

# Cowtown Dog Sports

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## VALOR Day Event



May 14, 2016

at Cowtown Dog Sports

205 Crestview Dr

Hudson Oaks, TX 76087

Classes Offered: Standard, Jumpers, Snooker, Perfect 50

Pre-entries postmarked by May 14, 2016

Day Of Show entries accepted if entry limits are not reached.

For a complete copy of the VALOR rules, visit the [VALOR Rulebook](#):

<http://www.dogtrainingraleighnc.net/images/word%20files/VirtualAgilityLeague.pdf>

**VALOR is a bit different from other venues in many ways. Please read the following so you will be familiar with how VALOR works. We will answer any questions during the briefing starting at 6:30PM. First dog on the line at 7:00 PM**

VALOR is designed to provide a controlled environment for dogs that may have trouble handling the activity at a traditional trial, however there is nothing precluding any dog from participating as long as they observe the rules.

We do have some specific rules that must be followed:

- **Absolutely no dogs off leash at any time on the property except when they are running in the ring. This includes the crating, parking lot, and the potty areas.**
- Dogs must be kept apart from each other at all times. Please respect others space when setting up your crating area.
- You may crate out of the car, but please park away from the entrance behind the goat barn so that others may pass without your dogs noticing.
- Please be observant of other dogs at all times. Work together to respect any space a dog might need from you or your dog.
- Please ask the owner before petting a dog.
- Children must be under control at all times. No children under 12 are allowed at the facility during a VALOR trial.
- Dogs that demonstrate aggression towards another dog or person will be excused with no refund and may be banned from future VALOR events until they it can be shown that they are ready for such and event. Arrangements may be made for these dogs to run at another time while the course setup is still available by contacting Cowtown Dog Sports.
- Any person in attendance that demonstrates abuse of a dog or person will be asked to leave.
- All entries will be confirmed via Email.
- No refunds for entries withdrawn after the closing date. Refunds before the closing date must be requested in writing. No refunds for Acts of God.
- Entries must be made on the attached entry form. They must be signed, complete, and paid in full to be accepted.

**Entry Fees:** \$10/run for entries submitted before the closing date. \$13/run for day of show entries. These fees are non-refundable after the closing date. All fees are forfeited for Acts of God.

**Run Submission Fees:** In addition you will need to pay \$15 to submit a Standard run and \$10 for all other classes when submitting your videos for judging. If your run is non-qualifying or you don't want to submit your run, you don't have to! Runs are submitted to [Virtual Dog Sports](http://www.virtualdogsports.com): <http://www.virtualdogsports.com>. Registration of your dog on the Virtual Dog Sports site is free.

### **How VALOR Works**

1. If you have a fearful or reactive dog, you must prepare your dog adequately to handle the VALOR environment before entering a trial and that the dog should have already attended classes that address his specific needs such as Control Unleashed or Fearful Fidors.
2. Your dog should already be trained to perform the obstacles and run courses before entering the trial.
3. VALOR is a video-taped venue. Your run will be taped, edited, and uploaded as unlisted to uTube. (No one can see the run unless you give them the link to it!) Links to your videos will be Emailed to you so that you may submit them for judging.

4. The only people in the ring at any time will be the dog, handler, and the person doing the video tape. If your dog is reactive to people, please let us know so we can take the appropriate precautions while taping your run.
5. You will need to register with [Virtual Dog Sports](#) so you can submit your run videos to that website. After you have completed your runs, you may submit them to Virtual Dog Sports if you choose.

*If you submit your videos to Virtual Dog Sports:*

6. Virtual Dog Sports will review and judge your video. You will be sent an Email with your results.
7. If you earned a qualifying score, then you will be mailed a rosette ribbon and a prize for your dog.
8. After 3 qualifying scores in a particular class in a particular level, you will be mailed a title certificate and a title ribbon and you can move up to the next level in competition!

## **Jump Heights, Classes, and Divisions**

There are 3 levels - Beginner, Intermediate, and Expert. There are two divisions available - Training and Regular. In the Training division, you may give your dog treats and/or toys during the run. In the Regular division, you may not. The Training division only has Beginner and Intermediate level runs and if you decide you want to go into the Expert level after earning titles in the Training division, then you will need to start over at the Beginner Standard level.

Jump heights can be no higher than the dog's withers and can be as low as 1/3 of the dog's withers.

## **Competition Levels**

If a dog already has titles at the Novice level in other venues, then they may start at the Intermediate level in VALOR. If the dog is already has titles at the Open level in other venues, they may start at the Expert level. Otherwise, your dog should start at the level similar to which they are already competing.

## **Taping Procedure**

There are prescribed things that must be done during taping for the run to be accepted.

- Each run starts with the table and a count down from 5. The table is not judged, but is just meant as a starting place to ensure that the video camera is ready.
- You have 5 minutes total to practice and get a video tape of your run for submission. You may practice as much as you want before you do the actual taping. If you make a mistake during taping - no problem! We can start over again! (You will get to walk the course before your run.)
- Treats and toys are allowed in the ring for use during your practice time however they must not be visible during the actual run if you are in the Regular Division. For the Training Division, you may use them at any time.
- We strongly suggest that you watch some examples of videotaped VALOR run on the VALOR website. It is inspiring as you will see dogs that have overcome adversities such as deafness and former bait dogs. Agility is very therapeutic for these dogs and is similar to play therapy for children. **VALOR:**  
[http://www.dogtrainingraleighnc.net/VirtualAgilityLeague/VALOR\\_home.html](http://www.dogtrainingraleighnc.net/VirtualAgilityLeague/VALOR_home.html)

**General:**

- There is no standard course time, so you may take as long as you wish within your 5 minutes to complete the taped run. However, if the dog disconnects from the course for more than 20 seconds it is a NQ.
- There are no placements. You either qualified on the run or you didn't.
- There are no run outs or refusals. If your dog jumps off the teeter before it tips, you can put them back on!
- Dogs may wear collars while running. Thundershirts are also approved. No choke chains, pinch collars, or shock/E collars are allowed at the facility.
- VALOR courses are nested - there may be several levels walking at the same time. Each course level will be designated with cones of a different color.

**Event Secretary:** Robin Barber, 817-771-1111, [robin@cowtowndogsports.com](mailto:robin@cowtowndogsports.com)

**Volunteers:**

- We would appreciate help with setting bars and chute fluffing. The courses are nested, but will need to be renumbered periodically before walk throughs.
- Please allow the dog and handler to exit before entering the ring to help with bars, etc.

**Directions to Cowtown Dog Sports:**

We are located at 205 Crestview Dr., Hudson Oaks, TX 76087. Coming from Fort Worth on I-20, stay in the right lane and take Hwy 180 when the I-20/180 split occurs. We are located just a couple of blocks from the split on the right. Crestview Dr. runs along the west side of the Hyundai dealer so you can use that as a landmark. Turn right on Crestview Dr. If you pass the R&K Cafe, you've gone too far!

If you are coming from Weatherford, either go down Hwy 180 or I-20 towards Fort Worth. If you are coming down I-20, take the Lakeshore Drive exit into Hudson Oaks and turn left to go over the bridge and then right on Hwy 180. Heading towards Fort Worth, just after the light at Lakeshore Drive and Hwy 180, stay to your left - on the access road - just before the bridge that takes you back on to I20. (You will see a Hyundai dealer on the left so head towards it!) Turn left on Crestview Dr. - which is located between the R&K Cafe and the Hyundai dealer.

After turning on Crestview, continue about a third of a mile. You will pass a fenced field on the left that contains agility equipment and lights, and then a house. Turn left into the gate in the field just beyond the house. You will see a white sign with the Cowtown Dog Sports logo at the gate. Please pull straight ahead to the back of the field and park. There will be sheds on your left.

You may walk your dog on leash in the parking area. Entry into the facility is just to the left of the sheds. There will be another CDS sign beside the gate.

**Cowtown Dog Sports VALOR Event Entry, May 14, 2016 at 6:30PM**

Closing Date Sat, May 14, 2016

Return to Robin Barber, 205 Crestview Dr, Hudson Oaks, TX 76087

Make checks payable to Cowtown Dog Sports

Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Handler: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dog's Jump Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Classes Entered:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Beginners</b>	<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>Expert</b>	<b>Price (Pre-closing date)*</b>
Standard				\$10.00
Jumpers				\$10.00
Snooker				\$10.00
Perfect 50				\$10.00
			Subtotal	

\*Entry fees \$10/run before closing; Day of Show entries \$13/run

**Waiver, assumption of risk, and agreement to hold harmless**

I understand that attendance at a dog training event is not without risk to myself, members of my family or guests who may attend, or my dog. I hereby waive and release Cowtown Dog Sports, LLC and The Virtual Agility League, their officers, employees, owners, members, and agents from any injury or damage, and I expressly assume the risk of any such damage or injury while attending any training or event session or while on the training grounds or the surrounding area thereto. In consideration of and as inducement to the acceptance of my application for this event I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless release Cowtown Dog Sports, LLC and The Virtual Agility League, their officers, employees, members, and agents from any and all claims, or claims by any member of my family or any other person accompanying me to any training or event session or while on the grounds or the surrounding area thereto.

Exhibitor understands there is a returned check fee of \$25. In consideration of the acceptance of the entry, I/we agree to abide by the rules and Regulations of VALOR and Cowtown Dog Sports, LLC in effect at the time of this trial, and by any additional rules and regulations as approved by the board of VALOR for this trial. I/We certify that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or to other dogs. I/We further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed above.

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Signature of Owner Date

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Signature of Parent or Guardian for Minors Date

Printed Name and Phone # of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_