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NADAC TITLES AND AWARDS

The simplest guide we could assemble.

When you start running in sanctioned agility events, your dog's points for all successful runs are recorded at the office of the sanctioning organization. This explanation applies to events sanctioned by NADAC. This is not an official document published by the organization, it is simply an instructional guide produced to help students training in the Rock Solid Dogs program.

In general, most qualifying runs (no course or equipment errors and within the "Standard Course Time") are worth 10 points. There are exceptions but we will steer clear of those for sake of clarity.

NADAC has defined four levels of difficulty, from simplest to most challenging the levels are **Intro, Novice, Open, Elite**. You may run at different levels in different classes (games) during the same event, *Example*: You could be entered in Intro Weavers while running in Novice Hoopers and Elite Tunnelers all during the same day. You may start your competitive journey at either the Intro or Novice level and you may move up to Novice at any time if you choose to start in Intro. In order to run at the Open or Elite levels in any class, you must have at least 30 points (the basic title) at the level below. *Example*: In order to run in Open Chances, you must have earned 3 qualifying Chances runs at the Novice level.

In addition to the basic title for each class and level, you may also earn *extended titles* in each class and at each level. Again, speaking in general, your basic title comes after 3 qualifying runs (30 points), the Outstanding title comes after 6 qualifying runs (60 points) and the Superior title comes after qualifying 10 times in a game at a particular level.

You can always see what points are recorded for your dog on this page: <https://www.nadac.com/point-history-lookup/> You will need your dog's registration number to access your points, titles, and awards.

The most confusing part of reading the results is understanding the title / class abbreviations. Here's a bit of a translation of what you will see in the "Class" column. The first letter of the Class abbreviation indicates the "Level" (I-Intro, N-Novice, O-Open, E-Elite). The letters following the level indicate which game was played. CC = Chances, GC = Gamblers, JC = Jumpers, AC = Regular. Things get flipped around a bit when we go from the classes that include jumps to the classes with no jumps. For the 'ground games', the class abbreviation is followed by a hyphen and then the level. TG = Touch N Go, TN = Tunnelers, WV = Weavers, HP = Hoopers, BR = Barrelers.

As you progress to the Elite level, you may see the letter "S" substituted for the C or added after the class code. This is to signify that you are running in the Skilled Category. There really is no practical reason for this to be tracked based on the way NADAC designate their awards today ... once upon a time, that did matter and the way points are now tracked never got changed from the "old days".

Here are charts that could help you track your progress in each class and at each level. Fill in the dates you have a qualifying run in each cell and you will know when you have completed various titles in each class and at each level:

* Regular Agility has higher performance criteria in order to earn the Extended Titles. The main reason this is the case is that Regular Agility has historically (and still seems to be in most places) offered more frequently than the other classes. Originally, Regular was offered twice in a day while Jumpers and other classes were only offered once. So while it still only takes 3 qualifying runs at each level to earn the Basic Title, the Outstanding title requires a total of 10 qualifying runs at that level and the Superior title requires an additional 10 qualifiers or a total of 20 clean runs.

NADAC has a variety of awards for lifetime points, completing all the games at any level, reaching the Superior titles in all the classes at a level, completing the Superior titles in all the games at all the levels and so forth. To see the entire “Big Long List of NADAC Awards”, you may find that document here: https://www.nadac.com/WPsite/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/NADACAwards_Feb_2021.pdf

If you prefer to track your points in a digital format, this Excel spreadsheet could reside on the tablet that you take to trials, head over to our “Members Only” page that includes this document and a lot of other really useful documents: <https://rocksoliddogs.com/content-for-members-only/>

And as always, if you have a question, help is just a click away at Answers@RockSolidDogs.com