



Salinas-Monterey Agility Racing Team

August 23-24, 2008

USDAA® Sanctioned Tournament Event & Agility Test
 Grand Prix of Dog Agility® World Championships &
 Performance National StandardSM Championships Local Qualifiers,
 Dog Agility Steeplechase® Local Qualifier
 Performance Speed JumpingSM Qualifier
<http://www.smartagility.com>

JUDGES	Paul Stolzenberg (Barrington, NH), Jean MacKenzie (Northwood, NH), Blake Stafford (Baton Rouge, LA)		
CLASSES (tentative order)	PAUL	Saturday Masters/P/III Standard Masters/P/III Pairs Steeplechase Rd 2 / Perf. Speed Jumping Rd 2 (Round 1 will be run earlier in Blake's ring) Masters P/III Jumpers	Sunday Grand Prix / Performance National Standard Masters/P/III Snooker
	JEAN	Masters/P/III Gamblers Advanced/P/II Standard Starters/P/I Standard Starters/P/I Pairs Starters/P/I Jumpers	Masters/P/III Standard Masters/P/III Jumpers
	BLAKE	Steeplechase Rd 1 / Perf. Speed Jumping Rd 1 (Round 2 will be run same day in Paul's ring) Starters/P/I Gamblers Advanced/P/II Gamblers Advanced/P/II Pairs Advanced/P/II Jumpers	Starters/P/I Standard Advanced/P/II Standard Starters/P/I Snooker Advanced/P/II Snooker Starters/P/I Jumpers Advanced/P/II Jumpers
LOCATION	Manzanita Park, Castroville Blvd., Prunedale, CA Outdoors on grass with limited shade. NO CARS ON GRASS even to unload. Electronic timing may be used.		
CLOSING DATE	Friday, August 1, 2008, 6:00 PM Secondary closing for advancements in level: Monday, August 18, 2008, 8:00 PM		

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Notice to Competitors:

USDA Rules: USDA's official rules & regulations, as amended March 30, 2007, are hereby incorporated by reference. An electronic version may be accessed online at www.usdaa.com. Competitors, through submission of entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of USDA rules and regulations including but not limited to the following rules regarding entry:

All dogs must be registered with USDA. To obtain a registration number immediately, a height card prior to the show and a REDUCED REGISTRATION FEE, go online to www.usdaa.com. General Information, Dog Registration. Registration may be made concurrently with your entry using the form provided in this test schedule. This test is open to all dogs at least 18 months of age, including purebred and non-purebred, except bitches in season, dogs suffering from any deformity, injury or illness that may affect the dog's ability to perform safely, or dogs exhibiting signs of aggression.

No entries shall be accepted, changed, altered or withdrawn after closing, except that an entrant may move up in class level as provided under "Advancement in Level." The Organizing Committee of an event may refuse the entry of any competitor or dog for just cause should the committee view that participation by competitor or dog would be prejudicial to the sport. However, any committee so doing must notify the competitor in writing (with a copy to the USDA office) in anticipation of or upon receipt of entry. The notice must include the reason for refusing the entry and a brief explanation of the basis for their decision. The burden of responsibility for appropriateness of such action rests solely with the host group and its Organizing Committee.

All obstacles used at this test meet USDA specifications as outlined in the USDA Rules & Regulations. No collars, leads, food, toys, or other aids or devices are allowed on a course at any time. USDA regulations forbid any and all training, choke, pinch, or shock collars on or around the course at any time. Safety must always be of primary consideration in your actions and conduct.

Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry. There will be a \$20.00 service charge for returned checks. Payment of entry fees and service charges shall be made in cash or money order within 30 days of postmark of notice of returned check. Any fees not received within 30 days of notice result in cancellation of event results for all classes for the registration number(s) of delinquent entry/entries. No reinstatement of results is possible, and all awards must be returned within 10 days of notification, or the dog's registration may be suspended pending restitution. Any unpaid fees or shortfalls must be paid prior to the start of the event or entry is canceled without recourse by owner/handler.

You alone are responsible for the behavior of your dogs and children. If your dogs or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior, the Show Committee can ask you to leave the show site. In such case, we will not refund any fees.

Running Order/Limits: Determined by random draw. Handlers with more than one dog will have time to switch dogs. In the event of a large entry, the organizing committee and/or judge may establish fault limits. *This means that after receiving a certain number of faults, you may be asked to leave the ring without completing the course.*

Refunds: No refunds are given for entries withdrawn after the closing date except that refunds (less USDA recording fees) will be given for bitches that come into season after the closing date. No refund is given if a dog or handler is dismissed from competition, regardless of the reason. No refund is given if the test cannot open or be completed due to riots, civil disturbances, fire, acts of god, public emergency, acts of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the Show Committee's control.

Advancement in Level: Please contact Sue Rush, Trial Secretary, headrushes@sbcglobal.net for advancement in level after closing date. Advancement in level will be permitted until Monday, August 18, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. There are no same day advancements in level at this trial.

Rotation Groups: Group Rotations for Masters classes only will be used. Masters Dogs will be assigned a group. Every effort will be made to keep all dogs run by a single handler in the same group. We cannot accommodate couples, friends, etc.

Media Release Disclaimer:

All Competitors through entry at this event waive any and all rights relative to video broadcast of this event. Competitors shall have the right to videotape portions of this event for their personal use only. No portion of this event may be videotaped for commercial or other purposes. All video, broadcast and telecast rights for this event are the exclusive property of United States Dog Agility Association, Inc.

Portions of this event may be taped for television. Through entry at this event, ALL COMPETITORS and HANDLERS HEREBY GRANT to USDA and its representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permission to use or appropriate his/her and their dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia of identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media now known. All competitors and handles hereby release USDA and its representatives, agents and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of publicity, right of personality, or any similar right.

Check-In/Measuring:

All dogs must be measured-in during the morning check-in time, except for the following: dogs jumping 26"(22"), dogs that have a permanent height card, dogs that have a temporary height card with three signatures on it, dogs that have a check-in letter provided by USDA office. Check-in and start times will be listed on confirmations which are mailed out approximately one week prior to trial.

You can expedite check-in by attaching a photocopy of your dog's YELLOW, plastic permanent card with entry form for pre-verification of your USDA registration number.

Following are the heights for the Championship Program (with Performance heights in parentheses).

Withers's Ht	Jump Height	Long Jump*	Table	A-Frame
Over 21"	26" (22")	60" (48")	24" (16")	5'9"-5'11" (5'6")
21" or less	22" (16")	48" (36")	24" (16")	5'9"-5'-11" (5'6")
16" or less	16" (12")	36" (24")	16" (12")	5'6" (5'6")
12" or less	12" (8")	20" (12")	12" (12")	5'6" (5'6")

* Effective 1/1/07 the long jump is required in Steeplechase and Performance Speed Jumping

Change of jump heights will be made only when the dog is required to move into a higher category by the judge's measure-in. The handler can run For Exhibition Only in the lower height, but no qualifying scores or awards may be earned and no change in program is allowed.

Test Site and Accommodations:

Manzanita Park, Castroville Blvd., Prunedale, CA

The site is outdoors on grass with no shade. There will be three rings. **NO CARS ALLOWED ON GRASS AT ANY TIME – EVEN TO UNLOAD.**

Directions to Site: See http://www.smartagility.com/events_calendar/index.html for area maps.

From the North or South: Take Highway 101 to San Miguel Canyon Rd. exit in Prunedale. Proceed about one mile on San Miguel Canyon Rd. Turn left on Castroville Blvd. Proceed about 0.8 miles until you see the sign for Manzanita Park on the left side of Castroville Blvd.

Motels that Accept Dogs: Please verify the motel's pet policy before making your reservation to make sure they still accept dogs.

San Juan Inn: (831) 623-4380, 410 Alameda Street, San Juan Bautista, CA -- 8.1 miles from show site
 Marriott Residence Inn: (831)-775-0410, 17215 El Rancho Way, Salinas, CA -- 7 miles from show site
 Red Roof Inn: (831) 740-4520, 1620 W Beach St., Watsonville, CA -- 8.5 miles from show site
 Motel 6: (831) 753-1711, 140 Kern St, Salinas, CA -- 9.1 Miles from show site
 Motel 6: (831) 728-4144, 125 Silver Leaf Dr, Watsonville, CA -- 9.7 Miles from show site
 Motel 6: (831) 384-1000, 100 Reservation Rd, Marina, CA -- 10.6 Miles from show site

Off site RV Parks:

Monterey Vacation Rv Park: (831) 726-9118, 1400 Highway 101, Aromas, CA -- 3.3 miles
 Mc Alpine Lake & Park: (831) 623-4263, 900 Anzar Rd, San Juan Bautista, CA -- 7.6 miles

Manzanita Park RV Reservation Form

Anyone staying overnight at the trial site **MUST** complete this form! RV camping will only be permitted by advance reservations. If you wish to overnight next to a friend, you **MUST** send in your reservation forms TOGETHER. We will make every effort to accommodate your wishes. Space is limited, so send your reservation in early! Please do not arrive before 2pm on Friday August 22, 2008.

DO NOT SEND THIS RV RESERVATION FORM WITH YOUR ENTRY!

Cost is \$15/night (Friday & Saturday only). Mail check payable to SMART along with this form to:

Mail to: Vici Whisner, 1115 Teresa Lane, Morgan Hill, CA 95037 viciw@linkline.com

NAME:	EMAIL:		
Phone	Cell Phone		
DATE OF ARRIVAL:	# of NIGHTS:	WHICH NIGHTS FRI SAT	
TYPE OF UNIT (check one): RV (Class A) RV (Class B/C) Trailer Tent/Van/Auto			
Length (feet, including hitch/racks):	Number of Slideout(s):	WHICH SIDE HAS SLIDEOUTS? DRIVER PASSNGR BOTH	
License Plate (number and state):			
Total Payable to SMART:			

USDAA Dog Registration Form

You must have a USDAA registration number before you can compete in this trial. You can get one instantly by going to the www.usdaa.com online store and registering online (for a discounted registration fee!). If you prefer not to register online, you can include this registration form with your entry (include the registration fees in your entry fee check made out to SMART and we'll take care of it. If you independently snailmailed your registration to USDAA but have not received a registration number, call USDAA at 972-487-2200 to check up on it. In this case it is your responsibility to provide a USDAA registration number; USDAA and SMART cannot accept pending registrations.

DOG REGISTRATION APPLICATION - \$20.00

JUNIOR HANDLER REGISTRATION APPLICATION - \$17.00

Dogs must be registered with USDAA in order to compete in USDAA sanctioned events. A registration card and number with a "U" prefix will be issued to facilitate entry at USDAA events and tracking of show results in the regular classes.

Junior handlers (those 18 years of age and younger) and their dogs must be separately registered for participation in the USDAA's Junior Handler Program (UJHP). A registration number with a "J" prefix will be assigned for use in entering UJHP events. A dog competing in both programs (regular classes and UJHP) must be registered separately for each program, for which the total fee is \$37.00.

You must complete ALL information for a valid registration

OWNER/HANDLER INFORMATION:

USDAA USE:

Primary Owner: _____

Co-Owner: _____

Handler: _____
(If different from primary owner)

Junior Handler: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____
(Day telephone, if possible)

Address: _____

City / State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Email Address: _____

DOG INFORMATION:

Formal Name: _____
(Name to appear on certificates; please print clearly or type)

Call Name: _____

Breed: _____ Birthdate: _____ Height@ Withers: _____
(state All American to denote mixed breed) (Estimate if unknown) (To nearest 1/4")

AWARDS!!

Ribbons will be self-serve at this trial in order to minimize interference with the uninterrupted simultaneous running of the three rings. Instructions will be at the awards table.

- ❖ Placement Ribbons: 1st–4th place ribbons in each height class. 1st-4th place ribbons for each of the Pairs mini and open divisions.
- ❖ Qualifying Ribbons: A maroon rosette for a qualifying score in all classes that apply, a black and maroon rosette for Masters and PIII Super Q Snooker score.

Grand Prix:

- ❖ First place qualifying winner in each height class shall be awarded a “bye voucher”, permitting them to advance to the final round of a regional championship. A double overlay maroon and white ribbon shall be awarded to all qualifiers. 1st through 6th place rosettes for each jump height will also be available.

Performance National Standard:

- ❖ First place qualifying winner in each height class shall be awarded a “bye voucher”, permitting them to advance to the final round of a regional championship. A double overlay maroon and pink ribbon shall be awarded to all qualifiers. 1st through 4th place rosettes in each jump height will also be available.

Steeplechase:

- ❖ Prize money shall be computed based upon 20 to 40% (at club’s discretion) of the total entry fees to be allocated in accordance with the payout table below regardless of the size of entry in any height class. This prize allocation applies to any entry level.

Height	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	TOTALS
12”	10%	6%	4%				20%
16”	10%	6%	4%	3%			23%
22”	10%	6%	4%	4%	3%	3%	30%
26”	10%	6%	4%	3%	3%		27%
TOTALS	40%	24%	16%	11%	6%	3%	100%

Performance Speed Jumping:

- ❖ Prize money will be computed at club’s discretion.

Height	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	TOTALS
08”	12%	8%	5%	25%
12”	12%	8%	5%	25%
16”	12%	8%	5%	25%
22”	12%	8%	5%	25%
TOTALS	48%	32%	20%	100%

I’m Too New/Busy To Help At This Trial...

It takes a lot of people to put on an agility test. With many volunteers, no one has to take on too many jobs. If you can’t help, can a member of your cheering section? You don’t need experience to help us run a great trial. We explain everything and answer all your questions. You get to meet other competitors, see runs from up close, and learn how the whole thing works. A veritable smorgasbord of opportunity! Check your work preference(s) on the entry form.

•Gate Steward: **Keep dogs and handlers moving into the ring in order.** •Timer: **Click stopwatch when dog starts and finishes.** •Scribe: **Make marks on paper when judge raises hand.** •Runner: **Take the score sheets from the Scribe over to the score table.** •Pole Setter: **Change heights of jumps; reset fallen bars.** •Chute Setter: **Straighten chute fabric after each dog’s run.** •Course Builder: **Move obstacles between classes as directed by Chief Course Builder.** •Leash Runner: **Carry leashes from ring entry to exit.** •Score Table: **Add up marks made by scribe and write them on the master score sheet. (Two people always do this and double-check each other’s work, so it’s hard to make mistakes.)** •Advance Setup: **Setting up the rings, tables, etc. before the trial. Get your volunteering out of the way ahead of time!** •Teardown: **Or wait ‘til the end and help pack it all away.**

Want advice about the easiest jobs to start out with? At the score table, you are teamed with a mentor who is with you for the entire class. You can’t make a mistake doing poles or chutes or leashes or runner if you want a more active job; the hard part is just paying attention. Course builders just have to respond *quickly* when the loudspeaker says “Course builders!” and follow the chief’s directions. The timer job may just be the easiest: sitting and clicking!

SMART Raffle / Set-up and Breakdown

Workers will receive raffle tickets that can be used for our great worker raffle to be held on both Saturday and Sunday. If you can help with setup (2 pm on Friday) or breakdown (on Sunday), we will be giving away free-run certificates.

Food

SMART will provide coffee and muffins free of charge to competitors; we will provide lunch and sodas to workers. We have not yet confirmed a caterer for the weekend. If you are a non-worker, we suggest you bring your own lunch or make other arrangements. There are several fast food type restaurants within an eight minute drive. If we are able to find a caterer, you will be notified in the final confirmation letter.

SMART is going GREEN!

SMART will keep competitors supplied all day with hot and cold water, coffee, etc. BUT in an effort to reduce the impact of our trials on our natural resources, we will no longer provide disposable cups or bottled water. At check-in we will give each competitor who does not already have one a reusable SMART travel mug or water bottle (your choice), or you may bring your own (SMART or other) travel mug or drinking bottle from home and show it at check-in to get 5 free tickets to our raffle!

We’re also encouraging all competitors to cart home their recyclables, which otherwise club members have to personally sort and dispose of. If you can’t take recyclables home, please empty, crush and place them in any of the clear plastic garbage bags you’ll see near the regular trash bins.

SMART will also be offering incentives for carpooling and being extra-green at the trial. Watch your confirmation letter for further details.

Class Descriptions

Two certification programs will be offered at this event – Championship & Performance. Competitors may enter both Championship and Performance Program classes for which they are eligible; however, under NO circumstance may a dog be entered in the same Championship and Performance class at this agility test (i.e. standard at any level in both programs). Classes include standard agility, gamblers, jumpers, pairs relay and snooker agility as set forth in Chapters 3 – 7 of USDAA Rules and Regulations, each of which are conducted at three competitive levels.

CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM CLASSES

The **Starters Standard** classes shall be for dogs that have not earned the *Agility Dog*[®] title or a Starters Standard title. **Starters Non-standard** classes shall be for dogs that have not earned a title in the class being entered (Starters Gamblers, Starters Jumpers, Starters Relay – 3 different partners required – or Starters Snooker) or a qualifying score in the equivalent non-standard class at the Advanced or Masters level. When offered separately as Starters and Novice classes, the Starters level classes are for dogs handled by a person who has not previously earned the *Agility Dog*[®] title or a title in the Performance or Veterans Program with any dog. Three qualifying scores in the standard class from two different judges along with one qualifying score in each of the nonstandard classes is required to earn the *Agility Dog*[®] title.

The **Advanced Standard** classes shall be for dogs that have earned the *Agility Dog*[®] title or a Starters Standard title. **Advanced Non-standard** classes shall be for dogs that have earned the *Agility Dog*[®] title or that have earned a title in the equivalent non-standard class at the Starters level, but have not earned the equivalent Advanced non-standard title or a qualifying score in the equivalent non-standard class at the Masters level. Three qualifying scores in the standard class from two different judges along with one qualifying score in each of the nonstandard classes is required to earn the *Advanced Agility Dog*[®] title.

The **Masters Standard** classes shall be for dogs that have earned the *Advanced Agility Dog*[®] title or the Advanced Standard title. **Masters Non-standard** classes shall be for dogs that have earned the *Advanced Agility Dog*[®] title, the equivalent non-standard title at the Advanced level, or that had previously qualified for entry into the equivalent Masters non-standard class prior to January 1, 2004.

PERFORMANCE PROGRAM CLASSES

Generally, Performance Level I, Level II and Level III are run on courses used for Starters, Advanced and Masters classes in the Championship Program, with the following exceptions: the A-frame is set at 5'6", jump heights are one height class lower as set forth in Notes to Competitors, no spread hurdles are utilized and time standards in the standard, jumpers classes are extended by 3 seconds beyond that utilized in the Championship Program and the pairs relay class is non-qualifying. Eligibility is determined as follows

The **Performance I Standard** classes shall be for any dog that has not earned the *Performance Dog I*SM title, the Performance Standard I title, or a qualifying score in the Performance II or Performance III standard classes. **Performance I Non-standard** classes shall be for any dog that has not earned a title in the class being entered (Performance I Gamblers, Performance I Jumpers, or Performance I Snooker) or a qualifying score in the equivalent non-standard class at the Performance II or Performance III level. Three qualifying scores in the standard class from two different judges along with one qualifying score in each of the nonstandard classes is required to earn the *Performance Dog I*SM title.

The **Performance II Standard** classes shall be for any dog that has earned the *Performance Dog I*SM title, the Performance Standard I title, the *Agility Dog*[®] title or the *Veteran Agility Dog*SM title, but has not earned the *Performance Dog I*SM title or Performance Standard II title, or a qualifying score in the Performance III standard class. **Performance II Non-standard** classes shall be for dogs having earned the *Performance Dog I*SM title, the *Agility Dog*[®] title or a title in the equivalent Starters or Performance I non-standard class, but not having earned a title in the equivalent non-standard Performance II class or a qualifying score in the equivalent non-standard Performance III class. Three qualifying scores in the standard class from two different judges along with one qualifying score in each of the nonstandard classes is required to earn the *Performance Dog I*SM title.

The **Performance III Standard** classes shall be for any dog that has earned the *Performance Dog I*SM title, the Performance Standard II title, the *Advanced Agility Dog*SM title, or the *Veteran Advanced Agility Dog*SM title. **Performance III Non-standard** classes shall be for dogs having earned the *Performance Dog I*SM title, the *Advanced Agility Dog*SM title, the equivalent non-standard title at the Advanced or Performance II level, or that had previously qualified for entry into the equivalent Performance non-standard class prior to January 1, 2004.

Standard Agility Class: This class demonstrates handler and dog's ability to perform all agility obstacles.

Non-standard (Games) Agility Classes:

Gamblers Class: This class consists of a course with no pre-determined route and each obstacle is assigned a point value. In the 'opening' period the handler seeks to accumulate points by performing the obstacles of his / her choice in the time allotted. At the conclusion of the 'opening' the handler attempts the 'gamble', a sequence designated by the judge to be handled from a distance, for additional points. This non-standard class is pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 6 & 7 of USDAA Rules and Regulations.

Jumpers Class: This class consists of a course of jumps and may include a tire and tunnels. This non-standard class is scored pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 6 & 7 of USDAA Rules and Regulations.

Snooker Class: This class has an 'opening' sequence of point collection similar to the Gamblers class followed by a closing sequence of a set pattern. Roughly parallels the billiards game of 'Snooker', requiring the dog to successfully complete a 'red' jump prior to attempting an obstacle designated as any other color. This non-standard class is scored pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 6 & 7 of USDAA Rules and Regulations.

Pairs Relay: This class consists of a standard course with one dog and handler running a portion of the course, followed by a baton exchange to a second handler and dog that run the second portion of the course. Partners for both Championship and Performance pairs must be in the same level and height division, mini CH 12/16, PF 8/12 or open CH 22/26, PF 16/22. PERFORMANCE PAIRS IS QUALIFYING! Level of eligibility for Performance is determined by the highest Performance Versatility Title or Performance Relay title earned. Crossing over from Championship works the same as for other classes, a dog with a Starters Relay title is eligible for PII Pairs and a dog with an AAD is eligible for PIII Pairs. A handler may opt to enter Level 1 provided that a qualifying score in a higher level Performance relay class has not been earned. In the event only one dog is entered in a program/level, un-entered dogs or dogs from other programs/levels may NOT be recruited to form a qualifying pair. This non-standard class is scored pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 6 & 7 of USDAA Rules and Regulations.

2008 Grand Prix of Dog Agility® World Championships - Local Qualifier

This class is open to all competitors other than those who are entered in the *Performance National Standard* qualifier at this event, regardless of titles earned or skill level. The Grand Prix is a single-round tournament featuring the sport in its basic form. The course includes obstacles as set forth in Chapter 3 of USDAA Rules and Regulations for standard agility, except that no table obstacle shall be used. Standard scoring shall be applied utilizing time standards generally ranging from 3.50 yards per second to 3.75 yards per second for competitors in the 22" and 26" height classes, from 3.10 to 3.40 yards per second for competitors in the 16" height class and 2.85 to 3.05 yards per second in the 12" height class.

2008 Performance National StandardSM Championships - Local Qualifier

This class is open to all competitors other than those who are entered in the Grand Prix qualifier at this event, regardless of titles earned or skill level. This qualifier is a single-round tournament featuring the Performance Program in its basic form. The course includes obstacles as set forth in Chapter 7 of USDAA Rules and Regulations for standard performance class, except that no table obstacle shall be used. Standard scoring shall be applied utilizing time standards generally ranging from 3.30 yards per second to 3.55 yards per second for competitors in the 16" and 22" height classes, from 2.95 to 3.25 yards per second for competitors in the 12" height class and 2.75 to 2.95 yards per second in the 8" height class.

Qualification and Advancement for both tournaments

Competitors that earn five (5) or fewer faults shall earn a qualifying score. Additionally, the first place qualifying handler/dog team in each height class shall earn a "bye" voucher, permitting them to directly advance to the final round of a Type 1 Regional Championship without regard to their score in the first round. A competitor may earn more than one voucher, and the voucher is non-transferable, can be used only once and must be submitted with the competitor's entry form for a Type 1 Regional Championship. See complete rules & regulations for Regional Championships, which are hereby incorporated by reference. The rules may be found on the USDAA web site – General Information – Forms and Documents Library, or may be requested in writing by U.S. mail from the USDAA office.

A competitor must have two qualifications from local qualifiers, one of which may be from the first round of a Regional Championship, in order to qualify for entry to the national championship quarterfinals; however, where a competitor may choose to compete in both Grand Prix and Performance National Standard qualifiers during the current tournament season, the competitor is only eligible to compete in the championships of the tournament in which they have earned the most qualifications. Further, 2008 tournament rules stipulate that a competitor must compete all in Championship or all in Performance tournaments at National/World Championship events.

When a local qualifier is held in conjunction with an agility test where all levels of titling are NOT being offered, 'bye' vouchers will not be awarded (e.g. Starters/Advanced only, Advanced/Masters only, Masters only). Competitors must place first with a qualifying score in each height class to be named Regional Champion and earn a bye in the World Championship semifinals, and advancing automatically to the World Championship finals. If at a Regional Championship a bye is earned by a competitor/dog team who has already earned a bye in that jump height, the bye is forfeited.

2008 USDAA® Dog Agility Steeplechase® Local Qualifier:

Description: The "Steeplechase" is a two-round tournament with emphasis on speed. Each round will be conducted on jumpers-style course that shall include at least two spread hurdles, a long jump and an A-frame and weave poles. Either the A-Frame or weave poles shall be required to be preformed twice. Top competitors as set forth below (see qualification and advancement) shall advance to Round 2 to compete for prize money and Tournament Top Ten points. Qualifiers as defined herein earn the right to enter either the quarterfinals or semifinals at the Dog Agility Steeplechase® championships to be held in the autumn of 2008. This tournament is open to all competitors not entered in Performance Speed JumpingSM qualifier at this event regardless of titles earned.

Scoring: The tournament shall be conducted pursuant to USDAA Championship Program Starters level rules, except that scoring in each round shall be on a time plus faults basis, with a five-point penalty added to a competitor's performance time for each occurrence of a fallen hurdle or missed contact; running the wrong course shall be scored as an elimination as defined under Masters rules.

Qualification & Advancement: (For the purposes of this explanation, a score is anything other than elimination.) Qualification shall be determined based upon the Round 1 scores of the top three dogs in each jump height provided there are at least 5 scores in 12" or 16" or 7 scores in 22" and 26". The top three scores shall be averaged and multiplied by a factor of 1.25 to determine the maximum qualifying score for each jump height. Only competitors with scores equal to or less than the maximum qualifying score qualify.

Further in the event that fewer than five competitors in any height class receive a score, the top three scores must be determined from the combined height division for small dogs (12" and 16") or large dogs (22" and 26") to determine the maximum qualifying score for all dogs competing in that division in the manner described above.

However, if there are fewer than five scores in a division, the top score from the division shall be used to calculate the maximum qualifying score. In this case, the top score shall be multiplied by a factor of 1.25 to determine the maximum qualifying score.

Qualifiers and placement winners (minimum of four, there is no maximum) in the height class are eligible to advance to Round 2 at a local qualifying event in order to compete for Top Ten points and prize money, provided they have finished the round with a score. Non-qualifying competitors running in Round 2 shall not be credited with a qualifying score regardless of their final standing and are not eligible to earn a bye based upon their score in Round 2. A finalist slot vacated by a competitor who has earned the right to compete in the final round shall be forfeited and no substitutions are allowed.

At this trial, Steeplechase Round 2 will be held on the same day as Round 1.

Regional Championships: The same process used for determining qualifying scores in Round 1 at the local qualifier will be applied in Round 1 at a Regional. To determine the maximum qualifying score in Round 2, the same method is applied, but the multiplier of 1.15 will be utilized. Any competitor in Round 2 with a score less than or equal to the maximum qualifying score as calculated in this manner shall earn a "bye" into the Steeplechase semifinals championships. Non-qualifying competitors are not eligible to run in Round 2 to satisfy numerical minimums. Any 'bye' that is earned may only be used by the handler/dog team who earned it and may not be transferred to another dog and/or handler.

Eligibility for Entry:

Regional Championships: A competitor must have one qualification at a local qualifier to be eligible to enter Round 1 of a Regional Championship.

World Championship:

Quarterfinals: Two qualifications, one of which may be from the first round of a Regional Championship will be required for entry.

Semifinals: Advancement from the quarterfinals by earning the equivalent of a qualifying score or by direct entry into the semifinal by having earned a 'bye' at a Regional Championship.

Program eligibility in Regional and National/World Championships shall be determined as follows: Where a competitor has qualifying scores in Championship Program tournaments and Performance Program tournaments, a competitor must enter all Championship Program tournaments unless the total number of qualifications earned in all Performance Program tournaments is greater.

2008 Performance Speed JumpingSM Tournament Qualifier:

Description: This is a two-round tournament with emphasis on speed. Each round will be conducted on jumpers-style course that shall include a long jump and an A-frame and weave poles. Either the A-Frame or weave poles shall be required to be performed twice. All obstacles are set according to Performance specifications. Top competitors as set forth below (see qualification and advancement) shall advance to Round 2 to compete for prizes or awards. This tournament is open to all competitors not entered in the Steeplechase qualifier at the same event regardless of titles earned.

Scoring: The tournament shall be conducted pursuant to USDAA Championship Program Starters level rules, except that scoring in each round shall be on a time plus faults basis, with a five-point penalty added to a competitor's performance time for each occurrence of a fallen hurdle or missed contact; running the wrong course shall be scored as an elimination as defined under Masters rules.

Qualification & Advancement at Local Qualifiers: (For the purposes of this explanation, a score is anything other than elimination.) Qualification shall be determined based upon the Round 1 scores of the top three dogs in each jump height provided there are at least 5 scores in 8" or 12" or 7 scores in 16" and 22". The top three scores shall be averaged and multiplied by a factor of 1.25 to determine the maximum qualifying score for each jump height. Only competitors with scores equal to or less than the maximum qualifying score qualify.

Further in the event that fewer than five competitors in any height class receive a score, the top three scores must be determined from the combined height division for small dogs (8" and 12") or large dogs (16" and 22") to determine the maximum qualifying score for all dogs competing in that division in the manner described above.

However, if there are fewer than five scores in a division, the top score from the division shall be used to calculate the maximum qualifying score. In this case, the top score shall be multiplied by a factor of 1.25 to determine the maximum qualifying score.

Qualifiers and placement winners (minimum of four, there is no maximum) in the height class are eligible to advance to Round 2 at a local qualifying event in order to compete for prizes and awards, provided they have finished the round with a score. Non-qualifying competitors running in Round 2 shall not be credited with a qualifying score regardless of their final standing and are not eligible to earn a bye based upon their score in Round 2. A finalist slot vacated by a competitor who has earned the right to compete in the final round shall be forfeited and no substitutions are allowed.

Program eligibility in Regional and National/World Championships shall be determined as follows: Where a competitor has qualifying scores in Championship Program tournaments and Performance Program tournaments, a competitor must enter all Championship Program tournaments unless the total number of qualifications earned in all Performance Program tournaments is greater.

At this trial, Performance Speed Jumping Round 2 will be held on the same day as Round 1.

Eligibility for Entry into the Championships:

Two qualifying scores as defined herein are required to enter the semifinals at the Performance Speed JumpingSM Championships to be held in the autumn of 2008.



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General Agreement

I (we) agree that the **SMART** has the right to refuse this entry for cause, which the organizing committee alone shall deem to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, of the holding of the event and of the opportunity to have the dog participate and/or to be judged, I (we) agree to hold the organizing committee, **SMART**, United States Dog Agility Association, Inc., including their members, officers, directors, agents and employees, sponsors of the event, and owners of the premises upon which the event is held and their employees harmless from any claim for loss or injury that may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss, disappearance, appearance, theft, damage or injury, be cause or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes. I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents or any other persons.

I further acknowledge that I have read, understand and will abide by the Official Rules and Regulations of the United States Dog Agility Association, Inc. and the provisions for entry as set forth in the Agility Test Schedule of which this entry form is a part. I acknowledge and represent that the information supplied by me herein is correct to the best of my knowledge; if any portion of this information is found to be invalid or insufficient to establish the validity of my entry, such finding shall render my entry invalid in its entirety, for which there shall be no refund of fees paid. Further, I represent that I am the owner of the dog listed hereon, or that I have full authority as agent for dog's owner and shall hold **SMART**, USDAA, including their officers, directors, employees and agents and their sponsors harmless from any liability or claims made by dog's owner.

Further, I hereby grant to United States Dog Agility Association, Inc., its representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permission to use or appropriate my and the dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia of identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media now known or hereafter to become known. I hereby release USDAA, its representatives, agents and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of personality or any similar right.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE FOR MINORS:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Work Assignment Preferences

It takes a lot of people to put on an agility test. Most jobs take only minutes to learn—see job descriptions. Each day that you (or someone you know) work(s) any class, you (they) will earn raffle tickets that can be used to enter the fabulous worker raffle.

(Worker's name) _____

Available: Saturday Sunday

I can help with anything; or—I am willing to do only the following:

<input type="checkbox"/> Timer	<input type="checkbox"/> Gate Steward	<input type="checkbox"/> Course Builder	<input type="checkbox"/> (Friday) Advance Setup
<input type="checkbox"/> Timer - Gamblers	<input type="checkbox"/> Score Table	<input type="checkbox"/> Pole Setter	<input type="checkbox"/> Teardown
<input type="checkbox"/> Scribe	<input type="checkbox"/> Runner	<input type="checkbox"/> Chute Setter	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scribe - Gamblers	<input type="checkbox"/> Leash Runner	<input type="checkbox"/> I'm new to the sport and need training	

Physical/mental/time restrictions? _____

Attach a copy of your yellow USDAA card for expedited check-in.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM SALINAS-MONTEREY AGILITY RACING TEAM

Manzanita Park, Prunedale, CA

August 23-24, 2008

Entries close Friday, August 1, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Please use a separate Entry and General Agreement form for each dog.

1. Owner Name:				Handler If Other Than Owner:				
Address:							<input type="checkbox"/> New address	
City:			State:		Zip:			
Telephone: ()				Email:				
Please make sure the trial secretary's email address (smartsecty@comcast.net) is allowed by your spam blocker. We will not resend or go to extra lengths to get your ISP to acknowledge our emails.								
2. Dog's Call Name:				USDAA #:				
Breed:		USDAA Titles:		Or New <input type="checkbox"/> (Include USDAA registration form and fee.)				
DOB:		Ht. at Withers:						
3. Classes: Please circle appropriate jump height.								
	Championship 12" 16" 22" 26"				Performance 8" 12" 16" 22"			
SATURDAY:							Cost	Encl.
Standard	<input type="checkbox"/> Starters	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv.	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf I	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf II	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf III	\$12	
Gamblers	<input type="checkbox"/> Starters	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv.	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf I	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf II	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf III	\$12	
Jumpers	<input type="checkbox"/> Starters	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv.	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf I	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf II	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf III	\$12	
Pairs	<input type="checkbox"/> Starters	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv.	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf I	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf II	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf III	\$12	
Tournament	<input type="checkbox"/> Steeplechase			<input type="checkbox"/> Perf. Speed Jumping			\$20	
Dogs may NOT be entered in both Grand Prix & Perf. Natl. Stand. or Steeplechase & Perf. Speed Jumping. Submit a separate entry form if entering tournament events at a height different from regular classes.								
Dogs must be entered at the same height for regular classes within each of the Championship or Performance programs. A dog entered in both programs may enter a different jump height for each program.								
SUNDAY:							Cost	Encl.
Standard	<input type="checkbox"/> Starters	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv.	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf I	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf II	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf III	\$12	
Snooker	<input type="checkbox"/> Starters	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv.	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf I	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf II	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf III	\$12	
Jumpers	<input type="checkbox"/> Starters	<input type="checkbox"/> Adv.	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf I	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf II	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf III	\$12	
Tournament	<input type="checkbox"/> Grand Prix			<input type="checkbox"/> Perf. Natl. Standard			\$20	
Pairs Partner Information Or Draw <input type="checkbox"/> Please do not pair me with:								
Handler:		Dog:		Ht:		USDAA #:		
4.	Total for above classes:							
	Less "SMART DOLLARS" or certificates enclosed (enter as a NEGATIVE NUMBER):							
	New USDAA Registration <input type="checkbox"/> :							
5.	Total payable to SMART							
	(Classes + GP or PNS + SC or PSJ – Smart Dollars + Registration):							
6.	Read, sign and return the General Agreement Form, or else we can't accept your entry!							
7.	Mail entry forms to: Janet Massolo, 18840 Heritage Ct., Salinas, CA 93908							
	For overnight delivery, specify " No Signature Required ". Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. \$20 charge for returned checks. Overpayments of \$10 or less will be refunded only if requested in writing.							