



ACT COMPANION DOG CLUB INC.

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Masters Level Agility – Entry Requisites and Skills Guide

| ENTRY REQUISITES | | MANDATORY / OPTIONAL | |
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| | Entry to Masters is only by attainment of an ADX or ADO title (or equivalent). | M | |
| ADMIN | Current financial member of ACT Companion Dog Club (CDC) | M | |
| | Paid agility training fee (or CDC instructor) | M | |
| | Team complies with all CDC rules and policies (e.g. vaccination, agility waiting list etc) | M | |
| | Handler understands that there is no formal instruction given in Masters. They are also required to help set up. This includes setting up from a course map | M | |
| | Dog doesn't disrupt class in any manner | M | |
| | FOR NEW MEMBERS TO CDC AGILITY (i.e. have not been promoted from lower level classes): Has attended a CDC agility intake lecture, or undertakes to attend the next one. The team has passed a formal Upper level Control test. The dog has passed a formal Physical test. Has no obvious problem such as limping or stiffness. Is easily able to jump a low hurdle and a narrow broad jump, can turn from one side to the other. Is not overweight. | M | |
| SKILLS <i>These are the skills that teams should expect to acquire at Masters level and which they should have before considering this level achieved.</i> | | | |
| OBSTACLES | Team can demonstrate capacity to confidently perform all the obstacles listed below at competition standard | | M |
| | Hurdle (jump) | Can confidently perform at competition height with variations (wings, "solid", cones) | M |
| | Spread hurdle | Can confidently perform at competition height and width | M |
| | Broad jump | Can confidently perform at competition width | M |
| | Hoop (tyre) | Can confidently perform at competition height | M |
| | Flexible tunnel | Can confidently perform full length tunnel with | M |
| | Collapsible tunnel (chute) | Can confidently perform full length chute. Not held open | M |
| | Scramble (A frame) | Can confidently perform at full competition height. Team has reliable contacts without a target | M |
| | Dog walk | Can confidently perform full height dog walk. Team has reliable contacts without a target | M |
| | Table | Can confidently perform at full competition height. Reliable wait on the table. | M |
| | Weaving poles | Can confidently and reliably perform 12 weaving poles | M |
| | See saw | Can confidently and reliably perform see-saw | M |



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| HANDLING | Recalls (here/come) | Able to recall dog | M |
| | Lead Out (wait) | Handler can usually lead out at least 6 metres ahead of dog | O |
| | Contact Strategies | Team generally has reliable contacts (without a target) on all contact obstacles | M |
| | Warm-ups & Stretching | Handler is able to demonstrate appropriate warm-ups and stretching on their dog | M |
| | Team has knowledge of all the following, and is able to do all the mandatory at the standard described | | M |
| | Independent performance of obstacles | Handler able to work all obstacles with dog on either side of handler (i.e. on left or right) | M |
| | | Dog able to perform obstacles regardless of handler position | M |
| | Cues & Signals | Handler can demonstrate cues (voice/hand/body/movement) for each obstacle and turn | M |
| | Lateral distance | Handler can demonstrate lateral distance, e.g. Open distance challenge | M |
| | Angled approaches | Able to perform all obstacles with any safe approach angles. | M |
| | Send dog ahead | Handler can send dog ahead | M |
| | Sequences/courses | Able to perform sequences and courses of any length | M |
| | Motivators (play, food, toys, praise) | Handler is aware of what, when, how to use. Is able to use in training to arouse dog (if needed), increase confidence, reward good performances | M |
| | Call-offs | Handler can usually call the dog off an obstacle | M |
| | Attention | Handler can almost always get dog's attention when asked to do so | M |
| | Obstacle discrimination | Handler and dog have ability to perform complex obstacle discrimination exercises while running a course | M |
| | Proof against distractions | Dog is able to perform with distractions | M |
| | Serpentine | Able to perform serpentine while running a course or long sequence | M |
| | Pull through | Able to perform Pull through while running a course or long sequence | M |
| | Push through | Able to perform Push through while running a course or long sequence | M |
| | 270 degree turn | Able to perform 270 degree turn while running a course or long sequence | M |
| | Course walking | Handler is able to demonstrate ability to walk a course & work out the best handling strategies for their dog | M |
| | Course set up | Handler is able to demonstrate ability to set up a course or set including correct distances between obstacles | M |



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| TURNS / SIDESWITCHES | Post Turn (pivot) | Team can demonstrate post turns while running a course or long sequence | M |
| | Here/Come | Dog reliably comes towards handler. Handler can demonstrate while running a course or long sequence | M |
| | Rear Cross | Team can demonstrate a Rear Cross while running a course or long sequence | M |
| | Front Cross | Team can demonstrate a Front Cross while running a course or long sequence | M |
| | Out (Increased lateral distance) | Diverging paths. Team can demonstrate while running a course or long sequence | O |
| | Turn Away | Dog turns away from handler. Team can demonstrate while running a course or long sequence | O |
| | Left/Right | Handler is aware of the concept and can demonstrate if trained. | O |
| | Lead out push/Lead-out Pivot | Handler can demonstrate at the start of a course or sequence | O |
| | Blind cross | Team does not need to demonstrate but handler is aware of the advantages & disadvantages of this turn | O |
| | RFP | Reverse Flow Pivot, Pull-back, Fake-out. Team can demonstrate while running a course or long sequence | M |