

2025 DockDogs® Rules & Policies Test

Below are multiple choice questions for the 2025 DockDogs® Rules & Policies Test. This test is open-book, and we encourage you to read the entirety of the Rules & Policies which can be accessed via the following link: [2025 DockDogs Rules & Policies \(web link\)](#). As the 2025 Road to Worlds Qualifying Criteria document will be incorporated into the current Rules & Policies there may be questions from that document as well.

A blank **fillable PDF** answer sheet is provided for you to **“TYPE”** the letter of the answers to the questions. Please download, fill it in, and then save the answer sheet. Once completed Fax to the attention of Linda Torson, or email to linda.torson@dogz.tv . We will email your score within a few days of receiving & grading the completed answer sheet. The passing grade for this open book test is 100% for DockDogs® Event Crew and 85% for all other Manual Judges and Club Governing Board Members. If you have any questions, please email linda.torson@dogz.tv . **Thank you and Good Luck!**

1) *The 2025 DockDogs® competition season ends on:*

- a) September 1, 2025.
- b) October 1, 2025.
- c) September 30, 2025.
- d) October 6, 2025.

2) *Which statement is false regarding Lap Dogs?*

- a) A Team shall qualify for the Lap Dog Class if the dog is measured at seventeen inches (17”) or shorter from the top point of the shoulder (withers) down to the level surface while standing in its “natural” stance.
- b) Anyone can anonymously request an unverified Lap Dog to be measured, at any event, to verify the dog’s height.
- c) Lap Dogs must be measured at all Events until they receive a permanent DockDogs® Height Card/Certificate (DDHC).
- d) A measuring device is included in every Admin kit and available for use if a question arises concerning a particular dog at an event.

3) *Which statement is true regarding Lap Dogs?*

- a) The DDHC is team specific and is therefore not transferrable to another handler that competes with that verified Lap Dog.
- b) The highest ranked Lap Dog Team at the end of the event shall be awarded the Lap Dog Team of the Year award.
- c) Once a Lap Dog has met age requirements and has been measured 17” or shorter at three (3) separate Events by an onsite DockDogs® Official crew member; that dog will now be flagged in the database as “verified” and receive a permanent height card/certificate (DDHC).
- d) Lap Dogs under two (2) years of age are not required to be measured at all Events.

- 4) *Levi and his dog, Kazu, have a Top Gun Extreme Vertical™ title. During an event they choose to start at 5'6". They successfully grab 5'6", then grab 5'8". What height must they attempt next?*
- 5'10", as it's the next available height when progressing by 2" increments.
 - 6'0" as Top Gun teams can attempt only two heights below 6'0".
 - They can pass to the height of their choice of 6'0" or higher as Top Gun teams can attempt only two heights below 6'0".
 - 6'2" as Levi is confident Kazu can grab that and wants to give him some time to rest.
- 5) *If a team is not an active Worldwide member, they are still eligible for*
- Overall rankings (Worldwide, National and Club).
 - National and Club title certificates.
 - World Championships Invites.
 - None of the above.
- 6) *Ron and Gary both jumped their dog Bender. Ron is an alternate for Semi Pro Finals and Gary is one of the top 6 qualifiers for Contender. Who will compete in Finals?*
- As Ron is in the higher Finals division he would compete with Bender.
 - Gary would compete in Finals as he is an actual qualifier and Ron is only an alternate.
 - They may decide among themselves who would compete with Bender.
 - The event manager would make the call as to which team is allowed to compete in Finals.
- 7) *Which statement is false regarding Legend and Hero dogs?*
- At all national events, all Hero Dogs will be ranked alongside the Legend Dogs based on their statistical event data for each Big Air® Wave™ of competition.
 - At all events a Legend or Hero Dog's title shall not impact its ability to participate in any final.
 - It shall be the responsibility of the handler to inform the Event Administrator that the dog is eligible for the Hero Dog class.
 - At all Club events only a Legend or Hero Dog's title shall not impact its ability to participate in any final.
- 8) *Which of the following is True?*
- No other object may be used during competition to throw the chase object or to extend the object over the water except for the handler's own body.
 - Electronic collar transmitters are NOT allowed on the dock.
 - At no time during competition can any part of the Handler's body be used to propel the dog down the dock or into the pool/body of water.
 - All of the above.

9) *In Speed Retrieve competition, which statement is false?*

- a) At the start of score time, the dog must have at least one front paw touching the starting block.
- b) When the team is set and has given a cue to the Judge that they are ready it is permissible for some part of the handler's body to be forward of the 20 foot mark.
- c) The handler may hold or restrain the dog until the green light or starters cue.
- d) The starting block is a three (3) foot wide box between the twenty (20) and twenty-three (23) foot marks on the dock.

10) *Which statement is true regarding the Competition dock?*

- a) The competition dock is now thirty-six (36) feet long by eight (8) feet wide.
- b) The competition dock is now forty (40) feet long by eight (8) feet wide.
- c) The top of the dock surface shall rest no more or less than twelve (12) inches off of the water surface at the start of each day of competition at all National events..
- d) None of the above.

11) *Sophie wants to get into Speed Retrieve at an event but can't get there until shortly before the wave. What can be done?*

- a) Sophie's dad can get there earlier and register her.
- b) She can text the Admin asking her to hold her a spot in SR
- c) To register for SR she will need to get there earlier, as a handler must register in person onsite and completely fill out the onsite registration form and sign the waiver. Proxies are not permitted.
- d) She can have a friend who is already onsite, fill out the paperwork for her.

12) *How many scores are required to be ranked in Big Air.*

- a) 6
- b) 5
- c) 10
- d) 3

13) *During a Speed Retrieve™ wave, if the dog does not leave the dock surface after the "Green Light" or "Go", the handler may:*

- a) As long as this is the first refusal, the dog may be reset in the starting block, with the run timer reset and the 60-second dock timer continuing to run.
- b) Reset the dog in the starting block, with the run timer and the 60-second dock timer reset.
- c) Reset the dog in the starting block quickly as their run time and the 60-second dock timer are continuing to run.
- d) Encourage the dog to jump as there are no resets.

14) *Which statement is correct?*

- a) Regarding events with more than one Speed Retrieve wave of competition, each SR wave will be treated as its own competition for Wave Placements (SR#1, SR#2, etc.) and scores from Both Speed Retrieve waves will be combined for an All-In-One Final Results, with awards and prizes awarded accordingly. In the event if a Team competes in multiple Speed Retrieve waves, the highest achieved score will be considered for Finals placements and awards. If a Dog competes with Two different Handlers in Two different SR Waves, each Team would be eligible for Finals Awards in the All-In-One Final Results. The same will apply to multiple Extreme Vertical waves of competition (EV#1, EV#2, etc.).
- b) Regarding events with more than one Speed Retrieve wave of competition, each SR wave will be treated as its own competition but without placements, and scores from Both Speed Retrieve waves will be combined for an All-In-One Final Results, with awards and prizes awarded accordingly. In the event if a Team competes in multiple Speed Retrieve waves, the highest achieved score will be considered for Finals placements and awards. If a Dog competes with Two different Handlers in Two different SR Waves, each Team would be eligible for Finals Awards in the All-In-One Final Results.
- c) Regarding events with more than one Extreme Vertical wave of competition, each EV wave will be treated as its own competition but without placements, and scores from Both Extreme Vertical waves will be combined for an All-In-One Final Results, with awards and prizes awarded accordingly. In the event if a Team competes in multiple Extreme Vertical waves, the highest achieved score will be considered for Finals placements and awards. If a Dog competes with Two different Handlers in Two different EV Waves, each Team would be eligible for Finals Awards in the All-In-One Final Results.
- d) None of the above.

15) *Which statement is True in regard to petitioning for a title reduction?*

- a) If a team has a recorded score within their achieved title division or a higher division within their last 5 consecutive events, then the petition will be denied.
- b) As long as at least one recorded score is below their achieved title division at each of the last 3 consecutive events the petition will be accepted.
- c) If a team has a recorded score within their achieved title division or higher division within their last 3 consecutive events, then the petition will be denied.
- d) If a petition is successful, the team will only retain their current “active” title.

16) *Which statement below is true regarding Extreme Vertical?*

- a) A Team may not go to the top of the dock until the previous Team is off the dock.
- b) If a Team remains at the bottom of the stairs the time clock will start when the Handler steps onto the top of the dock.
- c) If a Team enters the dock immediately after the previous dog makes a successful grab or has missed twice, the Team must stay behind the gate at the entrance platform until the dock is clear of all other people and the previous dog is leashed/under control and exiting. The time clock will start when the dock is clear of all other people, and the previous dog is leashed/under control and exiting and the new team has entered through the entrance gate.
- d) A Team may not step onto the top of the dock until given the green light by the crew.

17) *If a team earns a Division Title or moves up to a more advanced Division on the first day of an event what will happen?*

- a) The team's placings for the rest of the event will be based on the new Division.
- b) The team will be issued a new title certificate at the event.
- c) The handler can choose which Division they wish their scores to be counted in.
- d) The change will not take place until the close of the event in which it was achieved.

18) *Which statement is True regarding Big Air at Wild Card and Wild Card Double Header Qualifying Events?*

- a) Event rankings will be based on the average of the two top scores from Waves and any Finals.
- b) The top six (6) ranked teams per event, within each division of each discipline, based on event rankings, will receive an invitation to the DockDogs® World Championships.
- c) To be ranked for a possible invite in Big Air a team must have at least two (2) Big Air scores from competition waves from that event.
- d) Event rankings will be based on the average of all of a team's scores from the event, including any Finals.

19) *For Veteran Dogs, which statement is False?*

- a) Veteran Dog Teams shall compete as regular competitors.
- b) A Veteran Dog Team may compete as a Veteran Dog as long as the dog is between 8 and 9 during the competition season.
- c) Veteran Dog Teams shall be ranked nationally among all competitors and ranked separately among all Veteran Dog Teams.
- d) Once a dog turns 8, only all scores going forward will count towards Veteran Dog rankings.

20) *Which statement is true regarding Prize Purse payouts at National events?*

- a) First place \$100; second place \$50 and third place \$25.
- b) First place \$125; second place \$60 and third place \$30.
- c) First Place \$100; Second Place \$60 and Third Place \$38.
- d) We issue no Prize Purse payouts for National events.

21) *Which statement is false regarding manual judge certification?*

- a) Judges who are certified in judging Big Air® must also then get certified to judge Extreme Vertical™ and Speed Retrieve™.
- b) Club affiliate judges will receive certificates as proof of successful completion of the required training.
- c) Re-certifying affiliate judges renewing during their re-certification year will only be required to score 30 jumps in the re-certification manual judge's test.
- d) Re-certification will be required after 24 months and a judge must manually judge at a minimum of one event each year, with a minimum of 50 jumps.

22) For Wild Card and Wild Card Double Header Qualifying events, what may happen in the event the available divisional spots are not initially filled?

- a) Invitations will only be issued to those who qualify within their division.
- b) A division may be filled with a team whose average is within one division of its title.
- c) A division may be filled with a team whose average is below its title regardless of how far below it falls.
- d) A lottery may be held to select a team or teams to fill the division.

23) Which statement is True regarding Additional World Championship Qualifying & Competition Information?

- a) Invitations are not passed down in the instance that an original Qualifying Team does not accept its invitation for that specific qualifying avenue.
- b) If a team turns down an invite, they can possibly earn another invitation in the same discipline/division at a future qualifying event.
- c) A Youth Handler may compete with multiple dogs in the Big Air Youth Handler Specialty Class if qualified.
- d) All discipline Finals selection (aside from the Specialty Classes) will be based on the floating bubble system for 2025.

24) To retain an accepted invitation to the 2025 DockDogs® World Championships a team must have participated in how many events by the end of the 2025 season?

- a) Two events, either two National or one National and one Club. 2024 Worlds does not qualify as one of those events.
- b) Three National events.
- c) One National event, 2024 Worlds does not qualify as one of those events.
- d) Two Club events.

25) Which statement is false regarding Prohibited Use of Training devices during Competition?

- a) Electronic collar transmitters are NOT allowed on the dock.
- b) Food and Dog treats are not permitted on the dock or within the competition staging/line up.
- c) A handler may choose to use a Chuck It launcher to aid with the throw.
- d) At no time during competition can any part of the Handler's body be used to propel the dog down the dock or into the pool/body of water.

26) How is an Iron Dog title earned?

- a) Three (3) legs within one division combined between Nationally sanctioned events and Club events.
- b) A National title is achieved by earning five (5) legs within one division at Nationally sanctioned events and a Club title achieved by earning five (5) legs within one division at Club events.
- c) A National title is achieved by earning three (3) legs within one division at Nationally sanctioned events and a Club title achieved by earning three (3) legs within one division at Club events.
- d) Five (5) legs within one division combined between Nationally sanctioned events and Club events.



27) What is the penalty for a handler purposely jumping in the pool?

- a) Courtesy warning.
- b) Verbal warning.
- c) Suspension from the event for first offense.
- d) Sanction.

28) Which club discipline counts towards a National title?

- a) Extreme Vertical
- b) Big Air
- c) Speed Retrieve
- d) Iron Dog

29) If a dog jumps from the dock to the exit ramp or platform surrounding the pool and then into the pool, how is that scored?

- a) Jump distance is recorded.
- b) Jump status will be marked as "DQ".
- c) They may come back up immediately and jump again.
- d) Jump status will be marked as "DISALLOW".

30) Which statement is true regarding crating/leashes?

- a) All competing dogs must be crated or held by the handler or an assistant of the handler on a maximum length of a four (4) foot lead at all times while on site at an event. Dogs must remain within the competitor's crating area at all times when not competing unless pre-approved permission has been granted by the event staff. Tie outs are not permitted.
- b) All competing dogs must be crated or held by the handler or an assistant of the handler on a maximum length of a six (6) foot lead at all times while on site at an event. Dogs must remain within the competitor's crating area at all times when not competing unless pre-approved permission has been granted by the event staff. Tie outs are not permitted.
- c) A handler may either crate the dog, have it on a leash or tie the dog out.
- d) None of the above.