

**AGILITY REGULATIONS
OF THE
British Agility
2021**



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A. 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

Name	Dogs Measurement	Jump Height
Small	Dogs measuring under 35cm	300cm
Medium	Dogs measuring between 35cm and 43cm	400cm
Standard	Dogs measuring between 43cm and 50cm	500cm
Large	Any	600cm

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	BAC / Novice Agility	BAC / Novice Jumping	Speed Jump Off	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

<u>Jump Height</u>	<u>Long Jump</u>	<u>Spread Jump Depth</u>	<u>Tyre at centre.</u>
300	500mm (2 boards)	280mm	450mm
400	800mm (3 boards)	370mm	550mm
500	1000mm (4 boards)	500mm	650mm
600	1200mm (5 boards)	560mm	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 5m 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
British Junior Open	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.

<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.
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.

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

<u>Dogs Ineligible to Enter:</u>
Pregnant bitches
Dogs that are apparently ill or hurt
Doped dogs

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

Classes and Competitions

Tests will be judged according to the British Agility rules and regulations. Only dogs that have been entered in the show will be able to run.

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.
- 4 Height Classes.
- Each competitor will be guaranteed 3 runs.
- All faults are converted to time.
- Combined times from all 3 rounds will determine the 2021 Grand National Winner.

British Junior Open (Open to handlers under the age of 19 on the 5th of November 2021)

- This class is open to all juniors regardless of level.
- This class consists of 2 jumping classes.
- 4 Height Classes.
- Each competitor will be guaranteed 2 qualification runs.
- All faults are converted to time.
- The top 15 dogs across all 4 heights will qualify for the British Junior Open Final (Agility Course)

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

- This class consists of 2 jumping & 2 agility rounds.
- 4 Height Classes.
- Each competitor will be guaranteed 4 qualification runs.
- All faults are converted to time.
- The leading dog of each height after Friday's two qualification rounds (Agility 1 and Jumping 1) will qualify for Saturday's "Speed Jump Off 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

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

- This class consists of 2 jumping & 2 agility rounds.
- 4 Height Classes.
- Each competitor will be guaranteed 4 qualification runs.
- All faults are converted to time.
- The top 10 dogs from each height after Friday's two qualification rounds (Agility 1 and Jumping 1) will qualify for Saturday's "Speed Jump Off 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

Prizes Givings & 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.

Failure to attend a prize giving.

If you miss your prize giving you will be able to collect your award from the event office or send a SAE to the British Agility Office.

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 positions 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 - 50% of the prize money will be awarded to the individual with faults.