

Effective January 1, 2013

Regular to Preferred class crossover (the below regulation replaces what is currently in the Regulations for Agility Trials).

Chapter 8

Section 3. Eligibility. The Preferred classes are open to any dog eligible to enter an agility trial as defined in Chapter 1, Section 3. The same regulations apply for divisions A and B as those described for the regular titling classes.

The owner may choose to enter the Preferred classes at any trial. The dog must be entered only in Preferred classes or Regular classes, with no crossover between them being allowed at the same set of back-to-back trials.

Dogs are allowed to switch back and forth between the Preferred classes and the Regular classes, but not at the same set of trials. This change may not be made after the close of entry for a trial.

Section 4. Classes. The Preferred Standard and Jumpers With Weaves Classes are:

Preferred Standard Classes

Novice Standard Preferred

Open Standard Preferred

Excellent A Standard Preferred

Master Standard Preferred

Preferred Jumpers With Weaves Classes

Novice Jumpers With Weaves Preferred

Open Jumpers With Weaves Preferred

Excellent A Jumpers With Weaves Preferred

Master Jumpers With Weaves Preferred

A club holding an agility trial must offer all of the Preferred classes and Preferred class levels equivalent to the Regular class levels being offered at the trial. It is highly recommended that the Preferred classes be run concurrently with the Regular classes using the same course as the Regular classes to minimize exhibitor walkthroughs, judge's briefings, and jump height changes.

All dogs entering the Preferred classes for the first time must enter the Novice level in both the Standard Preferred class, the Jumpers With Weaves Preferred class, and the FAST Preferred Class unless they are crossing over from the Regular classes. If the dog is crossing over from the Regular classes to the Preferred classes, they may be entered at the level the dog is eligible to compete at in the Regular classes or lower. This is a one-time crossover and the dog's eligibility is determined as of the date that they receive a qualifying score in the Preferred class (example: a dog with an AX and OAJ may be entered in Master, Excellent, Open or Novice Standard Preferred and Excellent, Open or Novice Jumpers With Weaves Preferred). Once a qualifying score is earned the dog is no longer eligible to be entered in a different class level for future entries in Preferred if they were entered using the one time crossover.

There is no grandfathering of titles or points from the Regular classes to the Preferred classes or from the Preferred Classes to the Regular classes. These classes are separate titling programs.

- Dogs may be entered in only one (1) Standard Preferred class, one (1) Jumpers With Weaves Preferred class, one (1) FAST Preferred class per day, and one (1) Time 2 Beat Preferred class per day.
- A dog may continue to compete at each level until they achieve a qualifying score at the next higher level. If the dog has crossed over from Regular and has not received a qualifying score in the entered Preferred level and there is a lower level they are eligible to enter they may do so for any trials that have not closed and the requested class(es) are not filled.
- The Standard Preferred class, the Jumpers with Weaves Preferred, the FAST Preferred class and the Time 2 Beat Preferred class are separate titling programs and a dog may advance faster in one than the other. A dog that has achieved its Novice Agility Jumper Preferred (NJP) title is eligible for and may enter the Open Jumpers With Weaves Preferred class. The same dog must also achieve three (3) qualifying scores in the Novice Standard Preferred class before being eligible to move-up to the Open Standard Preferred class, etc). This progression also applies on a crossover from Regular to Preferred. Once the dog has received a qualifying score at a class level in which they are eligible when they crossover, they then follow the above noted title progression from the level in which the qualifying leg was received.

In order to acquire a Preferred Agility title a dog must earn the following number of qualifying scores per Preferred class level under at least two (2) different judges. (See chart of Qualifying Scores)

QUALIFYING SCORES

Preferred Standard Agility Title	Qualifying Scores Required	Preferred JWW Title	Qualifying Scores Required	Scores Obtained From
NAP	3	NJP	3	Novice Preferred
OAP	3	OJP	3	Open Preferred
AXP	3	AJP	3	Exc. A Preferred
MPX	10	MJP	10	Exc. B Preferred

Regular to Preferred class crossover FAQ's

When is this change effective? For any shows on or after January 1, 2013 you may enter your dog in Preferred at the level it is eligible to compete at in the Regular classes.

Can I start my dog back at the Novice preferred level if I have a MACH? Yes you can. You may enter your dog at any preferred class level in this case from Novice up to Master. If you choose to start your dog at the Novice preferred level for the one time crossover and you earn a qualifying leg, then you must continue in Novice preferred until you earn your three legs and then are eligible for entry in Open preferred.

What if we don't get a Novice preferred leg after a weekend and were eligible for Master level when we crossed over, can I enter my dog in Master preferred the next time? Yes you can for any trials that have not closed. If you enter Master preferred and your dog gets a leg at that level than you are no longer eligible to enter your dog at a lower preferred level.

Can I transfer my dogs MACH points and QQ's when we crossover to Preferred? Sorry, those are non-transferrable. Preferred and Regular are 2 different titling tracks.

If I finish my MACH on Saturday can I move my dog to Preferred for Sunday? No you may not. You can only crossover from Regular to Preferred when entering the trial. Once the original closing date for the trial is reached you may not change your entry. This is **NOT** a "move-up" and may not be done the Monday prior, the morning of the show or for the next day of a trial weekend.

When my dog started in Agility I entered in the Preferred classes. I got 2 legs in Novice JWW then decided to move to Regular without finishing the NJP title. He is now eligible to compete at the Excellent A level in Regular. Can I enter him in Excellent A JWW Preferred? Yes you can. For the one time crossover you can leave preferred titles unfinished if your dog is eligible for a higher class. Once your dog gets a qualifying leg in Excellent A JWW preferred you may no longer enter your dog in a lower preferred level.

What if my dog has the Regular "Agility FAST Open" title and the Regular "Novice Agility Jumper" title and crossed over to Preferred then we went on to finish a PACH, can I move my dog back to Regular? Yes you can. Your dog would be eligible to enter Open or Excellent A FAST and Novice B or Open JWW. You would return to the entry eligibility you had prior to moving to Preferred from Regular

Can I cross over from Preferred to Regular? No you may not. The crossover is only allowed from Regular to Preferred.