

NADAC

Training in the ring

This could include re-doing an obstacle, or sequence of obstacles, which appear to be training that sequence or obstacle after it has been faulted. This could include a handler taking an excessive amount of time to perform an obstacle, or more than three attempts to perform an obstacle that the dog has refused repeatedly. This might also include a handler using aggressive body language or excessive harsh tones to get their dog to perform an obstacle.

If the judge at any time feels that the handler is not trying to successfully complete a course, but is working an obstacle or type of obstacle, for schooling a specific performance pattern on that obstacle (or type of obstacle), then the judge may eliminate that run for scoring purposes. The judge may allow the handler to continue their run and continue using sportsmanlike behavior while trying to improve their dog's performance on those obstacles.

As of January 1st, 2019: Once a dog has been Eliminated the dog and handler team will be allowed to continue training in the ring up to a maximum of 60 seconds. This includes the time the team has already spent in the ring leading up to the elimination. Once 60 seconds has elapsed the judge will ask the team to leave the ring.

Teams may continue to put their dogs on the contact equipment as long as it's done in a safe manner. Teams may also continue to train their start line, so long as the team has not continued past the 3rd obstacle on course. Once a team has made it past the 3rd obstacle on course, they will not be allowed to come back to the start line in order to avoid having two dogs in the same area at once.

Toys are allowed at the Intro and Novice Levels as a motivational tool. Toys must be declared prior to the start of the Run. Treats are not allowed at any time in the ring.

NADAC allows, and encourages, training in the ring, but it shall never be a qualifying run. Any training in the ring must be done in a positive and sportsmanlike manner. Absolutely no harsh corrections or physical corrections shall be allowed.