

**AGILITY REGULATIONS  
OF THE  
British Agility Championships  
2023**



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## Our Aim

To provide a world-class event 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
Micro (250)	Dogs Measuring 320mm & under	25cm
Small (300)	Dogs measuring under 321mm - 380mm	30cm
Medium (400)	Dogs measuring between 381mm - 440mm	40cm
Intermediate (500)	Dogs measuring between 441mm - 500mm	50cm
Large (600)	Over 500mm	60cm

*Note: Dogs can only enter one height category (The height class they measure into - Height measures)*

## 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	BAC / Novice Agility	BAC / Novice Jumping	Golden Ticket Jumping	Grand National
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**

<b><u>Jump Height</u></b>	<b><u>Long Jump</u></b>	<b><u>Spread Jump Depth</u></b>	<b><u>Tyre at centre.</u></b>
250	500mm 2 boards	215-235mm	400mm
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**

British Agility Championships	Strict Running Order
British Novice Stakes	Not Strict running order
British Grand National	Not Strict running order
Golden Ticket Jumping	Not Strict running order

Failure to run in strict running order in the British Agility Championships and the British Junior Open will result 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 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.

<b><u>Elimination</u></b>
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.
Dog wearing a collar with any loose or low hanging components
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.
A handler that has a toy in their hand past stage 3 of the entry procedure.
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.

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All breeds including mixed breeds are eligible; a dog must be over at least 18 months old to compete

<b><u>Dogs Ineligible to Enter:</u></b>
Pregnant bitches
Dogs that are apparently ill or hurt
Doped dogs
A dog that have 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**

### **British Open Grand National (Open to all levels of dogs)**

- This class is 3 steeplechase classes.
- This class is open to all competitors regardless of level.
- 5 Height Classes.
- Each competitor will be guaranteed 3 runs.
- All faults are converted to time.
- The Top 8 Combined dogs and handlers from each heights after all 3 rounds will Qualify for the Grand National Final.

### **British Novice Stakes for dogs (Grade 1-4 UK)**

- This class consists of 2 jumping & 2 agility rounds.
- 5 Height Classes.
- Each competitor will be guaranteed 4 qualification runs.
- All faults are converted to time.
- The Winner of Each class will automatically qualify for the Final.
- For each round, points will be awarded to the top 25 non-eliminated dogs, with the winner getting 25 points, second 24, etc.
- The top 15 dogs with the highest points total after all 4 rounds will qualify for the Finals. In the event of a tie, points from the agility rounds take precedence
- If a class winner is within the overall combined results the placings DO NOT move down.
- The winner of final will be the fastest dog with the least number of faults

### **British Agility Championships for dogs (Grade 5/6/7 UK)**

- This class consists of 2 jumping & 2 agility rounds.
- 5 Height Classes.
- Each competitor will be guaranteed 4 qualification runs.
- All faults are converted to time.
- The Winner of Each class will automatically qualify for the Final.
- For each round, points will be awarded to the top 25 non-eliminated dogs, with the winner getting 25 points, second 24, etc.
- The top 15 dogs with the highest points total after all 4 rounds will qualify for the Finals. In the event of a tie, points from the agility rounds take precedence
- If a class winner is within the overall combined results the placings DO NOT move down.
- The winner of final will be the fastest dog with the least number of faults

### **“Golden Ticket Jumping” (Open to all levels of dogs)**

- This is an open class for all competitors. This is the last chance of making the Saturday evening Finals - The Overall winner of each height class will automatically qualify for their respective final that evening.
- If a dog graded 1, 2, 3 or 4 wins – They will qualify for the British Novice Stake final.
- If a dog graded 5, 6 or 7 wins - They will qualify for the British Championships final.
- Dogs that have already qualified for the final may run in this class.
- *If the winner of this class has already qualified, the space will move down one space only.*

### World Agility Open Championships Team England Qualification?

Pentathlon Win on The Pentathlon win on spot will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- To be eligible for the Pentathlon Win on spot you must enter the British Agility Championship classes for grade 5/6/7.
- This class will consist of 2 jumping and 2 agility.
- There will be 5 height categories, 250, 300, 400, 500 and 600.
- All faults are converted to time with 5 faults equalling 5 seconds.
- The top 15 dogs after the first 4 rounds will qualify for the Final. In the event of a tie, the agility round will take precedence. The winner of each class will also qualify for the final.
- The win on spot will be awarded to the handler and dog who have the lowest total score after the 5 rounds. NB This may be different to the winner of the British Agility Championship as that class will be scored in a different way i.e. the BAC final is a standalone class, whereas the win on spot will be awarded on combined results from the 5 runs under WAO Pentathlon scoring rules. The winner of the Pentathlon in each jump height will be invited to represent Team England at the WAO Championships in the Individual Pentathlon.



### World Agility Open Juniors Qualification

- This class will consist of 1 jumping and 1 agility rounds
- There will be 5 height categories, 250, 300, 400, 500 and 600.
- All faults are converted to time with 5 faults equalling 5 seconds.
- The British Agility Championships Junior Pentathlon (this will take place on Sunday only so no school days will need to be missed). At these events the Juniors will be ranked using the scoring system used in the Junior Championship at WAO. The overall place from the Pentathlon, Biathlon and Games will be given points in the following way. First place will equal 1 point, second place will equal 2 points, third place will equal 3 points, scoring down to last place. If the Junior ends up in a joint place then they will get that number of points. For example if places go down to 14th in the pentathlon and all handlers below this have 5 eliminations, then any Junior Handler in that group would receive 15 points. The points from the overall Pentathlon, the Overall Biathlon and the Overall Games will then be combined and the Junior with the lowest points will be in first place and be offered the win on spot. If there is a tie on points the Overall Biathlon result will be used, followed by the Overall Pentathlon result. If there is still a tie the individual class results will be used to determine the winner in the following order; Biathlon Agility, followed by Pentathlon Speedstakes, followed by Pentathlon Agility 2, followed by Pentathlon Jumping 2, followed by Gamblers, followed by Biathlon Jumping, followed by Pentathlon Agility 1, followed by Pentathlon Jumping 1, followed by Snooker. Points to note. • The dog & handler with the lowest number of points in each height will be invited to represent Team England at the WAO Championships. • Handlers must be born on or after 1st May 2005. • Results from the three events must be the same dog and handler combination. • For Junior handlers to be considered for a WAO place they must have entered the England Selection weekend. If they do not enter the England Selection weekend they will not be selected for the team, regardless of the points they have accrued unless there were no dogs in their height at the event as detailed above. • All Junior Handlers selected must have a parent/guardian available to accompany them to the WAO Event. Dogs must compete in the equivalent jump height to WAO at both events.





### **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.

### **Finals**

All finals will operate a rolling podium – Meaning that as a handler finishes the run, they will immediately take a seat on the podium (if their result positions them in the top 3 of that class). They will remain on the podium until they are either knocked out of the top 3 or need to run another dog in that same class.

The top 3 dogs in the British Agility Championships Final and the British Novice Stakes final will receive prize money for the placing they achieve.

The full prize money amount will be awarded for winners with Clear rounds. If a handler finishes on the podium with faults, 25% of the prize money will be awarded to the individual with faults.

When qualifying for the 2023 finals, handlers will be given a “Finals” ticket, this will entitle each handler to a finalist t shirt, this will be available at the Dogeria stand. Handlers MUST wear this t shirt in the final, failure to do so will result in the handler NOT being able to take part in the final.