

Not Quite the Nationals Video Challenge – Rules

1. One standard course, one gamble course and one jumpers course designed for a 60' by 80' grid will be provided. One 60' by 80' steeplechase course will also be provided as a separate challenge. • Equipment required – two tunnels, 8 jumps, one tyre, 12 weave poles, all three contacts, panel/wall/double could be a sub for tyre if necessary to give the two points in gamble. Gamble has no d/w, only standard.
2. Cost for entry - \$50 for members and \$55 for non-members for all three nationals' courses and \$15 for members or \$18 for non-members for the steeplechase course. Cost for a junior handler with an AAC number is \$25 for all three nationals' courses and \$10 for steeplechase course.

If you wish to enter more than one dog, please enter each dog separately.

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3. Dogs must have an AAC Dog ID number and be 18 months old. If your dog has a measurement from another organization, we will accept that. If your dog is of age and has an AAC number but is not measured, we will accept your best estimate.
4. A private Facebook group will be created for you to upload videos. You will be sent the link to the group with your course maps. A separate post will be made for each course. Upload your video as a comment under that post. Video can be uploaded directly to Facebook or as a link from other sites (YouTube, Vimeo). Please do not make other comments on these posts as it can get extremely cluttered with a lot of comments. A separate post will be created for questions and comments. No mulligans this time, sorry!
5. In the comment for each video you must state your name, the dog's name, AAC ID number and jump height and division. We cannot always tell who you are from your Facebook name. Do not share the Facebook link, course maps or videos of your runs to others until NQTN judging is completed.
6. Signup for entries will open on Friday September 18 and close on September 30. Courses will be released on September 23 or soon after payment is received, and you will have until October 7 at 9pm EST to complete the runs and post the videos.
7. You may run the courses in different venues and on different days.
8. Submit only your BEST run (of each event) for judging.
9. You may not run with food or toys. Your dog may run wearing a collar if you want to leave it on – but please make sure it is close fitting with nothing loose to catch on the jumps. You must decide yourself on the risks of your dog wearing a collar.

10. Runs will be timed from taking the first obstacle to taking the last obstacle. Make sure that all obstacles are clearly visible on the video. If the video quality is poor, it is impossible to judge it fairly. If contacts and jump bars cannot be seen clearly, the video judge may have to disqualify the video and we do not want to do that. Once your video is judged you may not replace it. Each course map will identify a location or direction which is best for video recording.
11. For this competition we require that obstacle placement and orientation follow the course maps as closely as possible to create a fair competition for all entrants.
12. NQTN courses will run under modified nationals' rules. Refusals will not be judged, off courses and non-completions are 20 points, knocked bar, missed contact, etc. are 5 points.
13. Steeplechase will be scored as time + faults. Refusals are not counted. Knocked bar, missed contact, etc. +5sec. off course +20sec. and non-completion is elimination.
14. Junior Handlers: A junior handler may run the same dog(s) as another family member. Jump height is one down from the height the dog usually jumps. If the junior handler's dog is in regular division you would still post the videos in the S/V/JH post and please note the JH number in the comment with the video so that judges and scorekeepers are aware of JH status, as it affects judging and scoring. When you enter a Junior Handler the entry form does not have a box for JH number. Just enter the dog's name but pay the junior handler fee; we will figure it out.
15. Obstacle Substitution: We realize that not everyone has every piece of equipment in these courses. We suggested that you may replace the tire in gamble with another 2-point obstacle such as Wall Jump, Panel Jump or Double. Since there is a tire in the jumper's course as well, please use the same substitutions if you need to.
16. Dogwalk Contact in Standard Course: We realized too late that the line of vision from the video position to the dogwalk contact was partially blocked by the tunnel. Our video judges will only call faults they can see. So they will call a missed contact if the dog leaps off from above the tunnel height but they will not call a missed dogwalk contact if they cannot see the dog's actual performance of the contact due to the tunnel blocking the view.
17. Gamble questions: There was a lively discussion on the gamble course, mainly centred on what would be an elimination error in the opening caused by performing two consecutive obstacles in the final gamble. Normal gamble rules apply. If you complete any tunnel and then #4 jump consecutively it will be elimination. If you complete #4 from either side and then a tunnel, it is in reverse order of the final gamble sequence and is

not elimination. The finish line of the final gamble is jump #4. You may approach it from the rear, but you must take it in the correct direction.

Disclaimer: This trial is to be completed in accordance with the social restrictions in place for your province during the Covid-19 pandemic. You may run the courses at a facility outside your backyard. Please follow rules posted in any venue that you use. Have fun and be safe!