

**AGILITY REGULATIONS
OF THE
British ABC Agility Challenge.
2024**



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Our Aim

To provide a world-class events for dog agility handlers. To help improve and develop the understanding and skill set to compete at a high-level event.

Jump Height Categories

Size	Dogs Measurement	Jump Height
Small (300)	Dogs measuring under 350mm	30cm
Medium (400)	Dogs measuring between 350mm and under 430mm	40cm
Intermediate (500)	Dogs measuring between 430mm and under 500mm	50cm
Large (600)	Over 500mm	60cm

Note: Dogs can only enter one height category (The height class they measure into.

Courses

A course is built with a variety of obstacles; the way they are placed determines the degree of difficulty and speed. The dog must complete the course within a pre-determined time and the obstacles must be negotiated in the correct order.

Equipment requirements for each class

Equipment List	ABC Agility	ABC Jumping	ABC Steeplechase
A frame	✓	✗	✗
Dog Walk	✓	✗	✗
Seesaw	✓	✗	✗
12 weaves	✓	✓	✓
Tyre	✓	✓	✓
Pipe Tunnel	✓	✓	✓
Long Jump	✓	✓	✓
Jumps	✓	✓	✓
Wall	✓	✓	✗

Collecting Ring & Entry to the Completion Ring

Stage 1	Check in table/board	Present yourself to the table so we know you are running.
Stage 2	Warm up	This will allow you time to warm your dog up.
Stage 3	Drop off table	You must leave any toys/ foot / bags /etc.
Stage 4	Tunnel entry	You are next to run.
Stage 5	Good Luck	You're on the start line

Obstacle Information

<u>Jump Height</u>	<u>Long Jump</u>	<u>Spread Jump Depth</u>	<u>Tyre at centre.</u>
300	600mm (2 boards)	260-280mm	450mm
400	800mm (3 boards)	350-370mm	550mm
500	1000mm (4 boards)	440-460mm	650mm
600	1200mm (5 boards)	530-570mm	750mm

Course Design

The design of the course is left entirely to the Judge's inventiveness.
Each course must start and finish with a single jump.
The distance between two consecutive obstacles must range between a minimum of 6m and a maximum of 8m.
The handler should be able to pass each obstacle on both sides successfully
There should be sufficient space at the start and finish obstacle.

Class Running Orders

ABC Challenge	Strict Running Order
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- There will be a minimum of 6 dogs between an individual's running orders when running two or more dogs in a class if entry numbers allow this to happen.
- Failure to run in strict running order results in an Elimination.

Judging

5 Faults should be issued when

Knocking a bar down.	5 Faults
Missing a down contact.	5 Faults
Incorrect Weave process during the obstacle.	5 Faults
Knocking a brick out the wall.	5 Faults
Knocking an element of the long jump down.	5 Faults
Leaving the seesaw before it has contacted the ground.	5 Faults
Dislodging the tyre from the original shape.	5 faults

5 faults for a refusal should be issued when

Runs past the contact line of the up contact on the contact equipment.	5R Faults
Does not pass the tipping point on the seesaw.	5R Faults
Does not pass the apex of the A-frame.	5R Faults
Does not pass the apex on the “upward plank on the dog walk.	5R Faults
Misses the weave pole entry.	5R Faults
Runs past the active refusal line of a piece of equipment.	5R Faults
Runs past or under the first jump.	5R Faults
Runs past or under the last jump.	5R Faults
Runs past or under any jump on course.	5R Faults
Enters a tunnel and exits the same side.	5R Faults

Unexpected problems with equipment or while under test.

Under circumstances beyond the handler’s control – the Judge can stop the handler and when the issue is resolved the Judge will restart the dog from the beginning of the course.

All faults incurred before the dog was stopped will still apply. Up to that point no other faults will be given. However, the handler still has to negotiate the course to the best of his/her ability, i.e. must make a good attempt.

Additional faults will be incurred only after the point at which the dog was originally stopped.

Timing Failure

- All faults incurred will remain.
- If a dog and handler ran the course with no faults – the rerun will be for time only - However, the handler still has to negotiate the course to the best of his/her ability, i.e., must make a good attempt.

<u>Elimination</u>
Unseemly behaviour towards the Judge.
Harsh handling of the dog.
Three refusals.
Taking or touching obstacles out of sequence.
Forgetting to take an obstacle.
Taking an obstacle in the wrong direction.
Handler negotiates an obstacle himself, jumps or passes under the obstacle.
A handler who starts past the refusal plane of the first jump and sends the dog around the jump to begin.
A handler who gains an advantage by touching his dog.
A handler who gains an advantage touching an obstacle.
If a handler destroys an obstacle so the dog cannot complete it correctly.
Handler holds something in his hand while under test.
Stopping on the course because the handler retires (unless instructed by the Judge).
Dog fouls in the ring after stage 4 of entry procedure.
Dog deemed out of control for more than 5 seconds. (Judge's discretion)
Dog leaving the ring at any time while under the test.
If a dog leaves the ring, the competitor will proceed to the finish of the course and retrieve the dog safely, however neither the handler nor the dog may re-enter the ring and continue the round.

<u>Dogs Ineligible to Enter:</u>
Pregnant bitches.
Dogs that are apparently ill or hurt.
Dogs under the age of 18 months.
Doped dogs.
A dog that has received an official ban from British Agility.

Dog in season may run at British Agility Events – Handlers must provide their own matt or towel for the dog to sit on at the start of the course / competition.

Classes and Competitions

Qualification Rounds.

- Faults will be turned into time, (e.g. – 5 Faults = 5 seconds.)
- Time faults will be added on a 1:1 ratio for all classes in this event.
- Eliminations will incur 200 faults
- Time and Faults from the 3 qualification heats (Agility, Jumping and Steeplechase) will be added together to determine the overall placings.
- The Overall winner will be the dog and handler with the least combined time and faults after all 3 runs.

British ABC Agility Challenge All breeds excluding Border Collies, Working Sheep dogs & their first crosses are eligible.

- Open to all levels and grade of dog.
- Dogs must be 18 months of age to compete.
- Each competitor will be guaranteed 3 qualification runs. (Agility, Jumping, Steeplechase)
- All Competition runs will take place on one day.
- Separate competition for each of the 4 height categories. (Small, Medium, Intermediate and Large) • Handlers must run in strict running orders in all rounds of the ABC Challenge. Failure to do so will result in elimination.
- In the event of a tie in time and faults in any class, both dogs and handlers will complete in a runoff.

Prizes Giving & Awards.

A prize giving timetable will be announced each day during the event with estimated times for each. Placements will be awarded to the top 3 in each class.