

Implementing Fast Track

The Fast Track is a titling option whereby a dog that has earned advanced titles in another agility organization can move up to that same level in the TDAA by demonstrating those purported skills in TDAA courses and games. The dog's owner must first demonstrate proof of the advanced level title by submitting a copy of a titling certificate from the organization in which that title was earned.

In order to begin competing in the Superior class, the dog must first earn qualifying scores in Beginners and Intermediate.

In the games classes the criteria for Fast Track advancement might be a bit more simplified. A single game might have "nested" qualifying criteria. Take "Dare to Double" as an example. Games I, Games II, and Games III players would compete on the same course. But qualifying criteria is set at different levels, reflecting the doubling nature of the game:

- Games I requires 40 points
- Games II requires 80 points
- Games III requires 160 points

If the dog earns a score that qualifies him for Games II or Games III he is moved up to Games III for all subsequent games and can no longer earn qualifying scores for a lower level.

The Fast Track does not entitle the dog to earn those titles in the TDAA being passed through.

Trial Administration

The simplest way to offer Fast Track is to provide a registration option on the trial premium registration. The Fast Track option on the premium should look something like this:

A qualifying score in the lower class is required to move up to the next higher class. The dog's owner must submit a copy of title certificates for the dog.

Please mark each of the following that apply:

Move up from Beginners to: *Intermediate* *Superior*

Move up from Games I to: *Games II* *Games III*

Submit \$8.00 with your move-up request, and attach this form. Payment of the \$8.00 is no guarantee that your dog will qualify at the lower level (though he will have four chances at each), and is non-refundable.

During the conduct of the trial special attention should be paid to those entries which qualify for the Fast Track. Highlighting the scribe sheets and catalog entries will flag to the scorekeeping table to be attentive to the special handling required.

In standard rounds a dog earning a qualifying score are eligible to be moved up in the next *series* of standard courses. For example, in a trial that offers two standard runs in the same day, if the dog earns a qualifying score in Beginners he would not be eligible to compete in the nested Intermediate following immediately thereafter. However, he would be eligible to compete in the second Intermediate round of the day.

In games it is possible for the dog to move up to Games III if the game has nested qualifying criteria should the dog earn a score qualifying for Games II or Games III in the first round.