

American Treibball Association Virtual Titling Rules

A. Compliance with Rules

1. All members submitting videos with the intent to apply the video for a Virtual Title must follow all applicable American Treibball Association rules. Submissions that include violations that would result in a Non-Qualifying run in a live competition will result in a Non-Qualifying virtual submission and may not be appealed. A complete version of the Sanctioned Trail and Competition Rules for 2013 may be found on the website located at www.americantreibballassociation.org
2. Please review all Rules to ensure your submission is in compliance with current rules before submission. Important rules are reviewed below, but please read entire version as it pertains to rules of the game to ensure your submission is in compliance.
3. Certain rules outlined below apply only to Virtual Titling. Please carefully review these to ensure your submission is in compliance. Others highlight important Association Rules.

B. Applying for Membership

1. Membership within the ATA is a privilege. To submit videos, an individual must be a current member of the ATA in good standing.
2. Application for membership may be made by using the contact form on the Association website, www.americantreibballassociation.org
3. The name appearing on the ATA membership rolls shall be the exact same name used for any submission.

Types of Membership

1. **Level I - Adult-** Restricted to one person. This is a requirement to compete with a dog at any ATA sanctioned trial or competition, or to submit videos for Virtual Titles.
 - a. This membership is carried in the individual's legal name.
 - b. This membership is for one person over the age of 18 years.
 - c. Level I members are full voting members of the ATA, and will receive the Introduction to Treibball curriculum, a copy of the ATA Bylaws, and the Sanctioned Trial and Competition Rules, in addition to training tips and notification of events and competitions. To join at Level I, click here to fill out the contact form on the Association website www.americantreibballassociation.org

C. Registration of Dog

1. All dogs must be registered with ATA in order to compete for Virtual Titles events. The registration application can be found at www.americantreibballassociation.org.
2. Dog registration is a one-time process and the number assigned is permanent for the life of that dog. This number is tracked for both Live Competitions and Virtual submissions.

D. General Operating Rules, ATA Authority Concerning Registration and Rules

1. The rules and registration numbers of the Association take precedence over those of any other Association.
2. The ATA reserves the right to make any changes in these rules, regulations, standards, or requirements as deemed at any time, to be in the best interest of the ATA and the sport of Treibball.

E. General Registration Responsibility

1. The person submitting the registration is responsible for the accuracy of all information submitted.
2. The owner of the dog must have a membership in the exact name as it is to appear on the dog's registry.
3. Dogs competing must be registered in the correct class and size appropriate class.

F. Trial Site

1. Recording a Virtual run requires the following field dimensions:

Standard Field: 50 feet wide by 75 feet long

Teacup Field: 50 feet wide by 40 feet long. The Teacup Field dimensions may also be used in Beginner runs.

The Start position should also be clearly marked.

Standard Competition: 33 feet from the flat back of the goal, and 9 feet in from the left side of the field.

Teacup Competition: 16 feet from the flat back of the goal, and 7 feet in from the left side of the field.

2. Submissions for virtual titles must include a filmed verification of the field dimensions, a marked goal area and the marked Start position. It is recommended the field be marked in 5 foot increments with some form of marker such as cones or flags.
3. Submitted runs may also be recorded and supervised by a Level II Trainer or at a Level III facility. In this event the name and number of the Trainer or Facility must be recorded on the cover sheet.
4. Any cost to record a run is private treaty between the Trainer, Facility and Handler.
5. Runs recorded at Live Competitions may also be submitted for Virtual Titling.

G. Handler's Responsibility/Position

1. It is the handler's responsibility to see that the dog moves the ball forward with his nose, either side of his muzzle, his shoulder, chest and the backs of his front feet. The dog may use an open mouth to direct or guide the ball, but may not bite the ball or use the pads of his feet or claws to move the ball toward the handler at the goal. The dog may use
2. The handler is allowed to position himself/herself within the 4-foot goal area, and move left, right and center within that area to direct the dog.

3. The handler is allowed, but is not required, to use a staff of no more than 6 feet in length. The

staff may be used to bring the ball into the goal once the dog has brought the ball within the 4

foot goal area but may not be used as an extension of the handler's arm, to drive the ball into the goal. A 3-4 ft. target stick may be used in lieu of a staff, to give direction to the dog, and to guide balls into the goal as they are brought to the handler in the goal area.

4. If a ball bounces out of the physical goal after being brought in by the dog, and it is still within the 4-ft. goal area, the staff or a target stick may be used to bring it back into the goal. If two balls come to the goal at the same time, the staff or target stick may be used to block an undesired ball and allow a preferred ball to come in first. If the ball rolls/bounces completely outside of the goal area, it must be brought back to the goal by the dog.

H. Titling/Awards

1. Virtual Competition Titles will be awarded in the following divisions:

- American Treibball Association Virtual Standard Intro A
- American Treibball Association Virtual Teacup Intro A
- American Treibball Association Virtual Standard Intro B
- American Treibball Association Virtual Teacup Intro B
- American Treibball Association Standard Virtual Beginner Division A
- American Treibball Association Standard Division B
- American Treibball Association Standard Virtual Intermediate
- American Treibball Association Standard Virtual Excellent
- American Treibball Association Standard Virtual Champion
- American Treibball Association Teacup Virtual Beginner Division A
- American Treibball Association Teacup Virtual Beginner Division B
- American Treibball Association Teacup Virtual Intermediate
- American Treibball Association Teacup Virtual Excellent
- American Treibball Association Teacup Virtual Champion
- American Treibball Association Honors Virtual Beginner Division A
- American Treibball Association Honors Virtual Beginner Division B
- American Treibball Association Honors Virtual Intermediate
- American Treibball Association Honors Virtual Excellent
- American Treibball Association Honors Virtual Champion
- American Treibball Association Team Treibball Virtual Division A
- American Treibball Association Team Treibball Virtual Division B

2. In the American Treibball Association Standard Virtual Beginner, Division A and American Treibball Association Division B, the balls may be brought in in any order, but the dog must work fully under the control of the handler. Titling requirements are 2 Qualifying runs 7 minutes or less.
3. In the American Treibball Association Intermediate Division, Titling requirements are 3 Qualifying runs in 7 minutes or less. The Handler must define the order in which the balls will be brought to the goal and a cover sheet defining that order must be filmed and included along with the initial ATA cover sheet. The balls must be clearly marked with numbers, letters or symbols large enough to be visible to the camera in your submitted video.
4. In the American Treibball Association Excellent Division, Titling requirements are 4 Qualifying runs in 7 minutes or less. The Handler must define the order in which the balls will be brought to the goal and a cover sheet defining that order must be filmed and included along with the ATA cover sheet. The balls must be clearly marked with numbers, letters or symbols large enough to be visible to the camera in your submitted video.
5. In the American Treibball Association Champion Division, Titling requirements are 4 Qualifying runs in 7 minutes or less. A qualified judge (ATA member/Level II member) must define the order in which the balls will be brought to the goal and a cover sheet defining that order must be filmed and included along with the ATA cover sheet. The balls must be clearly marked with numbers, letters or symbols large enough to be visible to the camera in your submitted video.
6. In the American Treibball Association Team Treibball Division, Titling requirements are 3 Qualifying runs in 10 minutes or less. The Handler must define the order in which the balls are brought to the goal. A cover sheet defining the order in which the ball will be brought to the goal must be included along with the ATA cover sheet. The balls must be clearly marked with letters, numbers or symbols large enough to be visible to the camera in your submitted video.
7. For the Honors Division, in all classes, the number of Qualifying runs remains the same, but an additional allowance of 2 minutes is added for each run, for a total of 9 minutes.

I. Submitting Qualifying Runs for Titling

1. Each submitted video must begin with a cover sheet. This cover sheet may be found and printed off at our website. You will provide your own cover sheet for the ball order, in the Intermediate, Excellent and Champion classes.
2. Videos should be submitted through submitted YouTube links. YouTube is a free service. Set up your individual account, at www.YouTube.com, which can be named either public or private.
3. Send the links to your video to info@americantreibballassociation.org within 7 days of filming the runs. The cost to submit the video is \$15, payable by check to The American Treibball Association, P.O. Box 632, Germantown, MD, 20875. The video will be judged and you will be notified if the run is a Qualifying run, or if the run is Non-Qualifying, and the reason the run is Non-Qualifying.
4. When your dog meets the requirements for a Virtual Title you will receive a certificate!

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN!!!

