

Near and Far
Judge Recertification 2008
Judge Diane Jensen

Near and Far was designed by TDAA judge, Trisha Stall from New York.

Briefing:

The purpose of Near and Far is to run the numbered course. At two points on the course there will be "far" sections where the handler must stay behind a containment line while sending the dog ahead to perform the designated obstacle (s). Crossing the containment line will result in faults (10 points). Game I handler may cross the line once and not be disqualified. Game II and Game III handlers will not qualify if they cross the containment line. The obstacles in the "far" section must be performed. Other faults, which will be called include: dropped bar, off course, missed contact, and missed pole. Weave poles must be completed after a correct entry has been made to avoid a fault. Refusals will not be called at any level. The four paw safety rule will NOT be in effect.

Scoring:

Near and Far is scored faults, then time. The lowest score wins with time used as a tiebreaker only. Crossing the containment line is a 10-point fault. Crossing the containment line results in a non-qualifying score as well as the 10-point fault at the Games II and Games III levels. Standard faults are 5 points while failure to perform faults are worth 20 points.

A standard course time will be set for each level. Each second, or partial second, over standard course time will result in a 1-point fault.

One "far" section will be as follows: Game I: tunnel; Game II: jump to tunnel; Game III: jump to tunnel to jump.

The other "far" section will be as follows: Game 1: A-frame; Game II: chute to A-frame; and Game III: chute to A-frame to jump.

Qualifying:

- ▶ Games I score of 15 faults or less
- ▶ Games II score of 10 faults or less
- ▶ Games III score of 5 faults or less

Near and Far Volunteer Briefing

Timer: Start time when the dog crosses the start line. Stop time when the dog crosses the finish line. Give the dog's time to the scribe to write on the scribe sheet. Blow the whistle immediately if the stopwatch does not start or isn't functioning correctly. If you do not know how to use the stopwatch, please let me know before the class starts. You are responsible for telling each exhibitor when they can start. Be sure the scribe, the judge and the ring steward are ready and that the previous dog is under control. THANK YOU for volunteering to help!

Scribe: I will indicate standard faults (write an S on sheet) with one hand in the air. I will indicate failure to perform (write an F on sheet) with both hands. If handler steps on containment line, I will call Line (write L on sheet). After the dog's run, write the time on the scribe sheet. If you have any questions about a dog's run, please ask before we begin the next run. THANK YOU for volunteering to help!

Score Table:

Qualifying Scores:	Games I	score of 15 faults or less
	Games II	score of 10 faults or less
	Games III	score of 5 faults or less

This game is scored faults, then time, with the lowest score winning. Time is a tiebreaker. On the scribe sheet you might find an S, which is a 5-point fault, an F which is a 20 point fault, or an L which is a 10 point fault. Add these fault points together for a total. Compare the dog's time to the standard course time. For each second or fraction thereof, which is over standard course time for that level, assess a 1-point fault. Add these time faults to the subtotal to obtain a total fault. If a Games II or Games III dog has an L on their scribe sheet, it is an automatic non-qualifying run.

NOTE: Please hold the scribe sheets for me to check at the end of the game BEFORE posting results.

Ring Steward: Please straighten the chute after each run. Be sure all bars are set at the appropriate height and are up before each run. Listen for gate steward to indicate when you should change the height of the bar jumps. THANK YOU for volunteering to help!

Gate Steward: Have a dog ready at the start line when the previous dog has finished and is under control. Please call last dog this height when appropriate to alert the ring stewards. THANK YOU for volunteering to help!

