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# WAG IT GAMES DOG BALL

## GENERAL RULES

### WHERE TO TAKE A TEST

Any licensed Wag It Games Instructors may offer Dog Ball Tests. Please see the Wag It Games website for a list of licensed instructors.

- Tests may be offered as a part of a class, in a private session, as an event, or in combination with another event etc. (See details below under **In Person Testing**)
- Tests may be offered via video submission. (See more below under **Video Testing**)

### LEVELS

- If you have trained for it, you may play it. There is no required level progression. Any, or all of the three levels, may be worked on at the same time. This offers the opportunity to earn titles simultaneously.
  - **Novice Level**, Entry level
  - **Skilled Level**, Intermediate level
  - **Proficient Level**, Advanced level

### TITLES

A variety of titles may be earned. Please see the title chart for details.

- **All previously earned qualifying scores and titles remain.**

### RIBBONS/CERTIFICATES

- Ribbons or certificates shall be given for successfully completed tests.
- Upon completion of a title a personalized title certificate will be available to download and print. Title certificates may be accessed by logging into the member area of the Wag It Games website.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Purebred and mixed breed dogs of any age are eligible to participate in Dog Ball.

### DOG REGISTRATION

Dogs must be registered with Wag It Games in order for test results to be recorded and count towards titles. This is a one time registration that is good for the life of the dog. Handlers may choose to take the test with unregistered dogs.

### UNREGISTERED DOGS

If an unregistered dog passes a test the handler may register the dog after the test and have the test submitted towards Wag It Games titles. The judge shall notify participants of unregistered dogs of the deadline date that the dog must be registered by.

### RESTRICTIONS

- Dogs that exhibit signs of pain, stress or discomfort may not participate.
- Dogs in estrus are eligible at the Instructor's discretion.
- **Safety First - Aggressive, reactive and dogs under warning or banned in any venue may only be tested in a private setting and is at the discretion of the Instructor.**

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### PHYSICAL LIMITATION ADJUSTMENT OPTIONS

#### Disabled Dogs - Heart Dogs

Permanently disabled dogs may have the performance criteria adjusted to accommodate their individual limitations by becoming a Heart Dog.

- Heart Dog status is selected in the dog's record in the members area of the Wag It Games Website.
- Heart Dog status may be selected at any time; however it must be selected prior to taking any test with modifications requested.
- Heart Dog status is a permanent status.
- Permanent disabilities may include but are not limited to paralysis, missing limbs, deafness, blindness, arthritis, etc.
- Adjustments must be approved by the instructor/judge prior to the test.
- "Heart Dog" is added to titles to indicate Heart Dog status.

#### Physically Challenged Handlers

- Disabled handlers may have the performance criteria adjusted to accommodate their individual limitations.
- Adjustments must be approved by the instructor/judge. Adjustments may include but are not limited to changes to accommodate mobility and vision issues, assistant devices or an assistant.
- Example of an adjustment request: A handler using a mobility device may request an assistant.

### TEST RESULTS

- Testers shall submit successful test results for registered dogs within 5 days.
- Handlers will receive an email notification when their test results have been submitted
  - *Handlers must notify the tester of any errors within 5 days of receiving their test results.*
- Recorded results will instantly appear in the dog's record which may be viewed by logging into the member area of the Wag It Games website.
- Titles are automatically updated one month after any test and will appear in the dog's record.

### ONLINE RECORDS

Registered dogs automatically have an online record. This is accessed by logging into the member area of the website. The records include test results, titles and the dates they were earned

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Instructors may offer tests as a part of a class session, in a private session, as an event, in combination with another event etc.

- The specific test(s) to be offered will be announced prior to the test event.
  - Tests of one, two or all levels may be offered at any event.
  - Multiple tests of any level may be offered at any event.
- Testers may choose the test(s) to be offered or allow participants to request or select the test.
- Handler's Choice - To prepare and have all necessary equipment available the Instructor may...
  - Take requests ahead of time for Handler's Choice exercises.
  - May announce ahead of time which exercises will be available.

### Limits

The tester may set a limit regarding the number of attempts each exercise may be performed to manage the duration of a testing session. Limits will be announced prior to the test.

Limit Examples:

- A tester may limit each activity to a maximum of two times per test session.
- A tester may If the team is unsuccessful twice allow a third attempt for training purposes.
  - The tester may provide input such as training tips if requested.
  - Treats, luring training, etc. may be used for a training performance.

### VIDEO TESTING

Instructors/Testers may offer tests via video submission. Tests must be completed per the performance guidelines, exercise descriptions and and test requirements.

- Testers may choose to test specific tests or allow for any test to be submitted.
- Testers may set parameters for how they wish to receive submissions.
- Only one video of each exercise should be submitted.
- Individual exercises must be submitted without any edits.
- Instructors may accept separate videos for each exercise or request one complete video for any test.

### Unsuccessful Exercises

- The tester may accept additional videos for exercises judged unsuccessful. An additional fee may be charged for the extra reviewing.