

Dogs NSW
Agility Committee

Dog of the Year Competition

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The purpose of a Dog of the Year (DOTY) competition is to recognise the most consistent performance;

- For an overall dog competing in Agility Trials across all heights and classes
- For an overall dog competing in Jumping Trials across all heights and classes
- Novice, Excellent, Masters and Elite Classes in 200, 300, 400, 500 and 600 heights
- For a Junior Handler competing in Agility Trials across all heights and classes
- For a Junior Handler competing in Jumping Trials across all heights and classes

1. Dog of the Year Competition

- 1.1 There are 3 categories for the Dog of the Year Competition;
 - > Overall Dog of the Year
 - > Class/Height Dog of the Year
 - > Junior Handler of the Year
- 1.2 Dog of the Year (DotY) Competition is to be held in conjunction with approved all breed ANKC Agility and ANKC Jumping trials held in New South Wales by affiliate members of Dogs NSW.
- 1.3 Entry is free of charge and is included when competing in the specified trial.
- 1.4 Trials held on weeknights or limited to specific breeds or groups are ineligible.
- 1.5 Entry into the DotY Competition is open to competing dogs in all heights and classes, ie Novice, Excellent, Masters and Elite in all heights.
- 1.6 All DOTY awards will be presented at the Dogs NSW State Agility and Jumping Championship Trophy Presentation.

2. Awards and Recognition

- 2.1 The dog and handler with the most points for jumping will be awarded the honour of the Dogs NSW Jumping Dog of the Year and the **Geronimo Cup**.
- 2.2 The dog and handler with the most points for agility will be awarded the honour of the Dogs NSW Agility Dog of the Year and the **Balder Trophy**.
- 2.3 The dog and handler in each class and each height with the most points will be awarded the honour of Dog of the Year for their relevant height and class.

- 2.4 The dog and Junior handler with the most points for jumping will be awarded the honour of the Dogs NSW Jumping Junior Handler of the Year.
- 2.5 The dog and Junior handler with the most points for agility will be awarded the honour of the Dogs NSW Agility Junior Handler of the Year.

3. Points Accumulation Rounds

- 3.1 There will be a maximum of one Jumping Trial and one Agility trial at an eligible event to count as a DotY Points Accumulation round.
- 3.2 The first jumping trial and/or first agility trial on day one of an eligible event will be counted as a DotY Points Accumulation round.
- 3.3 Affiliate members located outside the metropolitan areas of Newcastle, Sydney and Wollongong may nominate one (1) additional jumping trial and one (1) additional agility trial provided they are held on day 2 of the trial.
- 3.4 The points accumulation year will commence on 1st August in a calendar year unless otherwise notified by the DogsNSW Agility Committee and finish on the last weekend of July in the following year. Where 1st August is a Sunday, the accumulation year will start on following Monday. Eg the 2022 competition will commence on 1st August 2021 and complete on 31st July 2022.
- 3.5 The **trial secretary** is responsible for returning the trial results electronically. Results must;
 - > include all Qualifying results and all non qualifying results excluding disqualifications
 - > include at minimum; Class, Height, Judge, Name of Dog, Name of handler, Finishing position, Course Time, SCT
 - > be in either a Rich Text Format (RTF) or Comma separated Values (CSV) file. Photos or scans of written results are not acceptable
 - > returned 7 days of the conclusion of an approved trial via email to nswagilitycommittee@gmail.com.

4. Overall Dog of the Year Competition

- 4.1 Points will be awarded based on a ranking system to equalise results across all Classes and height groups, one for dogs competing in agility and one for dogs competing in jumping.
- 4.2 Points will accumulate over fifteen (15) best rounds per dog.
- 4.3 Qualification runs will score points as per points table below.
- 4.4 Non Qualification runs will be awarded five (5) participation points
- 4.5 Competitors finishing rank twenty and beyond will be awarded ten (10) points.
- 4.6 Disqualification runs will not be awarded points, ie zero (0).
- 4.7 Points will be determined as follows;
 - > Each dog Course Time (CT) will be divided by the Standard Course Time (SCT) for that Class/Height group.
 - > Each of the values will be scored using a statistical method called “Z Score” so that different Classes and Heights can have an equal comparison.
 - > All values to be ranked from lowest to highest and points awarded as per points table below.

4.8 Standard Z Score values are;

Class	AD	ADX	ADM/ADE	JD	JDX	JDM/JDE
Mean	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.65	0.7	0.85
Std Dev	0.15	0.14	0.1	0.12	0.11	0.1

Values may be reviewed as needed.

4.9 In the event of a points tie, the dog with the highest number of Qualification runs in their 15 best rounds will be declared the winner. If the result is still tied, the lowest average Z Score for Qualification runs in their best 15 rounds will be declared the winner

5. Class and Height Dog of the Year Competition

- 5.1 Points will be awarded in Novice, Excellent, Masters and Elite Classes, and 200, 300, 400, 500 and 600 heights based on their placing at the conclusion of the trial.
- 5.2 Points accumulated in a class in a competition year are not lost. Once a dog earns a title their points accumulation will cease. The points accumulation will restart for the new Class.
- 5.3 Qualification runs will score points as per points table below.
- 5.4 Competitors finishing rank twenty and beyond will be awarded ten (10) points.
- 5.5 Disqualification runs will not be awarded points, ie zero (0).
- 5.6 For Novice dogs best 5 points rounds in Novice will count.
- 5.7 For Excellent dogs best 6 points rounds in Excellent will count
- 5.8 For Masters and Elite dogs best 10 points rounds will count
- 5.9 In the event of a points tie the dog with the lowest average Course Time / Standard Course time will be declared the winner.

6. Junior Handler

- 6.1 A junior handler is a person who has attained their 7th birthday and has not turned 18 years of age. Junior Handlers will not accrue additional points from the date of their 18th birthday within a competition year.
- 6.2 The Dogs NSW Agility Committee must be informed when joining the competition if the handler is a junior.
- 6.3 The Junior Handler will also accumulate points in the main DOTY competition

7. Points Table

Place	Points
1	50
2	42
3	36
4	32
5	30
6	28
7	26
8	24
9	22
10	20
11	19
12	18
13	17
14	16
15	15
16	14
17	13
18	12
19	11
20	10
>20	10
Participation	5