

DogHouse League General Rules

The **DogHouse League** will run from May 15th to July 15th 2017 with each Facility choosing an 8 week span to host 4 League Nights.

The **DogHouse League** is a Road to Worlds offering two invites in each discipline/division, excluding Specialty Divisions.

The **DogHouse League** will be run as a Wildcard Event. The top team within each division of each discipline (Big Air – average of the top three (3) jumps; Speed Retrieve; Extreme Vertical & Iron Dog) for each **DogHouse League** facility, based on rankings, are eligible for a 2017 DockDogs® World Championship invite based on the following criteria:

- The top overall team across all facilities in each division/discipline receives an invite unless they have a previous invite or have declined an invite for that division; the remaining top teams in each division/discipline will be placed into a lottery with one additional randomly selected invite being awarded the second invite from those teams unless they have a previous invite or have declined an invite for that division.
- If a team turns down an invite, that invite will pass down to another randomly selected team from that division/discipline's lottery with a maximum of two invites being passed down.
- Competitors must be an active member of DockDogs® Worldwide to accept an invite.

League Nights 1 and 3 will include Big Air and Extreme Vertical League Nights 2 and 4 will include Big Air and Speed Retrieve. Each **Doghouse League** Facility will provide two (2) make up dates in the case of cancellations due to uncontrollable circumstances.

The **DogHouse League** fee will be paid per handler, of \$30.00 to compete with up to 3 dogs and \$10.00 per extra dog if paid on or before April 1st. After that date, fees will be \$40.00 per handler with up to 3 dogs and \$12.50 per extra dog. Competitors must compete in a minimum of 3 League Nights at any one facility to qualify for the **DogHouse League** Rankings and World Invites. They may also pay league fees and compete at other participating facilities but must have a minimum of 3 League Nights at each facility to qualify for World invites. All Big Air, Speed Retrieve, Extreme Vertical and Iron Dog scores count towards Titles.

The **DogHouse League** will award a Cash prize to the top team of each division per Facility based on average scores. Prize money will be 20% of all collected wave fees. Each discipline will be allocated 25% of the prize pool excluding specialty divisions. If there are no prize winners in a division, then that money will go back into the prize pool for the discipline.

All **DogHouse League** events will be run per the 2017 DockDogs® Rules and Policies. For qualification criteria see www.dockdogs.com.