



## **AUSTRALIAN NADAC NATIONALS 2021 – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Due to the many disruptions to trialling since the beginning of the Coronavirus pandemic, many NADAC teams in Australia have lost the opportunity to earn points and progress as planned through NADAC levels.

For some of the older NADAC dogs, it has meant that they lost opportunities and indeed time, to reach lifetime goals.

For the very young NADAC dogs, it has meant they have not progressed as quickly as they may have through the levels had they had more trialling opportunities.

For some owners and handlers, they too are feeling the “pinch” as they too are another year older.

I am very pleased to announce that for the 2021 Australian Nationals we will be waiving most of our normal eligibility criteria. This means providing we don't exceed our entry limit you can come and be part of the Nationals. The event will be open to more exhibitors than in recent years.

The event will still be divided into Challenge entry and General entry.

The Challenge class is Regular Agility and this will be the main event and it is from this that we will determine our Challenge Stakes, Challenge Elite and Challenge Pre-Elite Champions.

All other NADAC classes will be available as General entry classes and will provide normal weekend qualifications but will not contribute towards a dogs Challenge entry score.

The event will be open to any dog with a valid NADAC dog Registration for both Challenge entry and General entry.

**Dogs entered into Challenge Entry will be required to meet the following eligibility criteria;**

### **Challenge Stakes:**

- The dog must be eligible for entry into the Elite level in Regular (ie they have earned their Open Agility Title ‘OAC’ in NADAC or have grandfathered into NADAC at the Elite level).
- If the dog is over 7 on September 1, 2021, then they will be required to enter as a Veteran Dog.

- Dogs must have 150 points in their lifetime in Elite Chances, and a bonus or distance challenge of any value. You may also enter if the dog has attended Challenge Stakes in previous years.

### **Challenge Elite:**

- The dog must be eligible for entry into the Elite level in Regular (ie they have earned their Open Agility Title ‘OAC’ in NADAC or have grandfathered into NADAC at the Elite level).
- If the dog is over 7 on September 1, 2021, then they will be required to enter as a Veteran Dog.

### **Challenge Pre-Elite:**

- The dog must be eligible for entry into the Open level in Regular (ie they have earned their Novice Agility Title ‘NAC’ in NADAC or have grandfathered into NADAC at the Open level).
- If the dog is over 7 on September 1, 2021, then they will be required to enter as a Veteran Dog.
- If the dog regularly competes at the Elite level in Regular agility and has earned any Elite level Qualifications between August 1 2020 – July 31 2021 then they must enter Challenge Elite. The exception to this will be if the dog is 10 years or older.

### **Other important information for you to note;**

Scoring for Challenge is a time plus faults basis and not scored like a normal weekend (more on that later).

Runs will be limited to 500 runs per day and priority will be given to Challenge entry runs. After all, Challenge Entry is the ‘main event’ For example: If someone enters Challenge Pre-Elite those runs will be given priority entry over someone who enters no Challenge entry runs.

When you enter Challenge you are entering the main event and are therefore entering all of the Regular Agility runs across all days. For Example, You cannot enter just one day of Challenge.

Criteria for 2022 will most likely be very different from what is being offered for this year.

All other details will be posted on the NADAC Australia website as due course.

I hope to see you there

Cheers  
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