

ACT FAQs

Q: When are ACT courses due for review and how do I get courses reviewed?

A: It is suggested that only AKC approved agility judges send in courses for review due to all the design and safety rules that must be adhered to. Evaluators must request courses to be used a minimum of 2-weeks before the event. AKC licensed Judges should send their courses to be reviewed to act@akc.org and evaluators can send a request for pre-designed courses to this same email address. They must include with their request the dimensions of the course area, any obstructions, gate locations, a list of available equipment, and any other information that would be helpful such as a desire to use a dogwalk in ACT 2 if enough room is available and one is on site.

Q: If someone completes their 2 Qs in ACT 1, can they then show in ACT 2 that same day?

A: Yes

Q: Can someone skip ACT 1 and start right out in ACT 2?

A: Yes

Q: Can someone choose to do one run in ACT 1 and one run in ACT 2?

A: Yes, but legs cannot be combined from ACT 1 & ACT 2 to earn any titles.

Q: If someone earns their ACT 1 and/or ACT 2 title(s), does that negate them showing in Novice A?

A: No – think of it like CGC – that is now a title but they can still enter Novice A.

Q: The Regulations for Novice A states, “dogs that have never acquired any AKC agility title” so if a dog has 2 legs in Novice JWW and 1 leg in Novice Standard they can still take the ACT 1 or ACT 2 right?

A: Yes

Q: Can a dog wear a choke chain while taking the test?

A: No, the collar must be of the same type that is allowed to be used in an AKC approved agility trial. If there's a question, ask the evaluator if it's legal or not. The allowable collars are noted in the Regulations for Agility in Chapter 4, Section 9.

Q: What kind of leash may I use for the test?

A: One that is legal to be used in an AKC approved agility trial. Please refer to Chapter 4, Section 10.

Q: Can a dog that has an ACT 2 Title enter Act 1?

A: No, but they can show in ACT 2 until they have completed an AKC Novice Standard, Novice JWW, Novice FAST or Time 2 Beat title.

Q. If my dog and I have earned an ACT 1 and/or an ACT 2 title are we eligible for Novice A if we meet the other requirements?

A: Yes, you can enter Novice A classes if you are otherwise eligible. ACT 1 or ACT 2 titles do not exclude you from entering Novice A.

Q: Can I evaluate a dog that I am a co-owner of if it's not living in my household?

A: No

Q: Can I evaluate someone such as a significant other, child, spouse, etc. and then just give them an NQ so they can have the ACT experience?

A: No

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