



2018 Petit Prix Tournament Rules

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Tournament Rules are subject to
revision]**

TDAA's 2018 Petit Prix national championship tournament is designed to showcase dogs of small stature in the sport of dog agility and to name a national champion in each jump height.

The Qualifying Period for the 2018 Petit Prix is November 1, 2017 through September 1, 2018.

Each tournament is structured on two levels:

1 Qualifying Events

Dogs can qualify for the Petit Prix in designated Qualifying Classes in TDAA sanctioned trials and in the TDAA Virtual League in the Qualifying Period.

2 The TDAA Petit Prix

- A final championship event, consisting of quarterfinals, semifinals and finals. **The location and date To Be Determined.**

General Rules

This tournament is designed to provide a test in head-to-head competition with challenges that generally conform to the Course Design Guidelines of the Superior Standard class.

Competitors are eligible to compete in the tournament series with any dog that is registered with TDAA without regard to previous accomplishments in the sport. The following general rules apply:

- A person may enter more than one dog in the tournament; however, no dog may be entered by more than one person.
- Qualifications earned in Petit Prix Qualifying events and in the Petit Prix are recorded for titling purposes.
- Dogs jumping with a "self-declared" height exemption beyond body-type and veterans shall be eligible to compete for titling purposes only.

All dogs, without regard to competition level, or titles earned, shall compete on the same courses. All games and courses are eligible for dogs to earn qualifying legs towards TDAA titles. All courses will be judged under the TDAA Superior rules for performance. However, the dog shall earn a qualifying score only at the level for which he is eligible.

Course Time differentials for Beginner/GI, Intermediate/GII, Vet Dog, or Disabled Handler will not be used for Tournament Scoring. These differentials *may* be used by the score table to determine if a team earns a qualifying score at the level for which they are

eligible and for any Special Awards for the event. Any maximum course times used will accommodate this. Some games have scoring criteria where these additional time allowances will not apply.

Scoring

TDAA Rules & Regulations in effect at the date of competition apply. For all standard classes scoring rules for the Superior standard class as set forth in Chapter 5 of TDAA rules and regulations apply. A qualifying score is awarded for a zero-fault round.

For all games classes *the Book of Agility Games* shall be recognized as the basis for rules, scoring basis and qualifying criteria.

Petit Prix Qualifying Class

Qualifying events consist of a single round on a standard course held in conjunction with local TDAA trials. A separate qualifying class may be held on separate days at the same trial.

One qualifying score in the Qualifying Period is required for entry to the Petit Prix.

The Qualifying class will be judged under Superior rules for performance, including performance faults and rates of travel. Qualifying scores will be recorded at the level for which a dog is eligible.

TDAA Petit Prix

The Petit Prix Tournament will consist of three standard courses and seven games.

Quarter Finals

The Quarter Finals shall consist of three Standard courses and three Games.

In the Quarter Finals a dog shall earn points for *placement within the field*. Points shall be accorded to the dog against the over-all field. Scoring shall use a point table (placement inverse to count) to ensure that top performing dogs are equitably recognized.

Dogs running with a jump height exemption shall be scored against dogs of the measured height and not the exemption height; and will compete using the scoring times set for the measured height.

Scoring will be weighted, with the dog's final score adjusted by jump height. The weight factor might be applied to playing time, total combined score, or points earned. The basic weighting will be based on these values:

Dogs scored at 16" = 1.0

Dogs scored at 12" = .9

Dogs scored at 8" = .76

Dogs scored at 4" = .58

Semi-Finalists will be the top 60% of dogs in the quarter finals. The overall winner of any single event shall earn a bye into the Final round.

Semi-Finals

The Semi-Finals shall consist of one standard course and two games. The Semi-Finals

begin with a “blank slate”. Placement points earned in the Quarter Finals have no bearing on this phase of the competition.

The same scoring system as used in the Quarter Finals shall be used for the Semi-Finals.

Dogs that did not qualify for the Semi-Finals may compete on these games and courses for titling purposes only; excepting that a dog winning any single event shall earn a bye into the Final Round.

Finalists will be the top 60% of the Semi-Finals. All jump heights will be represented.

All dogs having earned a bye shall qualify for the Final Round.

The Final Round

The Final Round shall be either a standard course or a sequencing game. The Final round shall begin with a “blank slate”. Placement in the round, in each jump height, shall determine tournament placement.

Awards and Placements

The top *five* placements in each jump height will be recognized in the award ceremony. The winner of each game and standard round through the tournament, measured against the entire field of dogs, shall be recognized and awarded a winner’s prize.