

## **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:** The final score is determined by subtracting any faults from the maximum bonus points available: 20 for DHB/DHA. However, if the handler steps on or outside the handling area boundary, the team is eliminated and receives no score for that run. They may, however, choose to complete the course.

**Example:** Begin with 20 points. Dog runs clean. Handler remains in DHB/DHA and time is under 45 seconds = (20 points + 10 clean run points) Total of 30 points

**OR:** Begin with 20 points. Dog crosses fault line. Handler remains in DHB/DHA. Score: minus 5 faults = 15 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: Challenge Class Only**

### **5 faults**

- Crossing Fault Line
- handler intentionally touches the dog during their run
- displacing an obstacle or timer (unless the judge determines the cause was the dog's tail)

### **10 faults:**

- Missed Obstacle (**Novice Only**)
- off course obstacle
- take an obstacle in the wrong direction

**Elimination:**

- missed obstacle (**Intermediate, Advanced, Proficient**)
- Carrying something in the hand once in the ring, except for a mobility aid
- Feeding a dog entering or exiting in the ring
- Starting before told to do so, by the scribe/timer or judge
- Dogs running in the wrong level
- Hanging tag on collar

General Rules Apply (see CHC Rules & Guidelines)

DHB/DHA/CL: Novice/ Intermediate, Advanced/Proficient

Challenge Lines are not permitted in the Challenge Class in any level

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

<b>CHC Challenge Class</b>		
<b>Novice Challenge Dog of Canada</b>	<b>75 points</b> Earned under 2 judges	<b>NCHDC</b>
<b>Intermediate Challenge Dog of Canada</b>	<b>100 points</b> Earned under 2 judges	<b>ICHDC</b>
<b>Advanced Challenge Dog of Canada</b>	<b>120 points</b> Earned under 2 judges	<b>ACHDC</b>
<b>Proficient Challenge Dog of Canada</b>	<b>120 points</b> Earned under 2 judges	<b>PCHDC</b>
<b>CHC – Challenge Trial Champion CHC-CHaTCh</b>	<b>NCHDC + ICHDC + ACHDC + PCHDC</b>	

## **CHC Novice/Intermediate Challenge Class**

### **Number of Obstacles:**

Regular: 15-20 Obstacles Preferred: up to 16 obstacles

### **Distance Handling Box/Area**

Novice:

- 13'X13' or 14.5' diam
- 30' to 35' distance from DHB/DHA

Intermediate:

- 10'X10' or 11.5' diam
- 40' to 45' distance from DHB/DHA

No mini challenges permitted for the Challenge Class

### **Novice/Intermediate Challenge Skills:**

- Go forward
- Wrap barrel
- Turns towards the handler
- Turn away from the handler
- Front cross (must be within 30' of handler area or turning towards the handler)
- Threadle (must be within 25' of the handler area)

### **Course Design:**

- 15 to 20 obstacles
- 2 or 3 lead changes
- Obstacle spacing 18' to 26' allowing extra for turns
- No less than 15' spacing to the nearest obstacle not in flow
- Ring size min. 60'X80'
- First and last obstacle can be a hoop or tunnel
- Starting obstacle must be no further than 30' from the handler area
- Finishing obstacle should be moving towards or close to the handler
- Handler must be able to start ahead of the dog
- 1 to 2 discriminations required: at least 1 should be on a repeated line

## **CHC Advance/Proficient Challenge Class**

Number of obstacles:

Regular: 20 to 25      Preferred: Up to 16

### **Distance Handling Box/Area:**

Advanced:

- 8'X8' or 9' diam
- 50' to 55' from DHB/DHA

Proficient:

- 6.5'X6.5' or 7' diam
- 60' to 65' from DHB/DHA

Mini challenge not permitted for Challenge class

### **Advanced/Proficient Challenge Skills**

- Go forward
- Wrap barrel
- Turns towards the handler
- Turn away from the handler
- Front cross
- Threadle
- layering

### **Advanced/Proficient Course Design:**

- Distance between obstacles 25' to 30'
- No more than 5 lead changes
- First and last obstacle can be a hoop or tunnel
- No less than 15' spacing to the nearest obstacle not in flow
- Finishing obstacle can be moving away from handler area.
- Starting obstacle can be judge's discretion
- 2 to 3 discriminations required: at least 1 should be on a repeated line
- Min ring size 80'X100'

