

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

Dear Members,

We are writing to you today to roll out the final changes to the titling line of CPE. On March 26<sup>th</sup> we announced changes that incited some very heated discussion both pro and con. Foremost, we want you to know we listened. There were some fantastic suggestions made and some others that we just could not take into account and stay with our motto of Run Safe, Have Fun!

The original changes were developed due to suggestions made, and when reviewing the suggestions, what other benefits would be obtained which will still be true with the modified changes that will be adopted below. From discussions and new suggestions, we formulated what we feel is the best solution to implement this action. We know not everyone will agree with these changes and others still will be ecstatic, please trust that we have debated and revised these thoughts multiple times over the past few months and especially yesterday and today. We do not claim to be perfect and we found from the discussions that our original plan did not fit as well as we had originally thought. We hope that today's revision will be accepted for its purpose, the continued success of CPE and its members. These changes will be effective immediately. We will continue as an organization to do what is needed for CPE and its members to be successful, run safe and have fun.

This type of change must be done with very little notice; if there were a future effective date, many people would not enter during the span of time between announcement and the effective date, which would affect a host clubs' ability to hold viable trials.

We do look at all suggestions that come into the office, and from this experience we will also set up a larger "round table" committee for any future changes and we hope to bring forward details on this later this year.

**Changes effective March 30, 2018 – all height categories**

Level 3 – standard: 4 qualifying legs (Q's)

Level 4 – standard: 4 qualifying legs (Q's)

**Note: Games Classes - requirements will not be changing; games requirements remain as is**

Level 3 – each respective game: 3 qualifying legs per class

Level 4 – each respective game: 4 qualifying legs per class

**Level 4 will now be an optional level** – it is not required to be completed to move to level 5. If a dog is entered in Level 4 and the member decides to then skip to Level 5, Level 4 does not need to be completed, but the dog may not then move back to Level 4 in any class they have earned a Q in Level 5.

Reasons for the changes:

- This will benefit areas that have few clubs/trials
- This will benefit members' dogs who are ready for Level 45C courses after Level 3.
- We listened to our members

Members always have the option not to move up – CPE never forces a team to move up, the member is responsible to know their dog's abilities.

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**Level 4 standard leg transfers to Level 5 for dogs who have not yet earned the Level 4 standard title:** A form will be posted to the CPE website, forms page, by April 15, 2018. This form will allow Level 4 dogs' extra standard Q's to be moved to Level 5 with the following considerations:

1. If a dog has not yet obtained their Level 4 standard title, and has at least five Level 4 standard Q's - up to three Q's with 5 faults or less may be transferred from Level 4 to Level 5 standard (not required) as that would be the amount of any extras Q's beyond the new titling rule (current rule = 8 Q's, new rule = 4 Q's). Any extra Q's over three would have been per the owner's choice to have remained in Level 4 beyond the titling requirements and will remain in Level 4.
2. Any Level 4 standard Q's earned through April 30, 2018 will be eligible for this one time transfer. There will be no charge for this transfer.
3. The transfers must be received in the CPE office no later than June 30, 2018 to be eligible. Transfers after June 30, 2018 cannot be accepted.

**2018 National Event:** As we were able to take all on the wait list and we realize the change may have affected a few members who by now having their Level 3 standard legs completed, they may have qualified for the Nationals this year. If you can show that you had the required 48 Q's by December 31, 2017 and had four Level 3 Standards as well as the balance of the Level 3 games requirements, we will accept your entry if received before the closing date on the entry form. See the premium on the events page. If you have any questions about this section, please contact Krista as soon as possible, [cpenationalevent@k9cpeoffice.com](mailto:cpenationalevent@k9cpeoffice.com).

Future announcements will be made to the "news" on member services member pages as not everyone has Facebook. We would not know at this time how often announcements will be needed. To ensure not to miss information, please check your member page weekly (or prior to entering a trial) to avoid missing any announcements.

Thank you for your time.

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