

CANINE HOOPERS OF CANADA

Revisions of Rules & Guidelines

July 15, 2025



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NEW Preferred Division!

NEW Challenge Class!

Detailed requirements & course design for Levels

Beginner level is now an optional Intro level

NEW point and Title system with a NEW 'Collective Title'

Effective as of July 15, 2025

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Revisions from Rules and Guidelines 2.0 - Effective July 15, 2025

3.1 – Divisions : Regular and Preferred

There are now two entry categories

1. Regular: Dogs continue to enter by rules for size: Small, medium or large

2. NEW PREFERRED Division

“For dogs that find completing full courses too demanding due to physical challenges. This includes veteran dogs and those with medical or other physical conditions. The Preferred Division offers courses with shorter sequences”

Dogs that are veterans in agility are permitted but not obligated to run in the Preferred division. This will be at the owner’s discretion

Teams may switch from Regular to Preferred Division at any time and in any level from Novice to Proficient. Preferred courses have a maximum of **16 obstacles**, but all other aspects such as distance, bonuses, times and rules remain unchanged. Size measurements also remain the same: small, medium or large

Please note that once a dog has entered the Preferred Division, they must continue to run in that division and no longer qualify for the Regular division

4.1 Level Progression

- Beginner is now an optional INTRO class for dogs that may not have the distance or skills required for the Novice level. Dogs do not require a title in Beginner to move to Novice but must enter only one level for each class
- All dogs must title in Novice to progress to the Intermediate level

4.2 – Earning Points and Bonus Points

Bonus points for fastest clean run are no longer awarded. CHC aims to focus on distance skills rather than speed

5.2 Distance Handling Box: Shapes and Sizes

Beginner Circle is no longer an option (DHA). Boxes only: square 16’X16’ or rectangle 12’X20’

Novice DHB 13’X13’ square, 10’X16’ rectangle, or 14.6’ diam (DHA)

Intermediate DHB 10’X10’ or DHA 11.5’ diameter

Advanced DHB 8X8’ or DHA 9’ diam.

Proficient DHB 6.5’X6.5’ or DHA 7’ diam.

7. Classes

3 main classes – Hoopers, Parkour, Tungo

Hoopers class – barrels are permitted in all levels

Choice Class is removed

7.1 NEW CHC CHALLENGE CLASS

A distance handling only class, with one distance challenge.

Running with your dog is not permitted for the CHC Challenge Class

Novice and Intermediate use the same course with the required distance challenge for each level.

Advanced and Proficient use the same course with the required distance challenge for each level.

Times: Clean run points: 45 sec. Standard (10 points) 90 sec max (5 points) (run must be clean with no faults)

Points: Maximum bonus points (20 for DHB/DHA or 15 for CL) minus deductions for faults = handler's final score. Note: Handler must remain in the handling area. Stepping out of the handler area results in elimination and no score for the run

Example: DHB: Begin with 20 points – dog runs clean – handler remains in the box and time is under 45 seconds = 30 total points

OR DHB: Begin with 20 points – dog misses an obstacle, finishes the course – minus 10 faults = 10 total points earned (no clean run points awarded)

Equipment: Judge's choice (Hoopers, Parkour or Tungo)

Note: Because courses are the same for both Novice and Intermediate, as well as for Advanced and Proficient (other than distance measurements), the first run counts if competitors choose to enter two classes. FEO cannot be entered in the lower class if the dog is running in the higher level (example: dog cannot enter FEO in Novice and then run Intermediate for points)

Faults: all faults apply

DHB/DHA/CL – Novice and Intermediate

DHB/DHA only for Advanced and Proficient

The Challenge Class will have its own titling, separate from the main three classes

8. Equipment

8.1 and 8.2 Hoops

Baseless Hoops – CHC Sanctioned Trials – For safety reasons beginning **January 1st 2026**, all trial hosts must use baseless hoops only

8.3 Barrels

Barrels - CHC Sanctioned Trials – Provided barrels meet the CHC requirements, hosts are permitted to use both pop up and plastic barrels in the same course

9.0 Ring Layout

Beginner: minimum 60'x65', maximum 60'X80'

Novice: minimum 60'x65'

Intermediate: minimum 60'x80'

Advanced and Proficient: minimum 80'X100'

10. Course Layout

Minimum distance between obstacles is determined on level

Veteran dogs will be included in the Preferred class (Novice and higher)

10.2 Number of Obstacles and Spacing

Spacing between obstacles ranges from a minimum of **16'** to a maximum of **30'** allowing extra space for turns

Beginner (Intro Level)

Number of Obstacles: 12 to 15

Recommended distance between obstacles: **16' to 18' allowing 20' for turns**

Handler Area Size (DHB): 16' x 16' (square); 12' x 20' (rectangle)

Distance to furthest obstacle from DHB: between 20' and 25'

Maximum distance challenge using CL: 30'

Novice

Number of Obstacles: 15 to 20

Recommended distance between obstacles: **16' to 24' allowing extra space for turns**

Handler Area Size (DHB): 13' x 13' or 10' x 16' or 14' 6" diameter DHA

Distance to furthest obstacle from DHB/DHA: 30'to 35'

Maximum distance challenge using CL: 45'

Intermediate

Number of Obstacles: 18 to 25

Recommended distance between obstacles 18' to 26' allowing extra space for turns

Handler Area Size (DHB): 10' x 10' or 11.5' diameter DHA

Distance to furthest obstacle from DHB or DHA : 40'to 45'

Maximum distance challenge using CL: 55'

Advanced

Number of Obstacles: 20 to 25

Distance between obstacles 20' to 26'

Handler Area Size: DHB: 8'x8' square or 9' diameter DHA

Distance to furthest obstacle from DHB/ DHA: 50' to 55'

No CL permitted in this level

Proficient

Number of Obstacles: 20 to 25

Distance between obstacles 25' to 30'

DHB: 6.5'x6.5' square or 7' diameter DHA

Distance to the furthest obstacle from the DHB/DHA: 60' to 65'

CL not permitted in this level

New Titling Requirements: See 'New CHC Titling Program' document (Effective July 15, 2025)

All Dogs with 75 or higher Beginner points before **July 15, 2025**, will receive a 25-point credit towards their Novice title. Please note: This only applies to points earned before July 15th. If you earn more than 75 Beginner points after this date, you will not qualify for the credit

All dogs with 100 or higher Novice points before **July 15, 2025**, will receive a 25-point credit towards their Intermediate title. Please note: This only applies to points earned before July 15th. If you earn more than 100 novice points after this date you will not qualify for the credit

New Collective Titles: Combined title for each level – once a dog has earned Hoopers, Parkour and Tungo Titles in the same level, they will have earned a '**Collective Title**'

Champion Hoopers Dog of Canada will now be named: **Hoopers Trial Champion of Canada HTChC**

CHC Expert Titles have been added for each class (see Titling and Points document)

New Level Requirements: details in CHC New Level Requirements Document

11.1 Start and Finish

Parkour and Tungo may start or finish with a hoop or tunnel

12.1 Faults

Any dog stopping motion for 3 or more seconds is no longer faulted. Handlers are permitted to down or sit a dog during their run

Dog crossing the fault line of the **first or last obstacle** will incur 5 faults, but the run will still be timed, rather than automatically receiving standard course time

16. Titles

See 'New CHC Titling Program' for new titles and point requirements



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