



2026 DockDogs® Rules & Policies Test

Below are multiple choice questions for the 2026 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: <https://dockdogs.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/2026-Rules-and-Policies.pdf>. As the 2026 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) *Which statement is true concerning the current membership fee for adults?*

- a) \$45
- b) \$55
- c) \$40
- d) \$65

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

- a) Hero Dog Teams shall compete as regular competitors.
- b) Hero Dogs may earn a Hero Dog invitation to the World Championship.
- c) A Hero Dog achieving 3 Big Air wave scores at a Wild Card event will earn an invitation to the World Championship in the Legend Dog division.
- d) A Team shall qualify for the Hero Class during the entire DockDogs® season if the competing dog turns the age of twelve (12) during the season..

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) 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).
- c) Lap Dogs under two (2) years of age are not required to be measured at all Events.
- d) The highest ranked Lap Dog Team at the end of the event shall be awarded the Lap Dog Team of the Year award.



- 4) *Which statement is true regarding the start height for Top Gun titled dogs?*
- a) Minimum of 5'6" and can attempt 2 heights below 6'.
 - b) Minimum of 5'4" and can attempt 3 heights below 6'.
 - c) Minimum of 5'6" and can attempt 3 heights below 6'.
 - d) Must start no lower than 6'.
- 5) *Which statement is false regarding Speed Retrieve?*
- a) No other toy is allowed on the dock.
 - b) At the start of score time, a dog must have at least one front paw touching the starting block which includes the lines.
 - c) No part of the dog or handler may be forward of the twenty (20) foot mark after the team is set and has given a cue to the Judge that they are ready.
 - d) None of the above.
- 6) *Which statement is false regarding Legend and Hero dogs?*
- a) 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.
 - b) At all events a Legend or Hero Dog's title shall not impact its ability to participate in any final.
 - c) It shall be the responsibility of the handler to inform the Event Administrator that the dog is eligible for the Hero Dog class.
 - d) At all Club events only a Legend or Hero Dog's title shall not impact its ability to participate in any final.
- 7) *If there is a tie for first place overall in Extreme Vertical at a regular event, the tying teams will have one more jump at the same height. Which statement below is false?*
- a) The team with the higher starting height will win.
 - b) If the tie is still unbroken, the team with no misses or a higher miss wins. If both dogs grab, the bar continues to raise until a declared winner or tie breaker rules apply (both dogs miss).
 - c) If both remaining teams have a miss at the same height the bar is lowered one inch.
 - d) If the tie is still unresolved both teams earn the same placement at Club or National events.
- 8) *Which of the following is True?*
- a) All of the below.
 - b) 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.
 - c) Electronic collar transmitters are NOT allowed on the dock.
 - 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.



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

13) *What types of footwear are not allowed on the dock?*

- a) Tennis shoes.
- b) No shoes.
- c) Flip flops or slides.
- d) Muck boots.



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) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) If a petition is successful, the team will only retain their current “active” title.
- d) 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.

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) A Team may not step onto the top of the dock until given the green light by the crew.
- d) 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.



- 17) *Which type of leash is expressly prohibited in all areas of the competition venue?*
- a) Four foot leash.
 - b) Four foot slip lead.
 - c) Flexi Lead.
 - d) Any are allowed.
- 18) *Which statement is True regarding Big Air at Wild Card and Wild Card Double Header Qualifying Events?*
- a) 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.
 - b) Event rankings will be based on the average of the two top scores from Waves and any Finals.
 - 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) *What is the time limit for each team during competition to complete the jump?*
- a) 60 seconds.
 - b) 90 seconds.
 - c) 2 minutes.
 - d) 30 seconds.
- 20) *Competitors are responsible for checking in with the Administrator prior to the start of the first Finals round by what time?*
- a) 10 minutes.
 - b) Just show up for the roll call.
 - c) 60 minutes.
 - d) 2 hours.
- 21) *Which statement is true regarding scoring of a Big Air jump when the dog's tail enters the water at a point further from the dock?*
- a) The jump will be scored using the point of the dog (ie head or nose) that breaks the surface of the water closest to the dock.
 - b) Will be based on where the tailset breaks the water regardless of whether that's closest or farthest from the dock.
 - c) The score will be judged by where the nose breaks the water surface.



- 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 below its title regardless of how far below it falls.
 - c) A lottery may be held to select a team or teams to fill the division.
 - d) A division may be filled with a team whose average is within one division of its title.
- 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) If a team turns down an invite, they can possibly earn another invitation in a higher discipline/division at a future qualifying event.
- 24) *To retain an accepted invitation to the 2026 DockDogs® World Championships a team must have participated in how many events by the end of the 2026 season?*
- a) Two events, either two National or one National and one Club. 2025 Worlds does not qualify as one of those events.
 - b) Three National events.
 - c) One National event, 2025 Worlds does not qualify as one of those events.
 - d) Two Club events.
- 25) *Which statement is true regarding Extreme Vertical ties for first place overall at the World Championship or Declared Specialty event?*
- a) Same tie breaker rules for regular events.
 - b) The team with no misses or the higher miss wins.
 - c) The bar would continue to be lowered by one (1) inch until a winner is decided or a handler concedes.
 - d) The two teams would be tied for first place.
- 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) Suspension from the event for first offense.
- c) Verbal warning.
- 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) *What is the penalty for disrespectful or aggressive behavior towards Event Staff and/or fellow competitors?*

- a) 1st offense: Suspension from DockDogs for one (1) year.
- b) 1st offense: disqualification from a wave; 2nd offense: disqualification from the event.
- c) 1st offense: disqualification from the event; 2nd offense: suspension from DockDogs for one (1) year.
- d) Courtesy warning.