

Criteria for Badges Guidelines for Evaluators

Water Racing Badge

This badge shows that the handler understands basic safety issues around the water, and that the dog will chase and “stay on” the lure (with competition from another dog) for a sustained time (while the lure is followed for 80 to 100 feet, and must do this two separate times).

Dog Requirements: Dog will follow lure, regardless if another dog is closing in on it, passing the dog, splashing the dog, or otherwise distracting the dog. The dog must follow the lure as closely as possible, maintaining interest.

Owner Requirements: Owner knows how to warm up dog for this activity, and understands basic safety practices around water.

Equipment Needed: 100’ to 150’ floating line (ski rope) with bumper attached; Place to pull bumper from (like a raft, dock, or other side of a pond...); White plastic grocery sack to attach to bumper for more visibility as a lure; Optional is a take-up reel, to wind up the water lure rope at a uniform speed; Lake, Pond or other body of water.

Allowable:

Luremeister can slow the lure a little to keep the dogs’ interest.

Dog must demonstrate interest in two separate runs. If the dog is in the LEAD on the first run, the other dog must be given enough of a head start on the second run to get a small lead, to show that the first dog will actually continue to follow the lure in the presence of competition.

Dog can have another chance, if the luremeister did something wrong to cause the dog to lose interest.

Dog must have competition to get this badge. If the dog didn’t “realize” that there was competition, because the other dog was too far behind, that dog should be run again with a dog closer to his or her own speed, or you must give the competing dog a head start.

Lure may disappear out of sight; be collected by the luremeister; or, be fetched by the dog that gets to it first. In the third instance, the luremeister may give the dog that does not “win” a second dummy, so that the dogs don’t fight over the lure.

If the “losing” dog does not turn back until AFTER the winning dog has the lure in his or her mouth, the losing dog’s run will still count.

Not Allowable:

Anything that would be harmful to the dog’s well being.

Swimming with a leash on.

Swimming with a muzzle on.

Turning back when the other dog approaches the lure.

Runs with no competition, either due to a slow dog, or one that gives up when he sees that the other dog will reach it first.