

Empire State Pinball

The purpose of Empire State Pinball is to accumulate as many points as possible in the time allotted. Big dogs (16" and 12") will have 45 seconds; small dogs (8" and 4") will have 50 seconds.

All dogs start at Lincoln Tunnel, and finish on the Tilt (table). Obstacle point values are:

- Potholes (jumps) are worth 10 points, and may be taken any number of times for points, but not back-to-back. No faults will be assessed for dropped bars and no points will be awarded, and bars will not be reset.
- "Wine Regions" are worth 50 points and may be taken no more than two times (not back-to-back) for points. The weaves must be completed in their entirety; pop-out fixes are not allowed. Multiple attempts to correctly complete the weaves are allowed. No faults will be assessed.
- "Niagara Falls" is worth 100 points and may be taken no more than two times (not back-to-back) for points. "Niagara Falls" is only approachable by passing through the "Whirlpools." If the dog enters either of the "Whirlpool" tunnels, it must repeat the tunnel before moving on to attempt "Niagara Falls," or no points will be awarded. Any attempt at "Niagara Falls" without passing through the "Whirlpools" will result in 0 points being awarded.
- The "Adirondack Mountains" is worth 200 points and may be taken no more than two times (not back-to-back) for points. "Adirondack Mountains" consists of the numbered sequence of a tunnel, the A-frame, and another tunnel. All three obstacles must be performed successfully in the order and direction shown to earn the 200 points. Any off-course or fault before successfully completing this sequence will result in 0 points being awarded; to earn the 200 points, the team must restart the entire sequence.
- Tunnels have no point value.
- Faulted obstacles will receive 0 points.

No points will be earned until the dog completes Lincoln Tunnel.

Time begins when the dog crosses the start line. At the whistle, point accumulation ends and the team must head for the Tilt (table). Time stops when the dog places one paw on the table. The Tilt (table) is live at all times. Point accumulation ends and time stops as soon as the dog places one paw on the table at any time during the run.

Empire State Pinball is scored points, then time as a tiebreaker only. To qualify, the team must have a time and must accumulate the appropriate minimum number of points:

- Games I – 300 points
- Games II – 450 points
- Games III – 600 points

