

## Policy on Eligibility for Special Transition of Qualifications Between Programs (For Dogs in Championship 18" Class Only)

With the adoption of new jump height regulations, effective December 28, the 18" class will no longer be available in the Championship Program, requiring certain competitors with dogs measuring more than 17" and not more than 17½" with a change in Program if they do not wish to jump in the new 20" height category.

Therefore, provisions have been made for individual qualifications for titles in progress in the Championship Program as of December 28, 2016, to be eligible for special consideration towards title completion in accordance with this Policy Statement. To be eligible, the dog must have been earning their most recent qualifications prior to December 28, 2016, in the 18" height class. Any questions regarding eligibility shall be referred to the USDAA office.

At each level, dogs previously competing in the 18" jump height may complete Championship individual class titles with Performance Qs. Upon completion of a title in a Championship level class, the dog competes in Performance at the next level in accordance with normal policies and regulations.

- Each Starters level class title for which the last qualification earned prior to December 28, 2016, was in the 18" class. After completion, the dog then competes in Performance Level 2 to complete future Performance titles.
- Each Advanced level class title for which the last qualification earned prior to December 28, 2016, was in the 18" class. Then the dog competes in Performance Level 3 to complete Performance titles.
- Each Masters level title for which the last qualification earned prior to December 28, 2016, was in the 18" class.
- Tournament Master title—the last qualification earned in an individual tournament class prior to December 28, 2016, was in the 18" height class.
- Each Championship level class title and metallic designation for which the last qualification earned\* prior to December 28, 2016, was in the 18" class.

*\*For this purpose, the qualification earned towards the Championship level class must be after the requirements for the Masters level title have been met (i.e., the 6<sup>th</sup> qualification or later qualification in a Masters class after the Masters title has been earned).*

For versatility titles, the following titles may be completed through the Performance Program provided the last qualification earned prior to December 28, 2016, was earned toward titles or classes as follows:

- Agility Dog title—the last qualification earned prior to December 28, 2016, in the Starters Standard Agility class (towards the Starters Standard Agility title) was in the 18" class, and the last qualification earned prior to December 28, 2016, in any Starters nonstandard class was in the 18" class. After completion the dog competes in Performance Level 2 to complete Performance titles.
- Advanced Agility Dog title—the last qualification earned prior to December 28, 2016, in the Advanced Standard Agility class (towards the Advanced Standard Agility title) was in the 18" class, and the last qualification earned prior to December 28, 2016, in any Advanced nonstandard class was in the 18" class. After completion the dog competes in Performance Level 3 to complete Performance titles.
- Masters Agility Dog title—the last qualification earned prior to December 28, 2016, in the Masters Standard Agility class (towards the Masters Standard Agility title) was in the 18" class, and the last qualification earned prior to December 28, 2016, in any Masters nonstandard class was in the 18" class.
- Agility Dog Championship title—the last qualification earned prior to December 28, 2016, in the Masters Standard Agility class (towards the Standard Agility Championship title following completion of the Masters Standard Agility class title) was in the 18" class, and the last qualification earned prior to December 28, 2016, in any Masters nonstandard class (towards the Championship Class title following completion of the Masters title) was in the 18" class. After completion the dog competes towards Performance Championship metallic designations (i.e., Bronze, Silver, Gold, etc.)
- In some cases, Championship titles may continue to be earned in the nonstandard classes even though the Versatility title has been completed.

Additionally,

- If not opting to continue in the Championship Program, individual qualifications may be carried from the Championship Program to the Performance Program by completing this application.
- Election for application of these special rules **must be made no later than March 31, 2017** by submitting the attached form.

## CH18" ONLY JUMP HEIGHT TRANSITION ELECTION FORM FOR 2017

Pursuant to regulations amendments on jump heights effective December 28, 2016, individuals currently competing in the 18" height class in the Championship Program are being granted "grandfather" status for—

- (1) competition results (Qs) in the Performance Program on/after December 28, 2016 to be attributed to titles currently in progress in the Championship Program, or
- (2) competition results (Qs) prior to December 28, 2016 in the Championship Program to be attributed to future titles in the Performance Program.

### OR in plain English -

- (1) A competitor may elect to have the qualifying scores earned in the Performance Program on/after December 28, 2016 combined with Qs for titles in progress in the Championship Program as described below. A Championship title will be earned. No Qs will be lost, **OR**
- (2) A competitor may elect to have the qualifying scores earned in the Championship program combined with future Qs in the Performance Program for a title in the Performance Program. No Qs will be lost.

This status is intended to enable competitors to continue to work toward the titles in progress in either program pursuant to their election without loss of benefit of past qualifications earned in the 18" class. **A separate form must be submitted for each dog for which an election is requested no later than March 31, 2017.**

These special rules only apply to crossing over from Championship to Performance because of elimination of the 18" height class in the Championship Program. Those who choose to continue to compete in the Championship Program by competing in the new 20" class need no special elections to earn future titles in the Championship Program.

**NO FEE REQUIRED**

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### Owner and Dog Information

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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I REPRESENT THAT THE DOG LISTED BELOW MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS SPECIAL TRANSITION ELECTION AND I REQUEST THAT THE FUTURE RESULTS FOR THE DOG INDICATED BELOW BE TRACKED IN THE PERFORMANCE PROGRAM FOR COMPLETION OF THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM TITLES AS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THESE SPECIAL TRANSITION ELECTION PROVISIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE BASIS FOR DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THIS SPECIAL ELECTION IS ESTABLISHED AS OF DECEMBER 28, 2016.

Dog Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USDAA Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_

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I REPRESENT THAT THE DOG LISTED BELOW MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS SPECIAL TRANSITION ELECTION AND I REQUEST THAT THE PAST RESULTS FOR THE DOG INDICATED BELOW BE TRANSFERRED TO THE PERFORMANCE PROGRAM FOR COMPLETION OF FUTURE PERFORMANCE PROGRAM TITLES AS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THESE SPECIAL TRANSITION ELECTION PROVISIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE BASIS FOR DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THIS SPECIAL ELECTION IS ESTABLISHED AS OF DECEMBER 28, 2016, AND THAT THIS ELECTION IS IN LIEU OF THE ELECTION OPTION ABOVE.

Dog Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USDAA Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_

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I HAVE READ THE POLICY STATEMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ELECTION AND UNDERSTAND THE OPTIONS PRESENTED

Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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