

# PTE. MOUILLEE WATERFOWL FESTIVAL

## Huron River Jump Dogs Event Rules

1. The Jump score will be determined by the distance from the end of the jump raft to the point where the dog's back legs touch the water, the leg closest to the ramp shall govern. The Event Judge always has the final say.
2. A Judge may not judge his/her own dog or family dog(s). A Judge may jump his dog if a 2nd judge (not related) is willing to judge him.
3. Female dogs in heat are banned from the event premises at all times.
4. Dogs must be AT LEAST 6 months old, and you may be asked for proof if your dog looks too young. Special circumstances are considered if you have an exceptional swimmer that is younger than 6 months old but keep in mind that it is solely at the discretion of the event Judge. Please ask registration if you can speak to the Judge because you would like your pup evaluated for competition. The event Judge can test the pup's swimming ability, and it is up to him/her if they will allow your dog in.
5. Your dog must be considered an above-average swimmer. This is the dog that has no fear in the water, and will swim out for his/her toy with no extra splashing or flailing about. This means that your dog can get in a pool, lake, pond or what have you, and swim around with no erratic splashing. The dog's confidence should be at the highest level. The reason why we won't let an immature dog participate is important for you to understand... if your dog gets "water freaked" in the slightest bit, not only could it ruin your dog from ever swimming again, but the likelihood of your dog losing your trust completely is great. That's the last thing you want. We will only accept dogs that are above-average swimmers.
6. Only ONE dog may be off-lead at a time\*.
  - a. This is the dog whose turn it is on the dock. All other dogs must remain either on lead or kenneled at all times.
  - b. It is your responsibility to watch that the dog on the dock is back on lead before unleashing your dog.
  - c. NO RETRACTABLE LEASHES!

\*The exception to the one dog off lead at a time rule is when you have one handler/owner that owns 2 dogs, and the owner wants to use one of their dogs to help urge the other to jump. This is allowed and encouraged, as long as the owner has control of his dogs, no other dogs are off-leash, and enough people are willing to help out when the dogs are coming out of the pool.

7. No abusive treatment of dogs will be permitted during or outside of competition.
  - a. This includes any harsh correction and collar jerks.
  - b. No pushing or pulling the dog up the stairs or into the pool. (The dog MUST go in on its own accord for the jump to be scored.)
  - c. "Training collars" are not allowed on the dock. This includes but is not limited to prong collars, pinch/choke collars, etc. Electronic "dummy" collars or e-collars in the "off" position are permitted on the dock, BUT the remote control must be left on the registration desk. Nothing may be hanging off of collars, either. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification.
  - d. DO NOT EVER PUSH YOUR DOG OFF THE DOCK!
  - e. We retain the right to ask anyone to leave our event at our discretion.
8. No vertical jumping into a pool is allowed!
9. There may be 2 handlers on the dock - one to hold the dog while the other "handles" the dog. In unique service dog situations, we allow 3 people on the dock. We will also allow anyone who can't get on the dock because of a disability to throw from the side.
10. Huron River Jump Dogs' whole concept revolves around the dog, not the team. Therefore, each dog can only be listed in the running order once per Splash – there is no exception. However, handlers can be switched at any time. So, if you have 2 handlers, you can either take turns being the person who throws for each of the 2 jumps, or 1 handler throws for the dog for both jumps in 1 Splash, and the other handler throws for the dog in a different Splash. The dog will only retain the highest score in the Bubble, and can then only jump in the Finals in a single division with either handler.
11. In the case of a dog biting a person, the offending dog's owner will be asked to leave the event site immediately. The incident will be reviewed for severity. The second offense will be a permanent ban.
12. No fighting allowed amongst handlers. The incident will be reviewed before judgment is given.
13. Pte. Mouillee Waterfowl Festival reserves the right to refuse admittance to anyone.
14. Respect the personal space of others.
  - a. When in line, it is your responsibility to be aware of the dog and human in front of you and behind you, keeping your dog out of reach of all others. Maintain a 4ft distance.
  - b. When leading your dog, be aware of all other dogs and humans around you.
  - c. When in the Staging area, please do not touch the property of others without permission. This includes but is not limited to dogs, kennels, and all other belongings.

15. There is No Poop Fairy... Pick up all of your waste.

- a. We retain the right to ask anyone who has not picked up their dog's waste, to leave the event.
- b. You are responsible for bringing bags to pick up after your dog(s).
- c. This also includes any garbage you or your family may accumulate while at the event, ie. Beverage bottles, paper products, etc...

16. There will be a designated Staging Area at events.

- a. You are encouraged to bring a kennel, doggy waste bags, food, treats, water, bowls, towels, blankets, toys, an emergency medical kit and/or anything else necessary for your dog's comfort and care while at the event. NOTE: WE DO NOT PROVIDE TOYS.
- b. You are welcome to bring chairs, a pop-up canopy\*, coolers, non-alcoholic beverages, food and anything else necessary for your family's comfort and care while at the event.  
\*Space is sometimes limited.
- c. All of these things should remain within the Staging area.

17. All competitors and staff must conduct themselves in a civilized manner, which reflects the values of Pte. Mouillee Waterfowl Festival

- a. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated.
- b. Common sense prevails

18. CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

a. All competitors MUST check in at the Registration Desk for EACH activity during the designated Registration Period, which is no less than 30 minutes prior to an activity. Otherwise, you will not be included in the running order. Additions will not be made after the activity has begun. If you are participating in more than one activity per day, it is not necessary to check in for each activity, HOWEVER, this does not include the FINALS.

b. Everyone MUST sign a Liability Waiver.

19. COSTS:

QUALIFY JUMPING costs \$5 per dog, per 3 jumps. Your best jump will be used toward qualifying. You may jump more than once, but please respect others in line and only take 3 jumps per turn. COMPETITION JUMPING costs \$5, per 2 jumps. The best jump out of 2 will be your final distance. ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

20. Have Fun and Be Safe!