

2008 League Survey

66 Surveys were returned, this year and here are the results.

Did the league meet your expectations?

Yes 64 No 2

Will you participate in the league again?

Yes 62 No 1 Not sure 3

How do you rate the Standard Courses?

About right 56, Easy 8, Difficult 2

<i>Games Rating</i>	<i>Great Fun</i>	<i>Fun</i>	<i>Acceptable</i>	<i>Not again</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Jackpot</i>	46	19	5	0	1
<i>Connect the Dots</i>	40	8	10	3	5
<i>Faux Wildcard</i>	41	13	9	1	2
<i>Almost FAST</i>	42	12	3	4	5
<i>Snooker</i>	42	13	6	4	1
<i>Double it Up</i>	36	11	6	9	4
<i>Jumplers</i>	55	6	2	0	3

This is summary of “general” comments about league:

It was fun being part of a team and meeting a bunch of enthusiastic people.

Loved it all but would like the explanations of the game to be clearer. Not sure all teams scored the same way. I enjoyed everyone, my dogs had fun and I'll do it again and again and again.

The rules seemed quite clear this year...

I really enjoyed the league. The people were friendly and it was a nice way to meet CAT members I might not have ever met.

For consideration of time, it is much better if the course building could be as easy as possible. Many of us have to get to work or do league after a long day at work. Some of the competitions were better than others.

The games were really fun. However, at times we had difficulty understanding the written instructions.

Awesome workout for the dogs and handlers--appreciate more ring time in a low key atmosphere but still "competition". everyone was so supportive and encouraging

We had trouble with scoring as different people had better or worse skills in judging. I observed several cases of uneven point counts, caused by the scribe not being able to hear the judge, the judge not understanding when points were earned and when they were not, etc., in two cases this resulted in a fairly large point loss in my opinion. I understand that we are all volunteers, I don't blame any one person and I appreciate all people who were working but I also worried that some people were not getting their just rewards. How can we improve on this accepting the fact that we are all out there trying to do our best?

I learn so much every time I run League! Meeting to "trial" run every week taught my dogs a lot and the price was wonderfully low for the experience.

Some of the instructions could have been clearer. I think that in some cases, it was assumed that the person reading them is competing in the respective venue (ie: fast/AKC, snooker/usdaa etc) and it tended to throw people for a loop who had not done it before.

I thought the courses were better this year, more flow and less herky-jerky (i.e. demotivating). Also there weren't as many major course changes between the std & games courses.

There seems to be a lack of consistency in judging from barn to barn and person to person. Because this is a learning experience and everyone has an opportunity to judge (which is great) I'm not sure how this can be resolved. I guess the question would be; Does or could the inconsistency of judging alter the final standings of a team? League is a great venue to practice, learn and compete.

Much better flow than previous years. Courses provided challenges for both novice and elite dogs.

Truly appreciated that the games were more balanced to the standard courses point-wise this year. Also appreciated that the games weren't all about distance handling and speed. Would love to see the "jacks" game again - it required precision handling and strategy rather than speed or distance. Only one suggestion for improvement. Keep the rules for the games simple - the people judging are not judges, they're just "folks." For example, Double it up was a real headache for our barn.

I enjoyed League this year. The courses were sufficiently challenging (to meet the level of participants' abilities) and had MORE FLOW than last year. Good job!

I think each time slot should have a person in charge of clarifying the rules with the other time slots.

We found that there were many questions concerning the rules. It might be a good idea to meet - either in person or via e-mail - with either the site leaders or someone from each sight designated to be the "rules manager" and make sure that everyone understands how things are to be scored and to brainstorm any questions about judging etc.

It might be good to have at least one standard course with only six weave poles since league is also supposed to speak to some Novice dogs as well as to more advanced dogs. It seems that over the past few years things have gotten too competitive, although we did have more fun this year than last year. How do we keep things very light and fun for all?

Approaches to contact equipment were generally better this time around. I did notice that some of the courses made for potentially problematic jump set ups for the big dogs (jumps too close to arena walls, etc.).

Much better than last year, more flow, standards easy for two retired adch dogs, great for starter dogs, got harder each week.

~Some of the instructions were ambiguous, leading to misunderstandings and confusion.

~Courses fun...best in all the years I've been doing league. Especially appreciated changes in Jumplers.

Very well run. Lots of fun. Good chance to practice skills.