

Official UKC Rules & Regulations
Regulations Governing UKC® Licensed Dock Jumping (Air Dog) Events
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Purpose. Air Dog events are one of the country's premier dock jumping games that was formed to provide a fun and family friendly atmosphere for dog dock jumping competitions. Dock Jumping (Air dog) events strive to make every dog and handler team feel important and have a great time, while also stressing safety and dock jumping training. UKC has teamed with Ultimate Air Dogs to provide UKC licensed dock jumping events.

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Section I. Jurisdiction. The following rules and regulations governing UKC licensed dock jumping (air dog) events and the awarding of UKC Championship points and titles issued by United Kennel Club, Inc., are uniform and are not given on a local or geographical basis. All UKC licensed dock jumping (air dog) events shall be governed by the rules herein.

Section II. Who may offer dock jumping (air dog) events. Any UKC club that is eligible to offer dock jumping (air dog) events may be licensed to offer dock jumping (air dog) events. UKC reserves the right to grant, withhold or revoke event licensed at its own discretion.

Section III. Definitions.

A. Bubble. A divisional ranking of dog/handler teams after all splashes are completed. The bubble indicates the top five teams that proceed into the finals.

B. Distance Jumping. Also know or referred to as Ultimate air. This is the competition measuring the distance of a dog's jump. The dog's distance is measured from the end of the dock to where the base of the tail breaks the water's surface. In summation, a dog takes a running start down the competition dock, from whatever point the handler chooses to place the dog, and jumps into the water, usually after a chase object.

C. Dock. The dock used for dock jumping competitions must be of sturdy construction with some sort of surface, such as astro turf, outdoor carpet, or even rubber matting, to make for better traction and prevent slipping. The dock must be a minimum of 35 feet and a maximum of 40 feet. For distance jumping, it must sit 2 feet (24 in) off the surface of the water. It may sit lower for Vertical Jumping.

D. Pool. The pool or natural body of water for dock jumping shall be at least 4 feet deep. It must be clean, free of debris, and clear of algae, as it can be potentially toxic. In the case of a pool, it must have a safe exit ramp or steps for the dog to exit the water.

E. Throw object. An object may be used in order to ask the dog to jump, but is not a requirement. The object can be anything that does not sink, is not edible, does not dissolve in water, and is not a living or dead animal. Further, it is not required that the dog retrieve the object from the pool in order to achieve its score.

F. Vertical Jumping (Ultimate Vertical). Competition measuring the height of a dog's jump. A vertical extender reaches from the end of the dock out to 8 feet over the edge of the water. A bumper is hung at the end of the extender at varying heights. The object is for the dog to catch and pull down the bumper. The height is measured from the surface of the dock to the bumper.

G. Vertical object. The object for vertical must be a bumper with strings at either end to attach it to the vertical extender.

H. Splash. A splash is a series of two rounds (cycles) of distance jumping competition. A splash should be divided into groups of no more than 16 competitors. Each group will go through its running order with each dog taking one jump, and then start back at the top of that group for each

dog to take its second jump. The higher jump for each dog will become its score.

I. Ultimate Air. See Distance Jumping.

J. Ultimate Vertical. See Vertical Jumping.

K. Qualifying Score: A qualifying score is earned when a dog competes in a UKC Licensed Dock Jumping (Air Dog) event and successfully enters the water to be given a distance of the jump by the judge. The dog is given two opportunities to jump within a Licensed Splash, and the greater distance of the two becomes the dog's qualifying score for that Splash. The score must be officially recorded and reported to UKC. A qualifying score also serves as a Total Dog qualifying score.

****L. Short Dock.** A smaller dock, 20 feet in length, that meets all requirements of the standard competition dock other than length and is usually used with a smaller pool. The short dock set up is most often used in select events where space is a concern. As the maximum running start for dogs is shortened, the divisions for distance jumping are apportioned accordingly. The short dock has no impact on vertical jumping divisions.

Section IV. General Rules.

A. Licenses. All licenses for UKC Licensed events shall be granted, withheld or revoked at the sole discretion of the United Kennel Club.

B. Finality of Judges decisions. By entering any dock jumping (air dog) event, the owner and handler of any dog agree to accept the decision of the Judge as final. The decision of a Judge is the responsibility of the Judge and not that of United Kennel Club.

C. Governing rules. UKC Licensed events are governed by UKC rules, classifications, and point systems.

D. Spirit of common sense. All persons involved in the licensed dock jumping event, will adhere to the spirit of common sense prevails. Sound, practical, rational, knowledge or the like will be practiced by all involved.

E. Inoculations. All dogs six months of age or older must have inoculations for Rabies, Canine Distemper and Canine Parvovirus to be eligible to compete at UKC events. Dogs under six months of age present on the grounds of any UKC event must have current inoculations for Canine Distemper and Canine Parvovirus. Failure to comply with this paragraph will result in disciplinary action.

F. Regulation and recording of event results. The UKC Dog Events Department regulates and records the results of air dog events, agility trials, conformation shows, obedience trials, and weight pulls and issues awards for levels of achievement at these events. Additional events may be added at the sole discretion of the United Kennel Club.

G. When points or legs are awarded. Points or legs earned toward UKC titles are awarded after the United Kennel Club receives and processes the official event report from the host club.

H. UKC right to review and correct event related documents. UKC has the right to inspect all reports, score sheets, and other documents related to UKC Licensed events and to review those documents for any reason. UKC reserves the right to correct any mistakes found. Pursuant to the Inherent Rights and Powers, UKC employees may make corrections, additions or deletions to any documents related to UKC-licensed events, regardless of whether or not those documents are signed by a Judge or club officer.

I. UKC right to change rules, policies, and fees. UKC reserves the right to change rules, policies and fees at any time without notice.

Section V. Entering a UKC Event.

A. Eligibility for entry in licensed dock jumping (air dog) classes. Entry in licensed classes is limited to:

1. Dogs that are at least 6 months of age on the day of the event.
2. Dogs that are permanently registered with UKC as of the day of the event.
3. Dogs that have a valid Temporary Listing (TL) number as of the day of the event.
4. At a Pre-Entry only event, the dog must be Permanently Registered, have a valid TL or a valid LP number by the closing date of the event.

B. Ineligibility for entry in licensed dock jumping (air dog) classes. The following dogs must not enter in air dog events even if otherwise eligible and may be refused by the Even Secretary.

1. **Lame dogs.** Lame dogs must not enter in air dog events.
2. **Females in season.** Female in season must not enter in air dog events.
3. **Dogs that appear to be ill.** Dogs must be in good health and condition in order to compete. Dog that appears to be ill or dogs with sutures, bandages, adhesive or any other material that is indicative of or related to any surgical or medical procedure must not be entered in an air dog event.

C. Canine Amputees, Deaf or Blind dogs. Canine Amputees, Blind and Deaf dogs may participate in air dog competitions but must be able to safely perform jumps.

D. Entry procedures and deadlines.

1. **Pre-Entry.** Pre-registration for events is highly recommended and it ensures a competitor's place in the competition. It is suggested that clubs accepting pre-entries should establish a pre-entry deadline. Clubs may offer a discounted entry fee for pre-entries.
2. **Day-of-competition entries.** Clubs may accept day-of-competition entries but must establish a day-of-competition entry deadline after which no further day-of-competition entries will be accepted for that day's event.
3. **Pre-Entry Only.** Clubs may elect not to take day-of-competition entries.
4. An entry must not be made and must not be accepted by a club which specifies any condition as to its acceptance.
5. **Entry Limits.** Due to venue schedule changes or space constraints entry limits may need to be enacted by the host club.

E. Refusing an Entry. Host clubs may refuse the entry of an otherwise eligible dog. While a club's decision is subject to review by UKC, it will not be overturned except where there is strong evidence that the club's decision is based on prohibited categories of discrimination (race, religion, national origin, etc.) or personal disputes.

F. Refund or Cancellation of Entry. The Host club shall be responsible for their own refund and/or cancellation policy. It is suggested that the policy be posted.

G. UKC Registration Information and Temporary Listing Numbers. See the UKC website for information on how to register your dog with UKC or how to obtain a Temporary Listing number. Go to www.ukcdogs.com for complete information.

Section VI. Handlers.

- A. **Age.** Dock jumping (air dog) competition handlers may be any age provided the handler is able to control the dog. A Judge may excuse a dog at any time if he/she believes the handler is unable to control the dog and the Judge's decision is final.
- B. All handlers that are under the age of 18 must have the waiver/ consent form signed by a parent or legal guardian.
- C. Handlers age 10 or under must be accompanied by an adult on the dock.

Section VII. Rules applying to licensed dock jumping (air dog) classes.

- A. All eligible dogs listed in Section V. A. may participate in UKC License dock jumping (air dog) competitions, except dogs listed in Section V. B.
- B. Retractable and long-line leashes are prohibited in the competition area.
- C. Females in season will not be permitted in the competition area.

Section VIII. Rules applying to exhibitors and spectators. UKC exhibitors and spectators are expected to display good behavior and good sportsmanship on and off the dock. Judges, Event Committee members, and host club officials may excuse and/or bar exhibitors and/or spectators from the dock and/or event grounds for violations of these rules or conduct that interferes with the event and participants.

- A. **Complaints about the Judge's scoring.** By entering a UKC event, the participant is inviting the opinion of the judge and must accept the Judge's decision as final.
- B. **Interfering with the Judge.** No person may interfere with the Judge in any way while he/she is judging a splash.
- C. **Misbehavior of handlers.**

1. Excusing a handler. The Judge has sole discretion whether or not to allow the dog of an excused handler to continue to participate in the competition with a substitute handler. The Judge's decision in these matters is final. The club is not required to refund entry fee(s) for said dog or any additional dogs the exhibitor has entered on that day regardless if the dogs were not shown or not.

a. The Judge may excuse a handler who exhibits poor sportsmanship.

b. The Judge may excuse a handler that pushes or throws a dog into the pool, or cruel treatment of a dog on the dock or the event grounds.

2. Handler Misconduct. A handler who abuses his/her dog on the dock must be excused immediately by the Judge. The Judge must mark the dog as excused and note the reason in writing to the Competition Secretary.

D. Exhibitors are to accept the decision of the Judge gracefully.

Section IX. Titles. UKC dock jumping (air dog) titles must be earned successively. Equivalent titles from other venues may not be substituted for UKC dock jumping titles. Once a higher title is obtained, it will replace the lower title of the same category.

A. Distance Jumping (Ultimate Air) Titles.

1. Initial Distance Jumping Title. To earn this title a dog must earn a qualifying ****jump score** in five splashes in the same division at UKC licensed dock jumping events. The Distance Jumping Initial Titles are:

a. **United Novice Jumper (UNJ):** 1" to 9'11"

b. **United Junior Jumper (UJJ):** 10' to 14'11"

c. **United Senior Jumper (USJ):** 15' to 19'11"

d. **United Master Jumper (UMJ):** 20' to 22'5"

e. **United Ultimate Jumper (UUJ):** 22'6" and up

2. United Distance Jumping Champion Title. A dog must earn a Distance Jumping Initial Title before it is eligible to earn points toward a Distance Jumping Champion Title. The dog must then earn 150 championship points in the same division in accordance with the Championship Points schedule in Section IX. A. 5. to become a Distance Jumping Champion. In other words, the first division a dog earns 150 points in will be the division the dog earns a Distance Jumping Champion.

a. **United Novice Jumper Champion (UNJCH):** 1" to 9'11"

b. **United Junior Jumper Champion (UJJCH):** 10' to 14'11"

c. **United Senior Jumper Champion (USJCH):** 15' to 19'11"

d. **United Master Jumper Champion (UMJCH):** 20' to 22'5"

e. **United Ultimate Jumper Champion (UJCH):** 22'6" and up

3. Grand Distance Jumping Champion Title. A dog must earn a Distance Jumping Champion Title before it is eligible to earn points toward a Distance Jumping Grand Champion Title. A dog must then earn 300 additional championship points in accordance with the Championship Points schedule in Section IX. A. 5. to become a Distance Jumping Grand Champion. In other words, the first division a dog earns 300 additional points in will be the division the dog earns a Distance Jumping Grand Champion.

a. **Grand Novice Jumper Champion (GNJCH):** 1" to 9'11"

b. **Grand Junior Jumper Champion (GJJCH):** 10' to 14'11"

c. **Grand Senior Jumper Champion (GSJCH):** 15' to 19'11"

d. **Grand Master Jumper Champion (GMJCH):** 20' to 22'5"

e. **Grand Ultimate Jumper Champion (GUJCH):** 22'6" and up

4. Obtaining a higher division Grand Distance Champion Title. A dog must earn a Grand Distance Champion title before it is eligible to earn points toward a higher division's Grand Champion title. A dog must then earn 450 championship points in the higher distance jumping division to earn that division's grand champion title. For example a dog may earn the GSJCH degree and then begin to earn points for a GMJCH or GUJCH degree.

5. Championship Points Schedule for Distance Jumping. A qualifying jump is required to earn the following points:

Division	Distance	Points
Novice	1" - 3'11"	5
	4' - 5' 11"	10
	6' - 7' 11"	15
	8' - 9' 11"	20
Junior	10' - 10' 11"	5
	11' - 12' 5"	10
	12' 6" - 13' 11"	15
	14' - 14' 11"	20
Senior	15' - 15' 11"	5
	16' - 17' 5"	10
	17' 6" - 18' 11"	15
	19' - 19' 11"	20
Master	20' - 20' 11"	5
	21' - 21' 5"	10
	21' 6" - 21' 11"	15
	22' - 22' 5"	20
Ultimate	22' 6" - 23'	5
	23' 1" - 24'	10
	24' - 25'	15
	25' and up	20

****Short Dock Divisions**

Division	Distance	Points
Novice	1" - 3'11"	5
	4' - 5'11"	10
	6 - 7'11"	15
	8' - 9'11"	20
Junior	10' - 11'	5
	11'1" - 12'	10
	12'1" - 13'	15
	13'1" - 14'	20
Senior	14'1" - 14'5"	5
	14'6" - 15'	10
	15'1" - 16'	15
	16'1" - 17'	20
Master	17'1" - 17'5"	5
	17'6" - 18'	10
	18'1" - 19'	15
	19'1" - 19'5"	20
Ultimate	19'6" - 20'	5
	20'1" - 20'5"	10
	20'6" - 21'	15
	21' and up	20

B. Ultimate Vertical Titles.

1. Initial Ultimate Vertical Titles. A dog earns a title once it has 5 scores in the same division.

a. United Supreme Ultimate Vertical (USUV): 4'8"- 5'11"

b. United Radical Ultimate Vertical (URUV): 6' and up.

2. United Ultimate Vertical Champion Title. A dog must earn an Initial Ultimate Vertical Title before it is eligible to earn points toward an Ultimate Vertical Champion Title. A dog must then earn 100 championship points in accordance with the Championship Points schedule in Section IX. B. 5. to become an Ultimate Vertical Champion.

a. United Supreme Ultimate Vertical Champion (USUVCH): 4'8"- 5'11"

b. United Radical Ultimate Vertical Champion (URUVCH): 6' and up.

3. Ultimate Vertical Grand Champion Title. A dog must earn an Ultimate Vertical Champion Title before it is eligible to earn points toward an Ultimate Vertical Grand Champion Title. A dog must then earn 250 additional championship points in accordance with the Championship Points schedule in Section IX. B. 5. to become an Ultimate Vertical Grand Champion.

a. United Grand Supreme Ultimate Vertical Champion (GSUVCH): 4'8"- 5'11"

b. United Grand Radical Ultimate Vertical Champion (GRUVCH): 6' and up.

4. Obtaining a higher division Grand Distance Champion Title. A dog must earn a Grand Distance Champion title before it is eligible to earn points toward a higher division's Grand Champion title. A dog must then earn 450 championship points in the higher distance jumping division to earn that division's grand champion title.

5. Championship Points Schedule for Ultimate Vertical:

Division Heights Points

Supreme Ultimate Vertical 4' 8"- 4' 11" 5

5' - 5' 3" 10

5' 4" - 5' 7" 15

5' 8" - 5' 11" 20

Radical Ultimate Vertical 6' - 6' 3" 5

6' 4"- 6' 7" 10

6'8" - 6' 11" 15

7' and up 20

Section X. Equipment.

A. Equipment that must be provided by the club. Proper equipment for the activity such as dock, pool etc. must be provided by the host club.

1. Dock. The dock used for dock jumping competitions must be of sturdy construction with some sort of surface, such as astro turf, outdoor carpet, or even rubber matting, to make for better traction and prevent slipping. The dock must be a minimum of 35 feet and a maximum of 40 feet. For distance jumping, it must sit 2 feet (24 in) off the surface of the water. It may sit lower for Vertical Jumping.

2. Pool. The pool or natural body of water for dock jumping should be at least 4 feet deep. It must be clean, free of debris, and clear of algae. In the case of a pool, it must have a safe exit ramp or steps for the dog to exit the water.

3. Vertical Jumping Extender. A vertical extender reaches from the end of the dock out to 8 feet over the edge of the water. A bumper is hung at the end of the extender at varying heights. The object is for the dog to catch and pull down the bumper.

4. Vertical object. The object for vertical must be a bumper with strings at either end to attach it to the vertical extender.

B. Equipment that must be provided by the exhibitor. An exhibitor must provide for each entered dog the following:

1. Collars. Chain collars, Fancy collars (such as collars with sequins or buttons etc.), studded, or "pinch" or "prong" collars, head harness, or any type of special training collars are prohibited in the competition area. Collars must properly fit the dog and be approved

by the Judge. Collar tags or other items hanging from the collar are prohibited in the competition area. Neither is it permissible for a dog to wear a scarf or bandanna, caps, sunglasses, etc.

2. Leashes. A lead long enough to allow the dog to move freely, but not so long as to cause over socialization or to wrap around any equipment. Prohibited leads are any type of long-line or retractable leashes.

3. Chase/Throw object. An object may be used in order to ask the dog to jump, but is not a requirement. The object can be anything that does not sink, is not edible, does not dissolve in water, and is not a living or dead animal. Further, it is not required that the dog retrieve the object from the pool in order to achieve its score.

Section XI. Official UKC dock jumping (air dog) classes.

A. Distance Jumping (Ultimate Air.) This is the competition measuring the distance of a dog's jump. The dog's distance is measured from the end of the dock to where the base of the tail breaks the water's surface.

B. Vertical Jumping. (Ultimate Vertical.) Ultimate vertical is the high jump competition. A bumper is suspended 8 feet out from the dock, at various heights.

Section XII. Rules applying to exhibiting at UKC air dog events.

A. At the air dog event and before the judged performance.

1. Checking in.

a. ALL competitors must check in with the event secretary and sign the waiver before stepping onto the dock, NO exceptions.

b. PE competitors must check-in. The event secretary will check in competitors up until ½ hour before scheduled splash or other activity or the dog may be marked a zero for each jump of the splash.

c. The check-in desk will close ½ hour before each scheduled splash or activity.

2. Items worn by the dog. The following pertain to practice and the scored performance.

a. Collar. The dog must wear a properly fitted collar.

b. Leash. The dog should be on leash while accessing the dock whereby the leash will be removed before getting set to jump.

c. Judge's briefing. A general briefing will be held before each splash begins. The competitors will have an opportunity to ask questions at this time. The running order will be announced at the judges' briefing for competitors. ALL competitors must attend the judges' briefing, or else they will be scratched from the splash. The judges' briefing will be called approximately 15 minutes before the splash or activity is scheduled to begin, at which time the practice dock will be closed. For each splash?

B. Practice and warm-up. Between splashes and when all demonstrations are complete the dock is open to competitors for practice. During the judges' briefing, the dock is open to working event staff ONLY to give them time that they would not otherwise have to practice and warm-up their dogs.

C. Event Procedures.

1. Judge's Briefing.

a. Distance Jumping (Ultimate Air). The judges' briefing will be called approximately 15 minutes before the splash or activity is scheduled to begin, at which time the practice dock will be closed to competitors except working event staff.

b. Ultimate Vertical. The judges' briefing will be called 15 minutes prior to the start of the Ultimate Vertical class. At this time, the judge will ask all competitors what height they wish to start at. The lowest requested height is the official starting height. The running order will be announced as well during the judge's briefing.

2. Performance on the dock.

a. On the dock.

1) The dog should be on leash while accessing the dock whereby the leash will be removed before getting set to jump as this poses a potential danger should the leash get caught while the dog is in the pool.

2) Distance Jumping (Ultimate Air.) An object may be used in order to ask the dog to jump, but is not a requirement. The object can be anything that does not sink, is not edible, does not dissolve in water, and is not a living or dead animal. Further, it is not required that the dog retrieve the object from the pool in order to achieve its score.

b. Handlers.

1) Number of handlers allowed. Teams may have more than one handler per dog.

2) Number of handlers allowed on the dock during a splash/jump. Teams are restricted to no more than two handlers on the dock per jump. One to hold the dog and the other to throw the toy. These handlers may not be reversed during a splash. The handler throwing the toy is considered the handler of record.

3) Handler changes. Handler changes are allowed at the beginning of each splash. A dog may not jump with different handlers in one splash, i.e., the dog may be entered only once per splash. However, a handler may jump multiple dogs.

4) When a dog has multiple handlers throughout the event, and qualifies for the finals, it is up to the multiple handlers to decide who jumps the dog in finals.

3. Running order.

a. Distance Jumping (Ultimate Air.)

1) The running order for each splash will be determined by the event secretary once the check-in is closed.

2) The splashes will usually be broken into groups of approximately equal size depending on the amount of entries. For example: In group 1, each dog/ handler team will jump once, then back to the top of the running order for each team's second jump, then on to group 2, and so on.

b. Ultimate Vertical.

1) The running order for each splash will be determined by the event secretary once the check-in is closed.

2) After the running order has been run through, the bumper will be moved up 2" to the next height. This will be repeated until all dogs have missed, with the dog catching or knocking highest being declared the winner.

4. Scoring.

a. Distance Jumping (Ultimate Air.)

1) Jump distances are scored according to where the base of the dog's tail breaks the surface of the water. The distance is measured from the end of the dock to the tail base breaking the surface of the water.

2) For each dog/handler team, the dog gets 2 jumps per splash, and the higher of the 2 jumps is the team's score. The distance of the score places the team into a division according to the divisional distances outlined in Section XIII. C. 1.

3) The rankings will be by division, not overall. In other words, if a dog's jump falls into the junior division, they will be placed according to how they rank in the junior division, not overall.

4) Unless otherwise noted, events will have divisional finals.

b. Ultimate Vertical.

1) A dog is not required to actually bring the bumper down in their mouth. They can catch the bumper or knock it loose from the apparatus. So long as the bumper comes completely free from the apparatus the dog moves

on to the next height.

2) Each dog gets 2 chances at each height until they have two misses at one height. Then they are out of the Ultimate Vertical round. Their score will be recorded as the last clean catch or knock that they had. The score places the team into a division according to the divisions outlined in Section XIII. C. 2

3) During Ultimate Vertical, there will be one or two judges on the dock using two or more bumpers. They will replace the bumper on the apparatus after each jump and measure the height.

5. Finals (Distance Jumping only.) *Note: Finals splashes will not count towards UKC Dock Jumping titles

a. **Bubble.** All teams' top scores (usually 5 teams in each division) will be tabulated into overall event divisional rankings. This is the bubble. Time allowing, the event secretary will update the bubble after each splash. After the last splash of the event, the Event Secretary's desk will close, in order for the event secretary to formulate the bubble for the finals. This is a tedious process, and questions must be directed to other event staff during the time to allow the bubble to be completed.

b. Divisional finals.

1) The top five teams in each division will qualify for the divisional finals.

2) Once the finals bubble is posted, it is each competitor's responsibility to check in with the event secretary. ALL FINALISTS must check in. Finals alternates may choose to wait and see if all finalists have checked in.

3) A cut off time for finals check-in will be designated at each event. If a finalist does not check in by this time, the next in line, or alternate, will be put into the finals. It is the alternate's responsibility to find out if they have been placed in the finals, and subsequently check in with the secretary. It is not the responsibility of the event secretary to track down alternates, and will not be done.

4) The divisional finals will be run in reverse order of rankings, the lowest scored team going first on up. Finals will start with the Featherweight (if applicable), to Novice, Junior, Senior, Master, and finishing with Ultimate.

Section XIII. Awards, trophies, ribbons and placements.

Determining Class Placements:

A. Cash prizes. UKC clubs may not offer cash prizes or gift cards at a UKC Licensed event without written authorization from UKC.

B. Awards and trophies. Clubs may give such awards and trophies as they choose. Clubs may accept trophies donated by individuals or other organizations and these trophies may be designated for specific breeds or specific accomplishments.

C. Placements. The judges shall award up to three placements, where possible, in each jump category and division, where possible, based on the dog's score. First place must be awarded to the dog with the longest/highest score, second place to the dog with the next-highest score and so forth. A dog may only be scored/placed in one category.

1. Distance Jumping (Ultimate Air.)

a. **Featherweight Category.** The Featherweight category is for a dog under 16" at the withers. Featherweight division finals will be held at events where there are 2 or more Featherweight dogs. If there is only one featherweight at an event, it will compete with the other dogs.

Distance divisions:

Novice: 1" to 9'11"

Junior: 10' to 14'11"

Senior: 15' to 19'11"

Master: 20' to 22'5"

Ultimate: 22'6" and up

b. Standard Category. The Standard category is for a dog over 16" at the shoulder and not a Veteran or Junior Handler category dog.

Distance divisions:

Novice: 1" to 9'11"

Junior: 10' to 14'11"

Senior: 15' to 19'11"

Master: 20' to 22'5"

Ultimate: 22'6" and up

c. Veteran Category. The Veteran category is for a dog 8 years of age on the day of the event and not a Veteran or Junior Handler category dog. Veteran finals will be held at events where there are 2 or more Veteran category dogs. If there is only one veteran dog at an event, it will compete with the standard category dogs.

Distance divisions:

Novice: 1" to 9'11"

Junior: 10' to 14'11"

Senior: 15' to 19'11"

Master: 20' to 22'5"

Ultimate: 22'6" and up

d. Junior handler. Handlers age 16 or under. Junior handler finals will be held at events where there are 2 or more junior handlers. If the dog also qualifies for the divisional finals, the team may also participate in those in addition to junior handler finals. If there is only one junior handler at an event, it will compete with the standard category dogs.

Distance divisions:

Novice: 1" to 9'11"

Junior: 10' to 14'11"

Senior: 15' to 19'11"

Master: 20' to 22'5"

Ultimate: 22'6" and up

2. Ultimate Vertical. The winner of the Ultimate Vertical competition will have the option after the competition is over to attempt to break the Ultimate Air Dogs record, wherever it may stand. The dog will have basically another round at the height they choose above the height of record. The dog will get two chances to grab the bumper, and if they catch or knock the bumper, they will have the new height record.

Supreme: Up to 5'11"

Radical: 6' and over.