



New Year Trial Novice Program, December 27-30, 2019



The Novice Award Trophies (prior to being engraved)



One of the six 2017 Winners, Vivian Vidoli's Tattoo, winner of the Novice B Small dog trophy.

This year at Tracs New Years, held December 27-30 at Rancho Murieta, CA, we are holding our third annual Winter Novice Program. Last year was a lot of fun with several of the competitions going down to the 9th and final run.

- (1) There will be six High Novice Award winners for:
 - a. Novice A Small Dog (8,12,16)
 - b. Novice A Large Dog (20,24)
 - c. Novice B Small Dog (8,12,16)
 - d. Novice B Large Dog (20,24)
 - e. Novice Preferred Small Dog (4p,8p,12p)
 - f. Novice Preferred Large Dog (16p,20p)

Each winner will receive an engraved trophy tray as well as a Tracs gift certificate for a future trial or redemption with a vendor at a Tracs trial.

Winners will be calculated by cumulative time under course time for qualifying runs in Jumpers, standard and T2B over the first three days of the trial (9 total events)

If a run is qualifying but not clean, the points from that run will be reduced based on your score (a score of 95 rather than 100 will mean you get 95% of the time under course time rather than 100% for that run). If a run is clean but over time, we will use a zero for the score for that run rather than a negative number.

To enter you need to be Novice in either Jww or Std on the first day of the trial. If you are in open or higher or move up to open or higher in the non-novice class, we will take the results from the non-novice class (course time, actual time, score) and use it in our scoring. This means you can move up during the competition as long as you started the trial in Novice in at least one of the classes. Please bear in mind that open courses have tighter times and are harder so moving up will not be an advantage but you can still earn points in that class.

The trial chairs will be inputting results into a spreadsheet as class results are approved by the judges and will have intermediate results.

Awards will be made at the end of Time 2 Beat on the third day of the trial and announced on Day 4.

- (2) The rings will be fully fenced gated. We found that removing the chutes and using gates both stopped dogs being penalized for running out of the ring as well as open up more room at the front of the ring to keep dogs from feeling crowded.
- (3) Fast is a starting class in one ring, so Novice Fast will run before Novice Std or Novice Jumpers to help those who want to burn off some morning excitement and reinforce some contacts.
- (4) We will have the timer displays up so you can see your time in case you want to keep track on your own.

Besides the Novice program, we will also have a few of the amenities. There are nice bathrooms at the trial, a nice food kitchen for lunch, a coffee vendor, a big raffle for volunteer workers. We will also have Planet Blue dog and other vendors.

We will also have a setup for making crating tags (bring small pictures of your dogs) and the last day will have a holiday photo with props for doggie dress-up. Following is a picture one exhibitor took after dressing up her shelties .



The premium for our trial can be found at agiltracs.org

If you have questions, please email the trial chairs:

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