Welcome to the Northeast Agility Championship at the Thanksgiving Cluster!

We are excited to return with this special event to the Thanksgiving Agility Cluster. Thank you for your participation. This year we have 247 entries! General information regarding classes and scoring are included below. We expect to begin approximately 7pm, with walk thrus at 6:30pm.

Classes and Scoring

- In order to participate in our NAC, you were required to enter Standard, Jumpers and T2B on Friday and Premier Standard on Saturday.
- Time2Beat is comparable to the Hybrid round at AKC Nationals and Premier Standard will be used as the Challengers round.
- AKC agility Master rules will apply for the qualifying rounds with the following exceptions: A refusal (excluding T2B), runout, wrong course, missed contact and dropped bar will result in a 5-point deduction. Any run with an Excusal (E) will result in a score of zero. Course time deductions equal 3 points for every second over course time, truncating down to whole seconds.
- Scores for Friday will be the combined scores from Standard, JWW and T2B. The **top scoring 25%** teams, *minimum of 4 dogs and not to exceed 12 dogs*, will advance to the Finals on Saturday.
- Of the next top 5 scoring dogs from Friday, we will take the top scoring dog in each division from Saturday's Premier Standard class and place them in the finals.
- In the event there are less than 4 dogs entered in the Preferred division in a class, those dogs will compete with dogs at the "regular" height.
- A minimum of 100 total points will be required to qualify for the finals.
- Updated results will be posted throughout the day.
- Full scoring details are listed in the premium.

Swag

- Thanks to the efforts of Amber McCune and American K9 Country, every NAC participant will receive a special commemorative gift!
- Each item will have a runner's bib with your armband number. Please pin the bib to the back of your shirt on Friday so we may identify you as an NAC participant.
- Gifts will be available for pick up Friday morning, on a table near the Volunteer area. They will be labeled alphabetically by owner's name.
- This is the 5th year in a row that American K9 Country has been sponsored the swag. Please take a moment to thank Amber for believing in this event and making it truly special for each exhibitor.

NAC Ring

- Thank you to Animal Necessity for sponsoring the ring and ribbons for NAC.
- St Rocco's is donating a sample of their treat for each bag.

Prizes and Awards

• NAC rosettes will be presented to First, Second and Third place, in each height division and sponsored

by Guardian K9.

- Prizes will be awarded at the end of each jump height. (8" P and 8" Regular will be presented before 12" dogs run, etc)
- First place winners will receive:
 - Rosette holder donated by Dr. Amanda Rizner from The Squeaky Egg
 - PVC Bars crafted by Sue Usher

AKC TV

- Finals will be live streamed by <u>AKC TV</u>
- Remember no swearing on course :)
- Last year, a number of people that made finals did not have any information in their bio. Please take the time to click on this link and provide a few words about your dog. NAC Bio for AKC TV

Volunteers

• Please encourage your friends to stay and cheer you on and volunteer so we may run an efficient ring.

The Thanksgiving Agility Cluster committee thank you for entering. This is fast becoming the most exciting special attraction in the country.

Safe travels!