

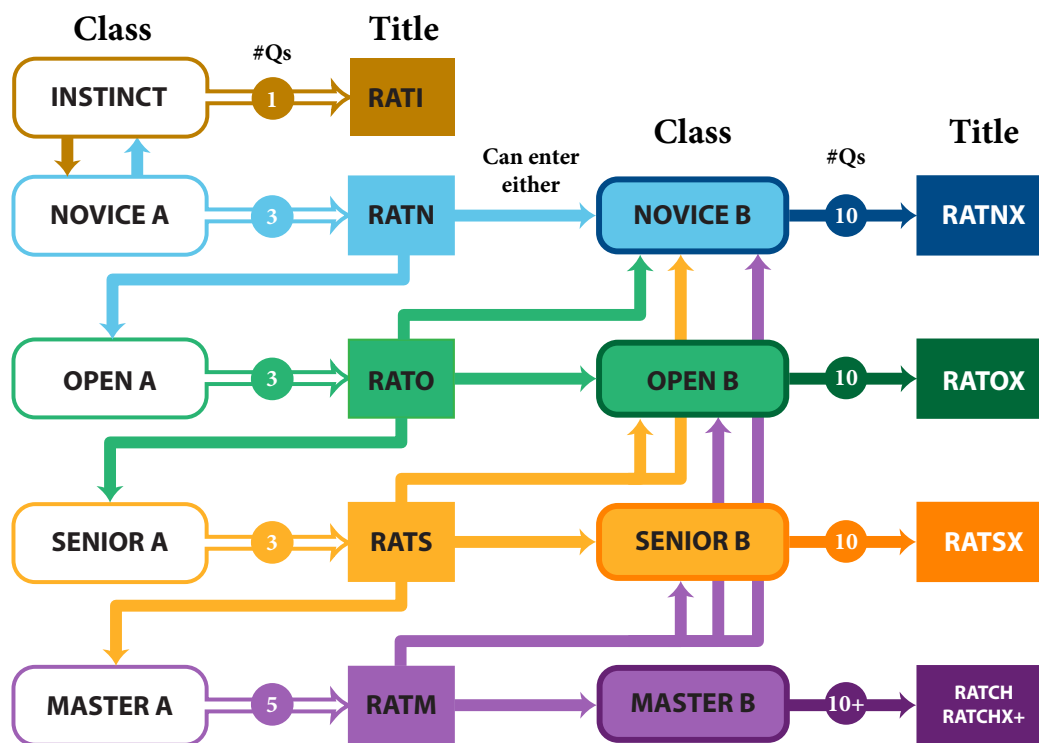
Barn Hunt® Guide to A and B Classes



Beginning in the summer and fall of 2018, the Barn Hunt Association will start implementing B classes and a new titling track. These changes affect only the Regular classes of Novice, Open, Senior, and Master. The changes were made to give teams an opportunity to stay at a single level or move down to a previous level while also giving them an opportunity to achieve new titles at that level. Here is what you need to know about the new B classes.

- All dogs, regardless of handler experience, start in A class at each level and stay in A class until the dog attains the title at that level.
- Once a dog finishes a title from A class, that dog may either move UP to the A class at the next level, LATERALLY into the B class at the same level, or DOWN to any previous level they are eligible to enter.
- In B classes, X titles are awarded after 10 qualifying scores. 10 qualifying scores in Novice B will be RATNX, 20 scores will be RATNX2, etc.
- There will be one set of placements for all competitors in each B class level, regardless of height.
- A dog may show in any class that dog is eligible for. So a dog with a Master title may move DOWN and show in Novice B, Open B, or Senior B.
- Dogs are not required to finish a particular B class title to move on from that class. A dog may have multiple qualifying scores from different levels and may choose to enter different B class levels at different events.
- Dogs are never required to enter any lower level B classes, but must enter Master B to attain the titles of RATCH, RATCHX, and above.
- **For each Event:**
 - All dogs must be entered in only one class level and type. (i.e., a dog cannot be entered in Novice B on one day and Open A on the next.)
 - Dogs entered in B class must stay in that class for the entire event (may not move up or down during an Event.)
- Dogs may be entered in one B class level one weekend and a different one the next. As an example, a dog with a RATM title could enter Master B on one weekend, then Open B the next, up to Senior B, then back to Master, etc.
- All existing Master scores and titles are grandfathered in to the B classes.

TITLE PROGRESSION CHART



In the chart above, the A classes are listed on the far left. Next are the Qs needed to get the title at that level. Once you have the title the solid arrows show you where you can go next. For example, once you have your RATS title (gold box), you can follow the solid gold arrows to see that you can next enter either Master A, Senior B, Open B, or Novice B. Each X title takes 10 qualifying scores.