



Items **bolded** below are requirements that must be demonstrated to the Evaluator. Non-bolded items are training steps that may be introduced in class and are helpful for achieving the requirements. All behaviors must have been taught or re-taught to the dog (preferably using a new cue), using only positive reward-based methods.

- Dog can swim. (Puppy Paddler badge)
- Dog will recall on cue from water.
- Dog can retrieve a toy from water.
- Handler understands to begin with short throw distances as the dog is learning to retrieve the thrown toy.
- Handler will increase the distance the toy is thrown and the distance the dog moves back on the dog as the dog gains confidence.
- Handler understands which style of dock diving is best suited for their dog. (Starting point on dock, holding a stay vs. being held, place and send vs. chase, etc.)
- Dog is comfortable is being held by a team member or will hold a stay at their starting point on the dock.
- Handler will work to get the dog's take-off point close to the end of the dock
- Handler understands how to condition his /her dog for this sport.**
- Handler can direct dog to swim to a ramp or ladder and exit the pool safely.**
- Handler can place his / her dog at their starting point on the dock either in a stay or held by a second team member (as allowed in competition by NADD and UAD). Handler can then walk to the end of the dock to throw the toy. Dog will start on handlers' release running to and taking off from the end of the dock, and jump into the water to retrieve the toy.**
- Handler understands basic safety concerns and the rules for competition as outlined by any nationally recognized dog diving organization with standardized rules. (i.e., North American Diving Dogs, Dock Dogs, Ultimate Air Dogs)**