



Video Trial Rules & Guidelines

2026

About CHC Video Trials

This is an opportunity to enjoy Hoopers with your dog without having to participate in a physical trial, for those who have access to the equipment and proper space

Ring Sizes

- 40'X60' (during the cold months: Beginner & Novice only)
- 50'X60'
- 60'X80'

Fencing is not required for video trials, but two sides of the ring should be marked with 10' distances for course build

Course Design and Challenges

Courses will range from 12 to 25 obstacles, depending on division/ level, with level appropriate distance challenges using a Distance Handling Box, Distance Handling Area OR Challenge Lines

Any or all of the CHC classes may be offered (Hoopers, Parkour, Tungo, Challenge). Check trial premium for classes offered

Time

There is no standard course time for video trials. The video must be **90 seconds total**. Judge must be able to see the dog before crossing the start line and after crossing the finish line.

Qualifying Runs + Bonus Points

Each clean/qualifying run will receive 5 points plus 5 or 10 distance bonus points earned. Be sure to read the judge's briefing (provided with course maps) on how to earn bonus points for each course/run.

All points earned during video trials will count towards CHC class titles

Equipment

Acceptable/substitute Equipment:

- All equipment must be safe for your dog
- Homemade hoops, as long as they have no sharp edges and can be displaced by the dog without injury. Bottomless hoops or hoops with a base are permitted
- Barrels: should look like barrels (garbage bin, pop up laundry hamper etc.), be taller than your dog and have no sharp edges. Recommend 18" diameter + up
- Homemade gates, as long as they have no sharp edges and dog can clearly see handler from either side
- Tunnels must be no longer than 6'. Bottom tunnels must be bagged (weighted) so they don't move. Bottomless tunnels should be stable with no sharp edges

Requirements for participating in the trial

- You must have access to the ring size
- DHB or CL must be clearly marked
- You must have access to proper/safe equipment
- Must be able to clearly video your runs
- Must have a You Tube or Vimeo account to upload your video
- Must have access to Facebook to post your video link

Trial Premium Information

Trial premiums will contain all the information you need to enter a video trial. Be sure to read through the premium for pricing, classes/levels offered, ring size, opening and closing dates, late entry dates, FB group links, video submission deadline etc.

Course Maps

Course Maps will be emailed in PDF form the day before and on the first day of the trial.

Entering

Online entry only. You are officially registered once your payment is received.

Scoring/Faults

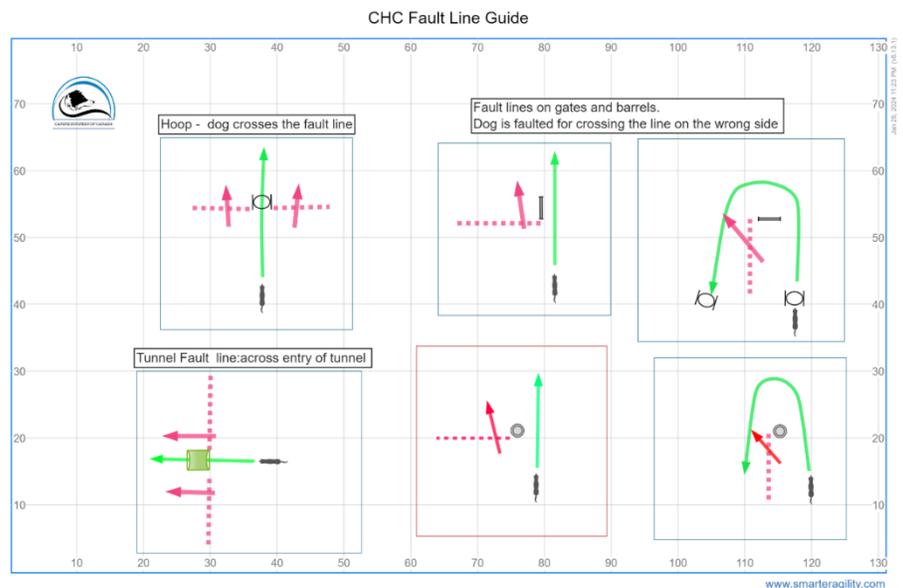
Beginner Level

The fault line rule has been updated for the Beginner Level. At this level, the fault line rule is no longer applicable. Provided the dog completes the obstacle successfully, crossing the fault line will not result in any faults.

If the dog is unable to complete the obstacle after three attempts, they must proceed to the next obstacle. In this case, a missed obstacle fault will be assigned.

Faults

- Dog crosses 'fault line' (see map) **Novice/Intermediate/Advanced/Proficient**
- Dog displaces an obstacle or timer (unless the judge determines it was caused by the dog's tail)
- Handler intentionally touches the dog
- Dog misses an obstacle – (counted as missed once the dog takes the next obstacle)
- Dog takes an off course obstacle or takes an obstacle in the wrong direction
- Handler carrying something in their hand (other than a mobility aid) (elimination)
- Toys or food within the ring area (elimination)



CHC Divisions, Categories and Measuring

Categories:

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

Preferred: “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 category offers courses with shorter sequences”

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

Teams may switch from Regular to Preferred category 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 category, they must continue to run in that category and no longer qualify for the Regular category

Size divisions – small, medium, and large. Dogs must be measured to ensure they compete in the correct size division. Dogs are measured using the foreleg between wrist and elbow, otherwise known as the ulna. Measurement is from the carpal joint (wrist) up to the elbow. (See diagram below.)

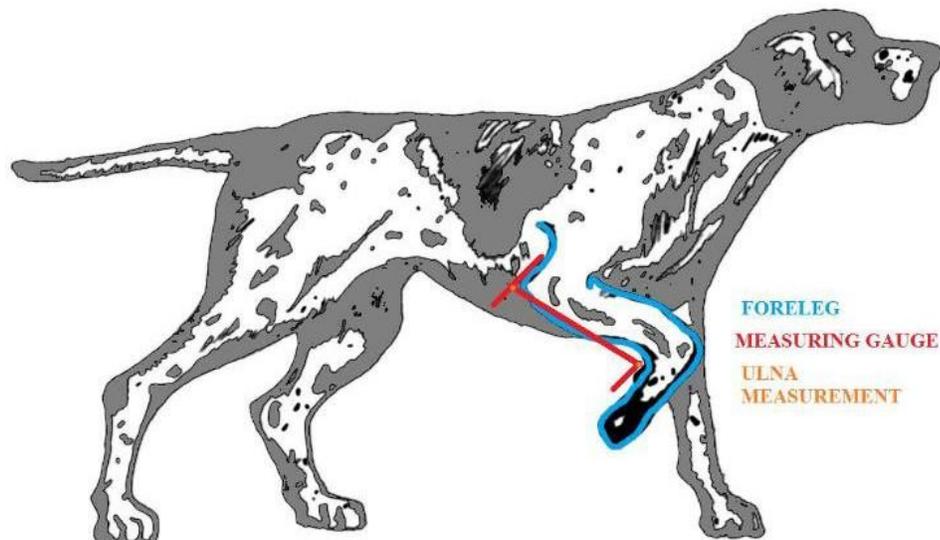
By following the guide and diagrams below, owners can measure their own dogs and add its measure to their application when registering with Canine Hoopers of Canada. However, if a size division seems questionable, a judge may ask for the dog to be re-measured.

Ulna Length

5 inches and under
5 to 7 inches
Over 7 inches

Size Division

Small
Medium
Large



General Rules

- Dogs and handlers must be CHC members
- It is your responsibility to join the Trial FB group. Be sure to answer the questions when you request access
- Courses must be set up according to the instructions in the course briefing. Be sure your set up flows and the distance between obstacles is correct
- The Distance Handling Box OR Challenge Lines must be clearly marked and visible on your video
- You may practice the courses
- Please upload clean runs only
- Only one clean run video per dog, per class may be posted. Please do not post several videos of the same run
- There are no placements for video submissions, only clean run points + any bonus points earned
- The video should be no longer than 90 seconds
- Only the competing dog and handler should be within the ring area
- Toys and treats must be outside the ring area. Rewarding inside the ring will result in elimination
- Upload each video to your YouTube or Vimeo account; then, post the link for each video in the Facebook group. Be sure to read the posts for instructions
- When you post your video link, you must comment with the following information for the run to be judged:
 - Class Level, Name, Division & Size (i.e. Beginner Parkour, Reg. Med.)
 - Handler Name and CHC Handler Number
 - Dog's Name and CHC Dog ID Number
- There are no refunds once an entry has been submitted and paid for
- Video submissions must be posted to the Facebook page by the trial deadline

By submitting your entry, you have agreed to all the information below:

- Refunds are not available for video trials so please be aware before you enter and pay
- CHC rules apply unless otherwise stated. Canine Hoopers of Canada Official Rules and Guidelines are available for download on the CHC website
- All dogs and handlers must be registered with CHC to compete. Register, online at www.caninehooperscanada.com
- Dogs under 15 months of age on the last day of the trial are not eligible to compete
- Course maps will be emailed the day before and on the first day of the trial
- It's up to you to post your videos before the trial deadline
- Any points earned will count towards CHC Titles
- You realize that your video(s) will be available for others to view in the Facebook group and on social media

Rules of Conduct - All competitors shall conduct themselves in a professional and sportsmanlike manner. Handlers also promise to keep their own and their dog's welfare and best interests in mind when training and competing. Each competitor acknowledges through their entry to the CHC event that their participation is a privilege and not a right.

Competitors acknowledge and agree to comply with all CHC rules and regulations and all rules and regulations in this document and agree to accept any sanctions that may be imposed for failure to comply. The video judge has responsibility for determining when it is appropriate to fault a dog, excuse a dog and competitor based on matters related to competitor misconduct. You cannot challenge a video judges call for any reason and or request clarification on a call.

Cyber bullying of any kind towards CHC, competitors, judges, helpers or volunteers will not be tolerated. Examples of cyber bullying include but are not limited to communications that seek to intimidate, manipulate, falsely discredit, put down, try to control, rudely confront, demand, and comments that try to incite further issues.



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