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3.1 RETRIEVAL PROFICIENCY TEST (RPT)

A qualifying score is achieved if the dog retrieves the object (handler's choice) from a distance of 10 yards to the handler's hand or drops it within the handler's box. Each handler has the option of having one practice throw and retrieve before the test. Only one qualifying score is required to earn the RPT certificate.

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3.2 BASIC DISC DOG (BDD)

- After passing the Retrieval Proficiency Test CDDA dogs can start to work towards a Basic Disc Dog title.
- The BDD is earned when the dog achieves four qualifying “legs”.
- A leg is earned when a dog successfully catches the disc at or over the 20 yard line four times within the first seven throws and within two one-minute rounds at a CDDA sanctioned trial.
- CDDA certificates will be issued to each dog/handler team that earns a title.
- All dogs earning a qualifying leg will receive a qualifying ribbon.

3.3 BASIC MINI DISC DOG (BMDD)

This title is only for dogs 15 inches or less. This special division was designed with the special needs of small dogs in mind. Dogs of any size including dogs less than 15” can compete in the regular division but they must use the same standard sized disc and meet the same requirements. In the Mini Disc Division the official disc is smaller and the catch distance required is shorter.

- To achieve a BMDD the dog must attain four qualifying “legs” in CDDA sanctioned trials.
- To qualify for a leg the dog must complete 4 successful catches at or over the 10-yard line.
- The four catches must be made within the first 7 throws and within the 2 one minute rounds.
- All dogs competing for BMDD legs in the Single Mini Disc Division must ***use an approved mini disc***
- CDDA certificates will be issued to each dog/handler team that earns a title.
- All teams earning a qualifying leg will receive a qualifying ribbon.
- Handlers who choose to enter the regular division with their small dogs (<15”) and earn a qualifying score cannot return to the mini division.

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3.4 ADVANCED DISC DOG (ADD)

After attaining a Basic Disc Dog title dogs and handlers can start to work towards their Advanced Disc Dog title. This title is achieved when the dog and handler achieve four qualifying advanced “legs”.

- An advanced leg is achieved when a dog successfully catches the disc four times at or over the 30 yard line in CDDA sanctioned trials.
- The four successful catches must be made within the first seven throws and within the two one minute rounds.
- Only ***approved discs may be used.***
- CDDA certificates will be issued to each dog/handler team that earns a title.
- All teams earning a qualifying leg will receive a qualifying ribbon.

3.5 ADVANCED MINI DISC DOG (AMDD)

After attaining a BMDD dogs 15 inches or less can work towards an Advanced Mini Disc Dog title. This title is achieved when a dog (15” and under) and handler attain four qualifying Advanced Mini “legs”.

- A leg is achieved when a dog successfully catches the mini-disc four times at or over the 20-yard line.
- All four catches must be made within the first seven throws and within the two one minute rounds.
- Only ***approved mini discs may be used.***
- CDDA certificates will be issued to each dog that earns a title.
- All dogs earning a qualifying leg will receive a qualifying ribbon.

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3.6 BASIC DISC FREESTYLE (BDF)

To earn titles in Freestyle the dog and handler must successfully complete a minimum number of compulsory moves. Competitors may attempt any variation of each compulsory move. For a compulsory move to be completed it must end in a successful catch.

Compulsory moves for Novice Disc Dog Freestyle are:

- One over the body catch
- One under the body catch
- A crossover in front and/or behind
- One multiple of 3 catches or more
- Two long throws

Minimum of 10 catches (including the above)

- This title is achieved when three qualifying “legs” are attained under two different judges.
- The dog must catch the disc to successfully complete each compulsory move.

A basic Freestyle leg is achieved when:

- All five compulsories are completed.
- The team completes a minimum of 10 catches
- The team achieves a qualifying score of **50%** or better in Artistic Skills.
- Up to 5 ***approved identical discs*** may be used in a routine.
- These discs are to be supplied by the handler.
- CDDA certificates will be issued to each dog that earns a title.
- All dogs earning a qualifying leg will receive a qualifying ribbon.

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3.7 BASIC DISC FREESTYLE MINI DIVISION (BMDF)

- This title is for dogs 15” or less that wish to use smaller official discs.
- Other than the size of the disc all other requirements are exactly as that of the BDF title.
- Discs are to be supplied by the handler and must be ***approved mini discs***.
- CDDA certificates will be issued to each dog that earns a title.
- All dogs earning a qualifying leg will receive a qualifying ribbon.

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3.8 ADVANCE DISC FREESTYLE (ADF)

To earn titles in Freestyle the dog and handler must successfully complete a minimum number of compulsory moves. Competitors may attempt any variation of each compulsory move. For a compulsory move to be completed it must end in a successful catch.

Compulsory moves for Advance Disc Dog Freestyle are:

Two different disc releases
Two over the bodies
Two under the bodies
One multiple of 4 catches or more
Leaps or vaults

- This title is achieved when three qualifying “legs” are attained under two different judges. (Currently available for placing only until fall of 2012)
- The dog must catch the disc to successfully complete each compulsory move.

An Advance Freestyle leg is achieved when:

- Four out of five compulsories are completed.
- The team completes a minimum of 14 catches
- The team achieves a qualifying score of **70%** or better in Artistic Skills.
- Up to 8 ***approved identical discs*** may be used in a routine.
- These discs are to be supplied by the handler
- Teams have up to 2 minutes to complete their routine.
- There are no time warnings..
- CDDA certificates will be issued to each dog that earns a title.
- All dogs earning a qualifying leg will receive a qualifying ribbon.
- This Class is currently available for placing only not titles.

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3.9 FURTHEST CATCH PROFICIENCY LEVELS

Proficiency in each furthest catch class at CDDA sanctioned trials will be recognized at the following levels with a qualifying ribbon (bronze, silver or gold)

REGULAR DIVISION:

Bronze Level

Earned when the dog and handler achieve a catch of 100 ft or more.

Silver Level

Earned when the dog and handler achieve a catch of 150 ft or more.

Gold Level

Earned when the dog and handler achieve a catch of 200 ft or more.

MINI DIVISION (dogs 15" or smaller):

Mini Bronze Level

Earned when the dog and handler achieve a catch of 60 ft or more.

Mini Silver Level

Earned when the dog and handler achieve a catch of 90 ft or more.

Mini Gold Level

Earned when the dog and handler achieve a catch of 120 ft or more.