



DSD Championship
Dogsportsdance International

Rulebook

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This Rulebook was made for good purpose of this Dogsports.

Those rules are supporting teams with passion and love for this sports.

With those rules can start to play Dogsportsdance everyone with any kind of breed.

There is no limitation for participating on human or dog. The goal is unite people who really love dogs and this dogsports.

Welcome

Be nice to your dogs.

Be nice to people around you.

Ask to judges or to organizers politely if you have any questions. Judges are responsible to answer any of your questions.

Have fun with everybody around you.

Not Welcome

Being aggressive to dogs and abusing behavior to dogs and people.

Drugs and alcohol is prohibited during all competitions.

Also smoking around ring or with your dog on the leash is not welcome.

Because you can hurt your dog by cigarette.

If there will be sign of somebody being drunk, we will ask him to leave the venue.

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1. Philosophy

This dog sport is made on the bases of 20+ years' experience in multi dog sports. Dogportsdance is a new dog sport designed for and is about the dogs. Through choreographed movements and music, the canine/human's mutual working relationship is apparent. This higher bond is only achieved through good relationship between handler and his dog, training and trust. Here in this sport the canine shall be the star. The best is well balanced routines. Animal Welfare explanation. In our rules there will be no column to score. Animal welfare is about how you don't take care of your dog. Poorly handled or cared for. This usually means basic needs are not met. Dog should be healthy and all around in good condition, having good coat and of good mind.

Dogsportdance Canine Training and Education Programs

- * Gain a better understanding of your canine's athletic abilities
- * Education on canine nutrition
- * Learn how to condition your dog
- * How to keep your dog physically and mentally strong
- * Raise your performance level

1.2 Dog's age

Dog's age is limited in each division. Please read carefully.

Class	Participation Qualifications	
Trick Class	Level 1,2	Minimum age is 3months old
	Level 3,4,5,6	Minimum age is 12 months old
Puppy Party Class	Minimum age is 3months and maximum age is 12 months old	
Beginner Class	Minimum age is 5 months old	
Open Treats Class	Minimum age is 12 months old	
Open Class	Minimum age is 12 months old	

1.3 Organizing events

The organizer is responsible to make sure about that the ground is safe for all dogs.

No slippery and floor is allowed to make competition!!! The reason is because it's dogsport and we must make sure that is safe for all dogs and competitors. If organizer want to organize competition under DSD rules, then you must contact to Lucie Plevova. You will get agreement to make your competition happen.

Competition can organize everyone.

Here is example what material of floor is good, and which one are not allowed.



Not slippery mat



Artificial grass

1.4 Judges

Trick Class judge need pass exam of Trick Classes.

For Freestyle categories are three judges. If you are not able to get three judges, then two is also possible after contacting Lucie Plevova.

- * Canine judge (Head judge)
- * Handler judge
- * Team Element judge

Judges is responsible is to make fair and correct judging points. If judge will score or give penalty to competitor, they have to have always reason why they made this decision.

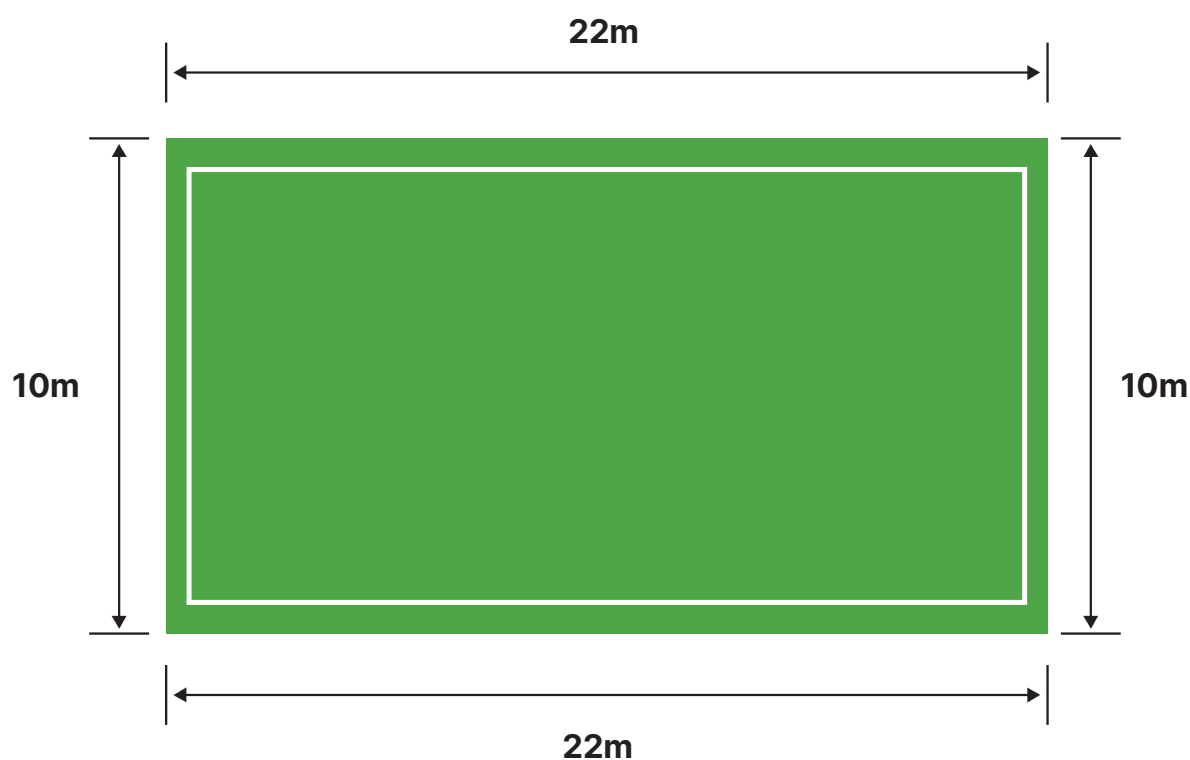
In between judges can not happen big different in scoring points. Example one judge will give in same category 0.56 and another judge 2.34. This is not correct judging and therefore judges are allowed to talk between each other.

1.5 Ring size

Ring size is minimum 22m – 10m

Around the ring need to be fence. Fences need to be high enough that dog can not easily jump over them so it would be dangerous for dogs.

Ring need to be safe for all dogs and handlers.



1.6 Competitors responsibility

Each competitor is responsible for their dogs and their health.

So all dogs need to be under control to not hurt another dogs or people.

If it is hot days or cold competitors have full responsible to not make their dogs overheat or too cold.

Competitors are bringing their dog on their own responsible.

When dog are not competing, they need to be under control on leash or in cage to avoid accidents.

1.7 Wrong behavior

If people will make bad behavior to another competitors or judges and dogs.

They will be asked to leave competition place.

Bad behavior such as shouting, throwing anything on anybody, stealing things, poisoning dogs, writing bad things on social media, will have very bad consequences.

If anyone show drunk or drug symptoms, we will be able to make test and if it will be positive then you will be taken outside immediately.

This sport is about love to dogs and having fun with another people so please don't do bad behavior to anyone.

1.8 Complaints

All complaints are taken seriously and will be listen but only when people will ask politely.

Complaints can be asked at the end of the day not during competition.

1.9 Females in season

Females in season can participate. They will be asked to go at end of all order in the day.

If there is two days competition then females will be as last each day and will be asked to take pants.

Photo is down below.



Those all pants are allowed only when female is in season.

1.10 Health of the dog

If your dog will show any symptoms such as limping, vomiting, bleeding you will be not allowed to join the competition.

When your dog starts to limp or vomiting during routine, you will be stopped, and your dog will be checked.

2.1 Trick Class Level 1

Trick class level can participate everyone especially beginners.

In trick class level 1 treats is allowed and also give to dog during class as well.

Leash can be off in the ring of trick class.

It is recommended to do luring and help to your dog.

* Spin&Circle

Dog turn on its axis 2Xspin 2circle. Dog should one time to left and start second turn to right.

* Weave

Dog move thru legs forward 10m. You can choose which leg you want to start with.

* Heelwork

Movement on handler's left leg 10m. Dog should keep heel position during all walks.

Also head position is recommended to be in up position.

* Original or Focus (8sec)

Keep eye contact 8sec. or any trick. Dog can sit, lie down or stand with eye contact.

Original trick can be any kind of trick that you can do with your dog.

2.2 Trick Class Level 2

Trick class level can participate everyone especially beginners.

In trick class level 2 treats is allowed but can give after all Trick Class is finished.

Leash can be off in the ring of trick class.

In trick class level 2 is recommended smaller signals.

Verbal praise is allowed

* Spin&Circle

Dog turn on its axis 2Xspin 2circle. Dog should one time to left and start second turn to right.

* Weave

Dog move thru legs forward 10m. You can choose which leg you want to start with.

* Pivot

1turn with dog's front paws in one spot. Pivot is at heel position where front feet of the dog keep in one spot during turn.

*** Heelwork slalom**

Heeling between 7cones -space 1.25m. Start should be from left side. Dog's body should copy humans body and all the time keep in Heelposition.

*** Free Position in circle**

Dog follow handler's move in front. Handler moves backward in circle shape and dog is following handler in front of him.

*** Around**

Dog is moving around handler 2x. It is recommended to say one command and dog keep around.

*** Backward**

Handler with dog is moving backward 10m. Dog and handler are moving between two lines of cones. Dog should not bump to any of cones.

2.3 Trick Class Level 3

Trick class level can participate everyone. This trick class is more advance level.

In trick class level 3 treats is not allowed!

Leash can be off in the ring of trick class.

In trick class level3 is recommended small signals.

Verbal praise is allowed.

*** Distance Spin & Circle**

Dog turn on its axis 2Xspin 2circle in distance 1m.

Dog should one time to left and start second turn to right.

Dog can be farther than 1m but not closer.

*** Weave Backward**

Dog move thru legs forward 10m. Handler move backward but dog keep movement forward.

You can choose which leg you want to start with.

*** Heelwork Backward**

Movement at heelposition backward 10m. Dog should be close to handler's leg.

*** FreePosition 4 Curves**

Dog follow handler's move in front and turn 4x curves.

Each turn dog should keep all the time in front of handler.

*** SideWalk 7m**

Movement to side 7m. Dog is in front of handler. Dog's body should move straight to side.

*** FreePosition Pivot**

Turn with dog in free position in one spot. 360 full turn.

*** BackAround**

Dog is moving backward around handler 2x times in a row.

2.4 Trick Class Level 4

Trick class level can participate everyone. This trick class is more advance level.

In trick class level 4 treats is not allowed!

Leash can be off in the ring of trick class.

In trick class level4 is recommended small signals.

Verbal praise is allowed.

*** Heel Left Side Walk(5m)**

Dog move in heel position to side 5m. Dog should be close to handler's leg and his body is straight moving to side.

*** Center Position Forward**

Dog is in between handler's legs and they are moving together forward 10m. Dog's shoulder should be little bit in front handler's knees.

*** Watch (5sec.)**

Dog is away from handler and waiting 5sec.

It is recommended that dog's body is straight in front of handler.

*** Scoot**

Dog start in front of handler and for command should move thru legs by backward.

*** Reverse**

Dog move thru legs by backward 10m.

*** Roll**

Dog is rolling on the ground 1x. He can be at any position.

*** Distance Sit Pretty (5sec.)**

Dog is keeping sit pretty in distance 1m for 5 seconds.

*** Over Arms**

Dog is jumping over arms 4x in a row. Handler's arms should be in hight that dog is able to jump over.

2.5 Trick Class Level 5

Trick class level can participate everyone. This trick class is more advance level.

In trick class level 5 treats is not allowed!

Leash can be off in the ring of trick class.

In trick class level5 is recommended small signals.

Verbal praise is allowed

*** Stand Hind Leg 1.5m**

Dog walk on his hind legs in any position. Can move forward or backward. It is up to handler.

*** Watch Walk 3m**

Dog is facing away from handler with straight body and walking forward 3m.

*** Center Position Backward 1.5m**

Move in center position backward 1.5m straight in one line.

*** Heelwork in Square**

Dog is in Heel position and moving by Heelwork to shape of square.

First is move 3m Forward. Second is moving to right side 3m. Third is move to backward 3m.

Fourth is move to left side 3m. Dog is keeping all the same heel position.

*** Distance Roll 2x**

Dog is rolling 2x on the ground in distance 1m. Dog can be farther than 1m but not closer.

*** Paws in distance**

Dog is lifting his front feet 4x in distance 1m. One leg each time. Dog should not lift same leg in row.

*** Face**

Dog cover his face with his paw.

***Half Pivot L,R**

In Heel position dog's body should switch from left heel position to right heel position.

Dog's front feet are staying in one spot.

2.6 Trick Class Level 6

Trick class level can participate everyone. This trick class is more advance level.

In trick class level 6 treats is not allowed!

Leash can be off in the ring of trick class.

In trick class level6 is recommended small signals.

Verbal praise is allowed

*** Distance SideWalk 2m**

Dog is moving to side in front of handler in distance between handler and dog 2m.

Walk is 2m to side.

*** Distance scoot**

Dog will stay in distance 2m and handler move away from dog then for command dog will move thru legs by backward.

*** Forward Stand Walk**

Dog is in front handler and on his hind legs moving forward 2m.

*** Heelwork Change Speed**

Dog and handler perform Heelwork and on judge command handler will need show slow, fast, normal, stop.

*** Segment**

Dog and handler are performing those tricks in row without any break or stop.
2x Around- 4 steps weave- 2x around

*** Over arms**

Dog is jumping over arms 4x in a row.

3. Puppy Party Class

3.1 Rules

Puppy Party Class is for all puppies from age 3months till 12months.
Toys and treats are allowed, and handlers can reward puppy anytime.
This class purpose is to make dogs from young age to feel great in the ring.
It is fun class.

The music is not important as in another classes.
Music Length - Maximum 1:30minutes

4. Beginner Class

4.1 Rules

Beginner Class if for handlers and dogs that are new to this sport.

*** Reward**

In Beginner Class you can have treats or toys and it allowed to reward during your routine.

*** Leash rule**

Leash must take off before you enter the ring. In special cases and after consulting with Lucie Plevova there can be allowed thin or short leash.

*** Music**

Before handler enter ring, handler need to do music check about how high or low music sound want.
At this time dog can not enter ring together with handler.
Music length: from 1:00- 2:30 Minutes

5. Open Treats Class

5.1 Rules

Open Treats Class is for handlers and dogs that are having longer routines but still need to use reward.

*** Reward**

In Open Treats Class you can have treats or toys but it is not allowed to reward during your routine.
You can reward your dog after your routine finished outside of the ring.

*** Leash rule**

Leash must take off before you enter the ring.

It is not allowed to have any leash on your dog during routine.

*** Music**

Before handler enter ring, handler need to do music check about how high or low music sound want.

At this time dog cannot enter ring together with handler.

Music length: from 2:00- 4:00 Minutes

6. Open Class

6.1 Rules

Open Class is the highest level of routines.

*** Reward**

In Open Class treats or toys are not allowed.

*** Leash rule**

Leash must take off before you enter the ring.

It is not allowed to have any leash on your dog during routine.

*** Music**

Before handler enter ring, handler need to do music check about how high or low music sound want.

At this time dog cannot enter ring together with handler.

Music length: from 2:00- 4:00 Minutes

7. Props

7.1 Type and size

*** Props**

In the ring you can use maximum 2 props and prop size cannot be bigger than chair size.

*** Maximum size of chair**

Hight 70cm Width 62cm Length 62cm



*** Props that are not allowed**

Weapons (guns, swords, spear) are not allowed! Not even soft one.

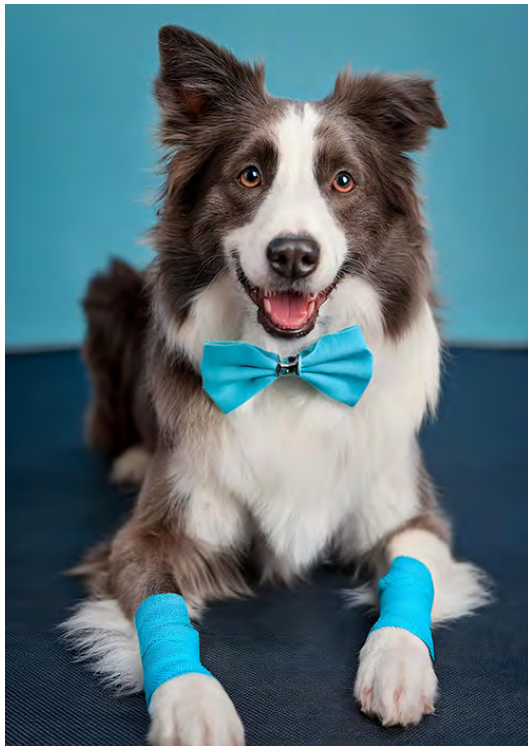


8. Collars and Leg Wraps

On your dog is allowed to have nice collar. Also, double collar is allowed.

Wrap or wristbands around dog's wrist is allowed. Photos below.

This is allowed.



Dress on dogs are not allowed!!

Choker, Half Choker and Electric collars are prohibited!!

Example Photos down below.



9. Attire

9.1 Rules

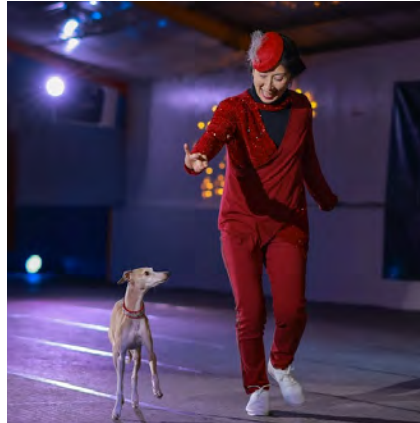
Attire should be nice and should suit dog and handler's level of their routine.

It is recommended to have different color of your attire than your dog's color.

Also attire should not be big or should not block dog's moves.

High heels shoes are not allowed!! Reason is you could step on your dog paw it could happen bad injury.

* Example of good attires.



10. Disqualification

10.1 Rules

* Disqualification

Disqualification will happen in those cases where dog will pee or poop in the ring.

At this time judge will not put scores for this team but team will be allowed to perform their all routine.

Team will be disqualified even before the music start.

Disqualification will happen if dog will leave the ring. Also, team can perform their routine till the end, but scores will not be added.

Aggressive (biting another dog or person) behavior will be disqualified from all competition at any time. It means also outside of the ring.

*** Penalty**

Judge must see that it happened, and judge is not able to judge himself that maybe this could be dangerous and give penalty.

Only when it happened all three judges must discuss all together how much points have to reduce.

Judge who saw what happened will decide with all three judges how much penalty to give.

Penalty will be announced right after routine by microphone.

11. Scoring

11.1 Rules

There will be three judge and each judge will judge his category.
Head judge is Canine judge. Scoring points will be for example 1.57!

CANINE

Focus - Performance	Dog is focused on handler during routine	3
Moves	Dog's ability to move and athleticism	3
Precision	Trick's and moves are succesfully showcased	2
Difficulty	Performing difficult tricks,moves with speed with handler together	2

HANDLER

Routine	Structure of routine, choreographed	3
Signals, Commands	Signals should not be visible to the judge	3
Music	Music fit the routine and also dog	3
Attire	Attire is outfit that should suits the routine and dog	1

TEAM ELEMENTS

Free Position	8 Steps	2
Weave(Slalom)	4 Steps	2
Spin, Circle	2xSpin, 2x Circle	2
Around	4xArounds	2
Heelwork	8 Steps	2
Overs	4xOvers	2
Sidewalk	6 Steps	2
K9 Entertainment	Judges and audience enjoy routine	2

PENALTY

Active Touching	Dog is manipulated by human holding to any position	-3
Barking	Whining or barking few times : 0.5~1 Barking in half of routine : 1~2 Barking thru all routine : 2~3	-3
Crash	Dog fall from any move by human's mistake. Or crashing human body	-5