



Guidelines for Agility Equipment

All obstacles used in NADAC-sanctioned competitions must meet NADAC specifications. Obstacles must be constructed so as to be safe and reliable when used by the smallest or the largest of dogs expected to train or compete on that equipment. Equipment builders should always have safety as the primary concern when constructing equipment.

Contact Obstacles

Contact obstacles should always provide a non-slip surface that provides good traction for the dogs without being so rough as to damage the dog's pads. Surfaces must be maintained on a regular basis so that dogs will not slip when performing these obstacles.

Most equipment builders have found that products such as Skid-Free, No-Skid, Skid-Tex, Deck-Tec or other such products will provide a better traction surface than using a large, coarse sand mixture. Most of these products, when mixed heavily with paint, will provide a non-slip surface that also works well when wet.

Rubber surfacing is highly recommended, but **MUST** be approved by NADAC.

All contact zones must have a clear line of demarcation 42" from the bottom of the ramp.

This may be done by painting the lower 42" with yellow paint or applying a minimum of a 1" white line at the 42" point on the contact ramp.

Slats are not allowed on the contact equipment.

The following table lists the heights of each of the contact obstacles, along with the widths and lengths of the ramps of each of those obstacles. Also listed is the length of the contact zone for each obstacle.

	Ramp Length	Ramp Width	Height	Contact Zone
A-frame	8' or 9'	3' to 4'	4'8" for 8' ramps 5' for 9' ramps	42 inches

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Dog Walk	11'6" to 12'	11.25" to 12" (12" recommended)	46" to 50"	42 inches

Weave Poles:

Weave Poles shall be of rigid construction, 24" from center to center.

The base of the weave poles shall be no more than 1/2" in height and no more than 2" in width.

There shall be no rough or protruding edges along the base of the weave poles, nor any bolts or nuts in an area which a dog may step on while weaving. Consideration should be taken for the many sizes of dogs which will be using the weave poles. The base should have a non-slip surface.

The weave poles shall be 41"-48" in height. The width of the poles shall be 1" outside diameter.

The supports (feet) should be offset so that the dog's path never crosses over a support leg and are to be of sufficient length (16-18") to support the poles without staking.

Weave poles must be free standing. They are not allowed to be staked.

Open Tunnel:

The diameter (opening/exit) of the open tunnel shall be approximately 24". The length shall be no less than 10' and no more than 20'. Tunnels should be of a 4" pitch. Tunnels not in good repair, those with holes, loose threads, or do not stay open with tunnel holders (i.e. the openings collapse frequently and easily) should not be used because they pose a safety hazard to the dogs.

Tunnel Holders:

NADAC recommends saddle bag type tunnel holders be used for all NADAC classes. Twenty pounds of sand or three gallons of water in each bag has proven to be sufficient to hold tunnels in place. If sand is used, it is recommended that it be disbursed into individual zip lock baggies and then inserted into the tunnel bag. Tunnel snuglers, "Omega" holders, or holders with flat plates and straps are acceptable.

Bungee cords or chains are not allowed. Metal "cradle" type tunnel holders are not allowed.

Non-Winged Jumps:

All jumps are to be 4' to 5' wide with uprights a minimum of 32" high and adjustable for the jump heights: 4", 8", 12", 16", and 20".

Bars must be easily displaceable, and may be made of wood, plastic or PVC. There shall be a minimum diameter of $\frac{3}{4}$ " for jump bars. Jump supports may be constructed of any solid material.

Winged Jumps:

The same specifications as above apply, with the addition of side wings or other support standards. Wings should be free of sharp or hazardous edges and shall be a minimum of 6" to 12" higher than the highest jump height to be used.

Hoops:

Please contact the NADAC Australia Office for pictures and descriptions of NADAC's hoop design.

The arch design is preferred.

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Barrels:

Soft, pop-up or rigid barrels may be used.

22-28" across and 24-42" high