

USDAA Policies & Procedures

Statement of Policy Addressing Accommodating Partners in Relay Titling Classes

Effective date: Immediately (11/30/2016)

This policy outlines the options clubs may exercise when there is a deficit of partners in titling relay classes.

Should there be an odd number of dogs running in a relay titling class, the following steps shall first be taken to ensure every dog has a partner:

1st a competitor entered in the class shall be solicited to serve as accommodating partner. This accommodating dog shall run their qualifying run first.

2nd if no competitor comes forward to serve as an accommodating partner, the judge of record shall strongly encourage someone to volunteer.

3rd if no accommodating partner can be found by either of the first two solutions, a competitor from any level entered in the event shall be solicited to run as an accommodating partner as in the scenario below.

Should there be only one dog running in a relay titling class, the following policy shall apply:

1st a competitor entered in the event in the same level as the relay class where there is a deficit of partners,

2nd a competitor from any level entered in the event shall be solicited to run as an accommodating partner.

In the accommodating run this dog will run the opposite side of the course as they ran for their qualifying run.

The accommodating partner shall not earn a qualifying score.

This dog shall jump their eligible height appropriate for the program being accommodated.

No entry is required as this dog shall not earn a qualifying score and is a facilitator for the lone dog to have an opportunity to qualify.

In all cases of pairs relay, the accommodating partner shall not run the same part of the relay course twice.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this policy statement does not purport to take into account all circumstances.