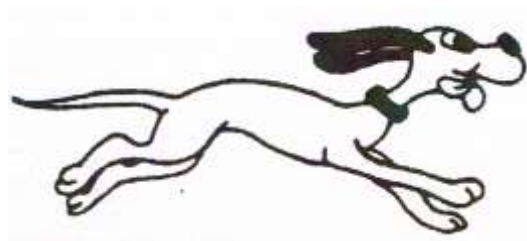


How do my dog and I graduate through the various Agility, Jumpers and Games classes and/or gain awards?

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Author's Note

Important: The booklet doesn't provide information about things like faults and refusals or what you need to do BEFORE you enter a Championship Event or Ribbon trial - that information can be found on the Dogs NZ Agility Site under *Information* in the menu or click on the following link or cut and paste into your browser - <http://www.dogagility.org.nz/information.html> - if you get a message "404 page not found" when following the link - reselect *Information* on the left hand menu. It should then clear.

Context:

1. One handler with one dog - though a handler may run multiple dogs who may be graded at different Grades.
2. **Championship Events only** - corresponding information regarding Ribbon Trials, Open and Club days can be found in the Regulations usually close to the Championship info.
3. All numbered references refer to the appropriate Section or Subsection of the Dogs New Zealand (Dogs NZ) Agility Regulations effective 1 January 2023 ("the Regulations").

Whilst all the information is provided by Dogs NZ in the Regulations it can be difficult to find and link it all together as I'm sure you will realise if you look at the Section and Subsection references - I hope this booklet helps us all to get the information we're looking for more easily.

To access the Regulations, click on the following Link or cut and paste into your browser

http://www.dogagility.org.nz/ACdocs/Regulations/DogsNZ_Agility_Regulations_Current.pdf

(Includes Additions and Amendments, effective 1 March 2023)

I have grouped the information under the three subject headings of Agility, Jumpers and Games and therefore there is some repetition, but it should save having to cross refer.

Top priority though is to have fun with your dog and to both enjoy Agility,

Cheers

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Agility

14.1 Standard Agility Classes and Eligibility to Enter

The Standard Classes for Agility are listed below with the lowest Grade listed first and the highest last. Except for Elementary B or A all newcomers enter at the lowest grade.

Standard Agility Classes are	Eligibility to Enter
Elementary C	14.1.1.1.1
Elementary B	14.1.1.1.2
Elementary A	14.1.1.1.4
Starters	14.1.2.1
Novice	14.1.3.1
Intermediate	14.1.4.1
Senior	14.1.5.1

Each dog is only eligible for two Grades of Standard Agility Classes at a time (proviso - there may be a period when a dog has graduated to a higher class but will compete at the lower level due to the competition it is entered in has already "closed" and it is too late to amend its entry). viz-

- Elementary C, B or A and Starters
- Starters and Novice
- Novice and Intermediate
- Intermediate and Senior

NB It is not obligatory to enter Elementary classes. If you do enter Elementary classes, there are Exclusions (14.1.1.2) i.e., you may only enter one Elementary class per event: C or B or A, Dogs entered in B or A may also enter Starters at the same event but not a Novice class. The same dog and handler combination entered in Elementary C may not also be entered in any other standard class.

5.5.1 Wins and Points

The following table shows the number of points available to place getters in all Agility Fixtures (**Agility**, Jumpers and Games) as defined by the number of dogs entered in the class or split. It is these points that may be used as part of graduation.

Number of Dogs Entered	Points Available	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
0 - 29	0	Win					
30 - 44	1	Win	1				
45 - 59	2	Win	1	1			
60 - 74	3	Win	2	1			
75 - 89	4	Win	2	1	1		
90 - 104	5	Win	2	2	1		
105 - 119	6	Win	3	2	1		
120 - 134	7	Win	3	2	2		
135 - 149	8	Win	3	2	2	1	
150 - 164	9	Win	3	3	2	1	
165 - 179	10	Win	3	3	2	1	1

14.2 Graduation in Agility Classes

Graduating from Elementary B or A / Starters to Starters / Novice

It is not necessary to graduate from Elementary B or A before entering the Starters / Novice class.

Graduating from Starters / Novice to Novice / Intermediate

14.2.1.1 Mandatory Graduation

A dog will be eligible to enter Intermediate classes when they have achieved:

- 2 first place wins with clear rounds in Starters and/or Novice Agility classes.

14.2.1.2 Optional Graduation

A dog shall become eligible to enter Intermediate classes:

- By gaining 25 clear rounds in Championship Starters and/or Novice classes.
- By being awarded AD, or
- 1 first place win with a clear round in Starters and/or Novice Agility classes plus a further 3 points gained in such classes.

In these cases, graduation is optional until such time as it becomes required by the Criteria for Graduation specified above.

N.B. Once a dog graduates to Novice/Intermediate using any of these optional methods, they cannot go back down to Starters/Novice.

Graduating from Novice / Intermediate to Intermediate / Senior

14.2.2.1 Mandatory Graduation

A dog will be eligible to enter Senior classes when they have achieved:

- 3 first place wins with clear rounds in Novice and/or Intermediate Agility classes.

14.2.2.2 Optional Graduation:

A dog shall become eligible to enter Senior classes:

- 2 first place wins with clear rounds in Novice and/or Intermediate classes plus a further 3 points (or ADX) gained in such classes; or,
- 1 first place win with a clear round in Novice and/or Intermediate classes plus a further 6 points (or 3 points plus ADX) gained in such classes.

In these cases, graduation is optional until such time as it becomes required by the criteria above.

N.B. Once a dog graduates to Intermediate/Senior using any of these optional methods, they cannot go back down to Novice/Intermediate

14.2.3 Automatic Qualification for AD and ADX

14.2.3.1

A dog that is in Novice/Intermediate level at 1st January 2023 that does not have the AD qualification will gain this automatically.

14.2.3.2

A dog that is in Intermediate/Senior level at 1st January 2023 that does not have the ADX qualification will gain this automatically.

14.3 Clean Slate Policy

Wins and Points counting for Agility Graduation

- A Starter dog which gains wins and/or points in Novice classes in order to meet the graduation criteria from Starters to Intermediate, may not use those **same** wins and/or points to count toward graduation from Novice to Senior.
- Subsequent wins and/or points gained in Novice classes after the Starters graduation criteria has been met, will however count toward graduation criteria for Senior.
- If a Starters dog gains wins and/or points in both Starters and Novice on the **same day**, the Starters wins and points will be reckoned toward graduation prior to the consideration of Novice wins and points gained on that day.

Agility Awards and Titles (in ascending order)

Awards

8.1.5.1 Agility Dog (AD)

- To qualify AD dogs must obtain two clear rounds on official AD nominated Novice courses.
- OR: Graduate from Starters/Novice to Novice/Intermediate.

8.1.5.2. Agility Dog Excellent (ADX)

- To qualify ADX dogs must obtain four clear rounds on official AD nominated Novice courses.
- OR: Graduate from Novice/Intermediate to Intermediate/Senior.

Agility Dog Excellent (ADX) - There are three levels of ADX. In ascending order, they are:

- ADX Bronze (ADXB)
- ADX Silver (ADXs)
- ADX Gold (ADXG)

To qualify dogs must be qualified ADX and obtain a further two Clear rounds on official ADX nominated intermediate courses at each level before proceeding to the next.

8.1.5.3 Senior Dog Awards (SN) - There are four levels of Senior dog awards.

- A dog will qualify at each level after accumulating the required total of Championship clear round certificates:
Senior Dog - Excellent (SNX) - 25 certificates
Senior Dog - Bronze (SNXB) - 40 certificates
Senior Dog - Silver (SNXS) - 55 certificates
Senior Dog - Gold (SNXG) - 70 certificates

Titles

8.1.1 Agility Champion (Ag. Ch.)

- A dog is entitled to be awarded the title of Agility Champion, after a dog has won six Agility Challenge* Certificates, at least one of which was a first place, under three different judges, obtained at least ten clear round certificates in senior classes at Championship Agility Events and qualified ADX.

8.1.2 Agility Grand Champion (Ag.Gr.Ch.)

- A dog is entitled to be awarded the title of Agility Grand Champion, after a dog has won 20 Agility Challenge* Certificates, at least ten of which are for first place, and qualified ADX GOLD

8.1.3 Agility Grand Champion Multipliers

- After a dog has been awarded the title of Agility Grand Champion, the winning of further sets of 20 Challenges will allow multipliers to be added to the title.
- These will be added up to and including the winning of 80 challenges as follows:

Ag.Gr.Ch2 = 40 challenges

Ag.Gr.Ch3 = 60 challenges

Ag.Gr.Ch4 = 80 challenges

8.1.4 Agility Supreme Champion (Ag.Sup.Ch.)

- After a dog has been awarded the title of Agility Grand Champion and has won 100 Agility Challenge* Certificates in total, it is entitled to be awarded the title of Agility Supreme Champion

11.1.5 Challenge* Certificates

Dogs NZ Agility Challenge Certificates must be offered for competition in every top-level Class (i.e. Senior Classes) provided that the dog(s) to be awarded the Challenge have achieved a qualifying clear round. A qualifying clear round will be a clear round within the Qualifying Course Time (QCT) or without going a full second over the QCT. The number of Challenges to be awarded is dependant on the number of dogs pre-entered in that class as follows:

Number of Dogs Entered	Number of Challenges Awarded
1 - 14	0
15 - 24	1
25 - 49	2
50 - 74	3
75 - 99	4
100+	One additional challenge for every additional 25 dogs in the height class

Jumpers

15.1 Standard Jumpers Classes and Eligibility to Enter

The Standard Jumpers Classes are listed below with the lowest Grade listed first and the highest last.

Standard Jumpers Classes are	Eligibility to Enter
Jumpers C	15.1.1.1
Jumpers B	15.1.2.1
Jumpers A	15.1.3.1

Dogs are only eligible for one Grade of Jumpers classes at a time (proviso - there may be a period when a dog has graduated to a higher class but will compete at the lower level due to the competition it is entered in has already "closed" and it is too late to amend its entry).

5.5.1 Wins and Points

The following table shows the number of points available to placegetters in all Agility Fixtures (Agility, **Jumpers** and Games) as defined by the number of dogs entered in the class. It is these points that may be used as part of the graduation.

Number of Dogs Entered	Points Available	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
0 - 29	0	Win					
30 - 44	1	Win	1				
45 - 59	2	Win	1	1			
60 - 74	3	Win	2	1			
75 - 89	4	Win	2	1	1		
90 - 104	5	Win	2	2	1		
105 - 119	6	Win	3	2	1		
120 - 134	7	Win	3	2	2		
135 - 149	8	Win	3	2	2	1	
150 - 164	9	Win	3	3	2	1	
165 - 179	10	Win	3	3	2	1	1

15.2 Graduation in Jumpers Classes

Graduating from Jumpers Grade C to Jumpers Grade B

15.2.1.1 **Mandatory** graduation from Grade C to Grade B

A dog will become eligible for entry into Grade B classes when it has achieved:

- 2 wins with clear rounds in Grade C Jumpers classes; or,
- 1 win with a clear round in Grade C Jumpers classes plus 3 points gained in such classes.

15.2.1.1 / 15.2.1.4 **Optional** graduation from Grade C to Grade B

- Jumpers Dog (JD) title by gaining 25 clear rounds in Championship Grade C classes. **NB - using 25 clear rounds to graduate.** Once a dog graduates to Jumpers B using this method, they cannot go back down to Jumpers C

Graduating from Jumpers Grade B to Jumpers Grade A

15.2.2.1 **Mandatory** graduation from Grade B to Grade A

A dog will become eligible for entry into Grade A classes when it has achieved:

- 3 wins with clear rounds in Grade B Jumpers classes or,
- 2 wins with clear rounds in Grade B Jumpers classes plus a further 3 points (or JDX or 25 clear rounds) gained in such classes or,
- 1 win with a clear round in Grade B Jumpers classes plus a further 6 points (or 3 points plus JDX or 3 points plus 25 clear rounds) gained in such classes.

There is no **Optional** graduation from Grade B to Grade A

Jumpers Awards and Titles (in ascending order)

Awards

8.2.5.1 **Jumpers Dog (JD)**

- To qualify JD dogs must obtain 25 clear rounds in Championship Grade C Jumpers Classes.
- Dogs which graduate out of Championship Grade C Jumpers classes prior to gaining the required 25 clear rounds will also be conferred the title of Jumpers Dog (JD).

8.2.5.2 **Jumpers B Dog**

There are four levels of Jumpers B dog awards. A dog will qualify at each level after accumulating the required total of Jumpers Championship Grade B clear round certificates. In ascending order, with number of certificates required:

- Jumpers Dog – Excellent (JDX) – 25 certificates. Dogs which graduate out of Championship Grade B Jumpers classes prior to gaining the required 25 clear rounds will also be conferred the title of (JDX)
- Jumpers Dog – Bronze (JDXB) – 40 certificates.
- Jumpers Dog – Silver (JDXS) – 55 certificates
- Jumpers Dog – Gold (JDXG) – 70 certificates

8.2.5.3 **Jumpers A Dog**

There are four levels of Jumpers A dog awards. A dog will qualify at each level after accumulating the required total of Jumpers Championship Grade A clear round certificates. In ascending order, with number of certificates required:

- Jumpers A Dog – Excellent (JAX) – 25 certificates
- Jumpers A Dog – Bronze (JAXB) – 40 certificates.
- Jumpers A Dog – Silver (JAXS) – 55 certificates
- Jumpers A Dog – Gold (JAXG) – 70 certificates

Titles

8.2.1 Jumpers Champion (J.Ch.)

- A dog is entitled to be awarded the title of Jumpers Champion, after it has won eight Jumpers Challenge* Certificates, at least two of which was a first place, under three different judges, obtained at least ten clear rounds in Grade A classes at Championship Jumpers Events and qualified JDX.

8.2.2 Jumpers Grand Champion (J.Gr.Ch.)

- A dog is entitled to be awarded the title of Jumpers Grand Champion, after it has won 20 Jumpers Challenge* Certificates, at least ten of which are for first place.

8.2.3 Jumpers Grand Champion Multipliers

- After a dog has been awarded the title of Jumpers Grand Champion, the winning of further sets of 20 challenges will allow multipliers to be added to the title. These will be added up to and including the winning of 80 challenges as follows:

J.Gr.Ch2 = 40 challenges

J.Gr.Ch3 = 60 challenges

J.Gr.Ch4 = 80 challenges

11.1.5 Challenge* Certificates

Jumpers Challenge Certificates must be offered for competition in every Jumpers A Class provided that the dog(s) to be awarded the challenge have achieved a qualifying clear round. A qualifying clear round will be a clear round within the Qualifying Course Time (QCT) or without going a full second over the QCT. The number of challenges to be awarded is dependant on the number of dogs pre-entered in that class as follows:

Number of Dogs Entered	Number of Challenges Awarded
1 - 14	0
15 - 24	1
25 - 49	2
50 - 74	3
75 - 99	4
100+	One additional challenge for every additional 25 dogs in the height class

Games

16.1 Standard Games Classes and Eligibility to Enter

The Standard Games Classes are listed below with the lowest Grade being C and the highest A.

Standard Games Classes are	Eligibility to Enter
Gamblers	All dogs enter at Games C level unless the dog has previously gained an award or title in Senior Agility and thus enters at Games B
Snooker	
Jumpers Pairs	
Blackjack	
Strategic Pairs	

5.5.1 Wins and Points

The following table shows the number of points available to placegetters in all Agility Fixtures (Agility, Jumpers and **Games**) as defined by the number of dogs entered in the class. It is these points that may be used as part of the graduation.

Number of Dogs Entered	Points Available	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
0 - 29	0	Win					
30 - 44	1	Win	1				
45 - 59	2	Win	1	1			
60 - 74	3	Win	2	1			
75 - 89	4	Win	2	1	1		
90 - 104	5	Win	2	2	1		
105 - 119	6	Win	3	2	1		
120 - 134	7	Win	3	2	2		
135 - 149	8	Win	3	2	2	1	
150 - 164	9	Win	3	3	2	1	
165 - 179	10	Win	3	3	2	1	1

16.3 Qualifying Certificates

Qualifying Certificates will be offered for competition in Games classes and will be awarded to those dogs which meet the criteria set down for that game.

Qualification criteria is provided under each individual Games:

17.1.4 Gamblers

17.2.5 Snooker

17.3.7 Jumpers Pairs

17.4.7 Blackjack

17.5.7 & 17.5.8 Strategic Pairs

16.4 Graduation in Games Classes

Wins and points will count for graduation purposes only if a Qualifying Certificate was also awarded. Once a dog has met the criteria for graduation from a grade, it will have advanced out of that grade in all **ALL** Games classes.

Graduating from Games Grade C to Games Grade B

16.4.1 **Mandatory** graduation from Grade C

A dog will become eligible for entry into Grade B Games classes when it has achieved one of the following:

- 3 wins (or 2 wins and 1 point, or 1 win and 6 points) in Grade C Games classes. They must have gained at least 1 qualifying certificate in each of Gamblers and Snooker; or,
- Gained an award or title at Senior agility; or,

Optional graduation from Grade C Games classes

- When a dog has gained 25 qualifying certificates (GD title).

NB Once a dog graduates to Games B using 25 qualifying certificates, they cannot go back down to Games C.

Graduating from Games Grade B to Games Grade A

16.4.2 Graduation from Grade B

A dog will become eligible for entry into Grade A Games classes when it has achieved one of the following:

- 3 wins (or 2 wins and 1 point, or 1 win and 6 points) in Grade B Games classes. They must have gained at least 1 qualifying certificate in each of Gamblers and Snooker.

Games Awards and Titles (in ascending order)

8.3.1 Games Dog (GD)

- To qualify GD, dogs must obtain 25 championship qualifying certificates (including at least five Snooker and five Gamblers) in Championship Grade C Games classes. Dogs which graduate out of Championship Grade C Games prior to gaining the required 25 qualifying certificates will also be awarded the title of Games Dog (GD).

8.3.2 Games Dog Excellent (GDX)

- To qualify GDX dogs must graduate out of Championship Grade B Games classes.

8.3.3 Games Dog Master (GDM)

- To qualify GDM dogs must obtain 25 championship qualifying certificates in Grade A Games, (including at least five Snooker and five Gamblers)