

Premier Class Demo (East Coast Premier of the Premier Class)

Demo will start IMMEDIATELY following the conclusion of the Masters/Excellent rings! We DO NOT need to wait until the end of the trial. Those who have entered T2B or are running other dogs in Novice/Open and would like to also run in the Premier Class Demo will be accommodated with a separate walk through if needed.

The Premier Class is a new titling class that the AKC is planning to introduce later in 2015. This class will provide an opportunity for agility competitors to demonstrate handling skills above those required for the Master Level Classes. Both Standard and JWW Premier courses will be Master level courses incorporating a number of elements that challenge the dog and handler in ways that are not seen on traditional AKC courses. These elements include sequences like threadles, back-side jumps, pull-throughs, forced layering, flat weave entries, inverted pinwheels and longer running passes. One bi-directional jump or tunnel will be allowed to encourage handling strategies. Obstacle spacing on Premier courses may exceed the limits of those on Master courses.

Premier courses will use the same obstacles as the corresponding Master course except that a viaduct may be used in place of the panel jump. A typical Premier demo course will have 19 to 22 obstacles, 3 side switches, 4 or 5 Master level options and 3 or 4 challenging elements. For demo purposes, the SCT for all jump heights will be set at 80 seconds for Standard and 50 seconds for JWW. For demos, SCT is also MCT. Courses will be judged using standard AKC Master scoring and hand signals.

For the BCDC Premier demo, dogs must be running in Excellent or Master JWW Class to participate. Dogs do not have to be entered in Friday's trial to participate.

- Because this is a demo of a new class and not a B Match, AKC is requiring that we run the class like a live trial. Each run will be judged and timed with a Maximum Course Time of 50 seconds.
- We will have a TOTAL of **100 RUNS**.
- BCDC will be accepting entries for the FIRST RUN of the Premier Class on Friday, February 13, 2015, between 7:30 AM and 10:30 AM.
- Second runs will be available only if the maximum number of entries has not been reached by 10:30 AM. An announcement will be made after 10:30 AM if second runs are available.
- BCDC will be offering a \$10 Gift Certificate to the fastest qualifying dog in each jump height on the first run.
- Entry fee: \$10 for first run, \$5 for second run for same dog. A handler may enter more than one dog.