be given) True / False (Circle one)

36. How does a Top Dog judge know if they have the current Top Dog pull rules and/or current test? _____

37. It is the responsibility of each contestant to pay attention to when & where they need to be to compete. If contestant is not ready to compete when it is their turn, dog will get a “no score” on that competition. Judges and or Stewards are not responsible for dogs missing event. True / False (circle one)

38. Can you tell also by looking at date at bottom on the last page of rules and test . (Example: 02/07/20) Yes / No (circle one)

39. What do you consider to be a “regulation” tug? _____

40. When can a challenge be made on a specific event? _____

The Following Questions Pertain to Grouping of the Dogs

List the steps taken to group the dogs:

a) Once registration is closed and dogs have been weighed, the steward/score keeper will _____

b) The overall Top Dog Event official (to be designated by the hosting club) will take the list from the steward and divide the below “weights” for each day into balanced as possible groups:

Day 1) 28 30 30 35 39 43 43 45 45 46 47 49 49 51 55 55 55 57 58 58 63 63

Day 2) 12 15 31 31 33 33 35 38 40 40 50 52 55 63 68

Day 3) 17 25 30 34 36 40 42 46 47 50

How would you group these weights? 33 34 40 40 40 43 44 45 45 57 58

Explain: _____

c) Once the groups have been determined, the steward/score keeper will _____

d) If multiple dogs are the same weight, the judge will take the height of those dogs into consideration and _____

The Following Questions Pertain To The Treadmill Race:

1. What type of treadmill is used for this event? (circle one) Slat Mill / Carpet Mill
2. Dogs' toenails must be at a trimmed length to run on the slat mill. Who must check dog's nails prior to insure proper length? _____
3. Can the dog touch the handler, tug, etc. once time has begun? _____
4. What is the result if this occurs? _____

5. Dogs will compete in turn, within each group, beginning with the lightest dog. True / False (circle one)
6. How many judges are required for this event? _____
7. Does this event require a steward? _____ How many? _____
8. What are the duties of the Treadmill Race Judge? _____

9. How long does a dog run to consider the race a success? _____
10. What determines the winner? _____

11. Stability of equipment is paramount. If equipment fails and cannot be repaired in a reasonable amount of time, the Drag Sled will be used. Who makes this call? Explain: _____

12. Must all dogs in group use same timing/distance device? Yes / No (circle one)
13. The judge may stop and re-start the event at anytime for the dogs' safety or equipment malfunction. True / False (circle one)
14. All placement ties within a group will result in a one-minute run-off Yes / No (circle one)

The Following Questions Pertain To The Wall Climb:

1. Dog **must** be on no more than a _____ foot leash when competing in this event.
2. What is the minimum height of a dog's first climb? _____
3. Who decides the beginning height of a dogs' first climb? (circle one) Judge / Handler

4. Who decides how many 4" segments to be added after a successful climb? (circle one)
Judge / Handler
5. What determines a successful climb? _____

6. How many attempts at each height is a dog allowed to complete a successful climb? ____

7. The dog continues to advance in height with each successful climb until it is out. True
False Mark One
8. Dog is allowed 3 failed attempts at each height. True / False (circle one)
9. A parting stick may be needed to part the tug from the dog. Who is required to part their
dog from the tug? _____ Any exceptions? _____

10. Once height is set, and tug is in place, it can be brought back down to encourage the dog
as needed. True / False (circle one)
11. Is the tug required to come down in the dog's mouth to be considered a successful climb?
Yes / No (circle one) Explain: _____

12. How do you break a tie if two (or more dogs) are the same height and went the same exact
height on the wall? _____
13. When would a "climb off" be held? _____
How is this done? _____

14. The starting area will be a designated area with a starting line **no less** than _____ feet from
the wall and the back line to be **no more** than _____ feet from the wall. (Fill in the blanks)
15. How many judges are required for this event? _____.
16. Does this event require a steward? _____ How many? _____
17. Can the dog's front paws be in front of the starting line? Yes / No (circle one) Can the
dog's front paws be behind the back line? Yes / No (circle one)
18. How much time is allowed for a contestant to get ready for the next increase in height after
a successful jump? _____

19. What do you consider most important when judging? A) To treat all contestants fairly with
equal consideration. Or B) Make sure the contest is completed within a reasonable
amount of time? Explain: _____

The Following Questions Pertain to The Lure Course Competition:

1. Dogs will run a distance of no less than _____ feet. (Fill in the blank)
2. What determines when the "time" will begin? _____

- What determines when to stop the "clock"? _____
3. Can the Lure Course track to be in a straight line? Yes / No (circle one)
4. Can the Lure Course track to be in an oval? Yes / No (circle one)
5. What is considered an attempt?
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____
6. How many attempts are allowed before the dog is considered out? _____

7. What defines an alibi? _____

- If/when an alibi exists, what happens? _____

8. How many judges are required for this event? _____
9. Does this event require a steward? _____ How many? _____
10. What happens if there is a placement tie? _____
11. Spectators are not permitted to bring their dog up to the course fencing. Holding area should be substantially away from the actual course. True False
12. What determines the winner? Distance covered / Elapsed time (circle one)
13. Holding area and contestants should be far enough away to avoid interference. Who ensures this is done? _____

14. If using electronic timing equipment and equipment fails and cannot be repaired in a reasonable amount of time, what happens? _____

15. Does the handler have the option for a 2nd run on the Lure? Explain: _____

16. *Must* the timekeeper be the Judge of the event? Yes / No (circle one)
17. What happens if the Lure Course has an equipment failure that can not be fixed? _____

The Following Questions Pertain To The Drag Sprint Competition:

1. Dogs will pull a weighted drag sled no less than _____ feet and no more than _____ feet.
2. What determines when the stopwatch/timer will begin? _____

3. What must cross the finish line to stop time? Dog's Nose / End of sled / After the dog has crossed, but before the sled crosses (circle one)
4. Is the Drag Sprint track to be in a straight line? Yes / No (circle one)
5. How many judges are required to judge the Drag Sprint competition? _____
6. How many alibis are allowed? _____
7. Dogs will be allowed two attempts, then out. True / False
8. Does this event require a steward? _____ How many? _____

9. Is the club required to have a Drag Sled "on site" in the case of equipment malfunction? _

10. Dogs must wear a weight pulling harness and "belt buckle" collar with lead to compete in this event. True / False Does the club provide the harness for drag sled? Yes / No
11. How many handlers can be used for the Drag Sprint? Explain: _____

(02/06/23)

To make sure you understand how to properly score the Top Dog Athletic Event, complete the following GROUP FINALIST SHEET and ADBA OVERALL TOP 9 FINALIST SHEET and submit as part of your Top Dog judging application.

*I verify that I completed my test and scoring sheets on my own without additional assistance.

Name of Applicant _____

Date _____

****To be qualified as an OVERALL TOP DOG JUDGE, please score and complete the following GROUP FINALIST SHEET, then transfer placements to the ADBA OVERALL TOP 9 DOGS FINALIST SHEET and complete. It's important the Overall Judge know how to properly score the Top Dog Athletic Event prior to being sanctioned or accepting an assignment.****

Club Name _____ Date of Event _____
 Name of Judge/Signature _____

*Add points for
 Treadmill + Wall + Drag/Lure = Overall*
GROUP FINALIST SHEET

*Ath:
 Use these
 points to
 score dogs*

Dog's Height	Dog's ADBA registered name	ADBA reg #	Treadmill Race Points	Wall Climb Points	Drag/Lure Course Points	Overall Points	Ath:
17.25"	S.P.	00000AP-00	.266	10' - 1	5.468		1st 25
17.5"	DA	00000AP-00	.405	6'8 - 1	5.836		2nd 20
18.75	LA	00000AP-00	.433	9' - 2	6.480		3rd 15
GROUP 1	17"	TCA	00000AP-00	.363	10'4 - 1	5.726	
	17"	VY	00000AP-00	.425	10'4 - 1	5.434	
	17.75"	MS	00000AP-00	.395	10' - 1	5.570	
	17.25"	GE	00000AP-00	.460	10'8 - 1	5.487	
	17.25"	DR	00000AP-00	.276	11'8 - 1	5.046	
GROUP 2	18.5"	OD	00000AP-00	.408	10'4 - 1	5.487	
	18"	JR	00000AP-00	.418	10' - 1	5.047	
	17.25"	MC	00000AP-00	.375	8'8 - 1	5.764	
	19"	AA	00000AP-00	.420	11'4 - 2	5.481	
				Feet/#attempts			
	EXAMPLE	*EXAMPLE*	*EXAMPLE*	*EXAMPLE*	*EXAMPLE*	*EXAMPLE*	9th 5
	17"	VY	00000AP-00	.425	10'4 - 1	5.434	10th 4
							11th 3
							12th 2
							13th 1

→ If a tie occurs on the Group Finalist Sheet for dogs being moved over to Top 9, refer to Tiebreakers for Overall Top Dog Event: Tiebreaker 1, tiebreaker 2, tiebreaker 3.

ONLY TRANSFER THE TOP 9 DOG'S NAMES TO THE TOP 9 OVERALL FINALIST SHEET. DO NOT TRANSFER GROUP POINTS EARNED.

1ST _____ 2ND _____ 3RD _____
 4TH _____ 5TH _____ 6TH _____
 7TH _____ 8TH _____ 9TH _____

