

Distance/Accuracy Rules

Distance/Accuracy competitors are allowed 60 seconds and one disc to score as many points as possible. If, during the round a competitor believes the disc has become unsafe (e.g.: broken rim, or a large tear in the disc), it may be handed to the line judge for replacement (if the competitor has provided such a replacement). Time will not be suspended during a disc change. Countdown of time remaining will be uniform for all competitors: 30 seconds, 10 seconds (5, 4, 3, 2, 1, if necessary) and time.

The field set-up provides the ability for individual competitors to throw in either direction however, competitors cannot change throwing direction once time has begun. Field dimensions and ability to throw from either end are subject to change, at the discretion of contest officials, due to overall field limitations or for safety considerations.

The thrower and canine are required to be behind the throwing line before time starts. When the competitor is ready, the line judge will raise his or her hand. Soon after, a start cue will be given by the announcer indicating that time has begun. If, in the opinion of the line judge, the dog leaves before time begins, time will be reset and a new start will be done. Competitors may send their canines downfield, or throw, anytime after the start signal is sounded.

The thrower must remain behind the throwing line and between the throwing line cones for all throws, but may move freely around the field at other times. A throw will not be scored if the thrower steps on or over the throwing line prior to or during the release of the disc. If the disc leaves the thrower's hand before time is called, it will be scored.

To receive points, catches must be completed with all four dog's paws landing within one of the official scoring zones (see diagram below). If a canine catches a disc with paws in more than one scoring zone, the catch will be scored as if it were made in the scoring zone closest to the throwing line.

