



# **1-TDC Invitational**

**March 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Canlan Sports Lake Barrington,  
28156 W Northpointe Pkwy,  
Barrington, IL 60010**



Thank you for coming to the 2026 1-TDC Invitational. Our goal is for you to have an amazing 4 days competing at this event. The following information should help you with most questions you may have. If you have questions, please email us at [1-TDC@ukagilityinternational.com](mailto:1-TDC@ukagilityinternational.com) or check out the information table at the event.

## **Check-in 2pm to 5.30pm Wednesday**

Check in to pick up your event T-shirt, crating location, and welcome bag, or notify us of any withdrawals or bitches in season. If you are unable to make this time, you may collect on Thursday from the information table between **3pm and 5pm**. **It will not be possible to pick up after this time.**

## **Information Table**

There will be an information table at the event which is your first port of call for any questions you may have that the premium or this letter does not already answer. The wonderful people manning this table are there to assist you and if required, contact the necessary people to get the answer you need. Remember, these awesome folks are volunteers so please be courteous which will make it much easier to help you. Please do not interrupt the results office directly.

## **Event Briefing**

A written general briefing will be posted on the 1-TDC Invitational Facebook page ([click here](#)) on the afternoon of Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **App**

We will be using the GAC app again this year to provide messages and up-to-date information directly to your phone both before and during the event. You will also be able to access Live results and event documents on the app. Please update or download it through Google Play or the App store. Please [click here](#) to download from Google Play and [click here](#) to download from the App store. When you have downloaded/updated the app, please ensure you go into settings on the app to switch on notifications for the North American Invitational.

## **Rings Overview & Results**

Please save this page on your device to keep updated with the running of the rings. <https://results.gacsystems.com>  
Live results are available from this link as well.

## **Agility Gate**

Course maps and run orders will be available through the Agility Gate app. Please be sure to download the "Agility Gate" app prior to the event. The Agility Gate code for the event is "2026."

## **Bitches In Season**

You must notify us immediately upon finding out that your dog is in season. Please notify us at check in or at the information table once the event has started. As a reminder, bitches in season WILL run in their place within the running order. Your dog must start on the BIS mat available at each ring and it is your responsibility to make sure the ring is ready with the mat for your run. This will be noted on the running order on the day. Bitch in season pants may NOT be worn in the competition rings. We do our best to make sure the mats are non-slip, but ultimately it is your risk to run your BIS knowing the policy to do so.

### **Schedule of the events:**

Please print out a copy of the timetable, or it can be found on this page: [1-TDC Invitational Documents](#) or through the weblink in the app. Keep it accessible so you understand where you are supposed to be and when. Any changes to this schedule will be published on our announcement link on the GAC app and the event Facebook page.

**The white boards and the screens at the rings are your definitive source of information** regarding the schedule. As the other methods require internet and wireless, those sources are only a courtesy. The final port of call is to check the monitors & white boards for updates. Missing your run or walk thru for not staying up to date by checking these at the rings will not be an excuse.

Please understand It is your responsibility to know where you should be. We are running a very tight schedule. We do not want you to miss your run or walk thru and unfortunately due to time constraints we will not be able to make exceptions or extend walk thru times. We will do our best to keep you apprised of all announcements and any schedule changes.

### **Running Order Rules**

Please refer to the premium for these rules for multiple dog gap rules.

### **Course Times**

In non- games classes, course times will be 120% of the fastest clear round time.

### **Course Maps**

Please refer to the timetables for release of the course maps time. There will be no printed course maps. Course maps will be published on the GAC App, the 1-TDC Invitational Documents page of the UKI Website, the 1-TDC Invitational Facebook page, and Agility Gate.

When the same class occurs in 2 or more rings, the courses may not be identical on the ground. Each course may be adjusted according to the interpretation of the course map by the judge in that specific ring. Please note each ring is a completely separate competition due to the height splits.

### **Checking in for your runs**

This event is strict running order. You may not move your run up or down. Handlers with multiple dogs running close together, please refer to the procedure in the Premium which was published and acknowledged when you entered this event. The rings will have areas designated for temporary crating. Please make arrangements to use these for the short term if you have multiple dogs in the rings. As space is limited, crates may not be left here full time.

### **Entering the ring and checking your score when leaving the ring**

- When entering the ring for your runs, please announce your name and dog name to the scribe table so they can confirm who they are scoring.
- Please note that if you are eliminated, a 65 second maximum course time will be in effect.
- When leaving the ring please check your score on the monitor immediately after your run to be sure all looks correct. If you do not check the monitor by the time your result moves off the screen, the result will stand.
- If you find any clerical errors, please notify the Ring Manager immediately who will ask the scoring and if needed may also discuss with the judge.
- Competitors are not allowed to approach judges themselves. There is absolutely no video review allowed by competitors for any judge's call.

### **Awards & Podiums**

We want to celebrate your results in the 1-TDC Invitational events! The timetable shows all the scheduled times for the podiums and awards. Please attend the podium presentations to not only support your fellow competitor but to show support and respect to the judges and sponsors. The awards presentations for Overall Biathlon will take place on Saturday immediately after the day classes have finished and while the evening courses are being built. This will be for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> in each height. The awards presentations for Games Overall and Pentathlon will be on Sunday immediately after Challenger has finished. This will be for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> in each height. If you are placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Challenger event you may collect your ribbon from the information table once the results have been announced and published online. As already mentioned, we are running a very tight schedule. All awards presentations will go ahead as scheduled so please be there to attend.

## **Rolling Podium Procedure**

The Blue Ribbon Final on Sunday will follow this procedure. Once you have finished your run, you will be directed to a podium place if your run has moved you into the top 3 places of the Final. Not only do you have prime viewing of the other runs, but you will get to remain in this spot as long as no one else has knocked you off that position. At the completion of the class height, the top 3 will already be in their podium spots and will immediately be awarded their awards by the judge. Podium pictures will be taken at this time as well.

## **Progression into The 1-TDC Invitational Blue Ribbon Final**

- A top 3 placement in the Overall results of the Games, Biathlon or Pentathlon automatically qualifies for the final.
- For the remaining places, the top 30% of the event entry or top 10 in each height, whichever is higher, will progress to the final. These places will be calculated from the three events using cumulative points, a points system will be used where first place equals 1 point, second place equals 2 points, third place equals 3 points, scoring down to last place.
- A further place will be available to the winner of each height in the Challenger round. Eliminations will not progress. The maximum number of dogs from each height in the final will be as follows: (these numbers will not now change, regardless of any changes in entry numbers e.g. withdrawals)

4s	8 dogs
8s	8 dogs
8"	15 dogs
12"	22 dogs
12s	11 dogs
16s	20 dogs
16"	22 dogs
20s	11 dogs
20"	45 dogs
22"	16 dogs
24"	32 dogs

## **Video**

4 Legged Flix will be there videoing and live streaming the whole event! Visit [www.4leggedflix.com](http://www.4leggedflix.com) for details!

## **Equipment**

The equipment for the Open is provided by Run it! Ultimate Dog Agility Equipment. All the **equipment used at the event will be available for purchase!!! Please contact Liana for details – [islandlife101@hotmail.com](mailto:islandlife101@hotmail.com)**. *Spread jump used at the event: Please note the ascending spread jump will be made using 2 jumps. Select heights have no spread jumps.*

## **Crating**

Crating details are listed in the premium and late crating requests can be made through email to Tara Baggerman at [tara.ukiusopen@gmail.com](mailto:tara.ukiusopen@gmail.com) for an additional fee (\$135), if there is space.

You must provide waterproof tarps/mats to put under your crate. Anyone found not complying with this requirement will have their crates removed from the area with no refund. You are also welcome to crate from your car for free. There is no free crating inside the arena. You will be able to set up crates from 4pm thru 6pm on Wednesday.

## **Parking**

Please be aware that with the number of competitors, parking will be tight. We ask you to be mindful of this and be prepared to park relatively close to one another. There is a parking lot around the Canlan building, together with adjacent side streets. Please don't park in unloading zones. Please make every effort to park on Canlan Sports property.

## **Measuring**

There will be no measuring at this event.

## Volunteers

In keeping with the UKI motto of "Agility by Competitors," we ask everyone to pitch in and help for a few classes this weekend. There are 5 groups, so every group will have at least one rotation off, and we'd greatly appreciate your help during those times. If you have not yet volunteered, please contact Katie ahead of time at [Katie.ukiusopen@gmail.com](mailto:Katie.ukiusopen@gmail.com) and she will add you to the volunteer schedule. You can also register here: [Volunteer signup](#) Otherwise, ring sign-ups will also be available each day.

### **Volunteer Perks:**

- Giveaway Tickets for our daily **Volunteer Giveaway Baskets**
- **1-TDC Invitational Worker Bucks** to spend with any vendors (including the facility food vendor)

### **Volunteer Punch Card Grand Prize!**

If you volunteer **all four days**, grab a **Volunteer Punch Card** and have it signed by a Ring Manager each day you help. Once completed, drop your card in the box at the Volunteer Hospitality Area to be entered into the **Grand Prize Drawing**. (5 Lucky Winners, one for each Prize!)

### **Grand Prizes Include:**

- Automatic Bye into the 2027 Steeplechase DASH Challenge and FINAL
- Guaranteed Spot at the 2027 1-TDC Invitational (skip the lottery!)
- Guaranteed RV Reservation-First Refusal at the 2027 US Open (skip the lottery!)
- Guaranteed RV Reservation-First Refusal at the 2027 West Coast Open (skip the lottery!)
- Free Entry to UKI At-Home Trial

Thank you for helping make this event run smoothly — we truly appreciate our volunteers! 🙌

## Join the Course Builder Crew

The **1-TDC Invitational**, once again, promises to be an amazing event! We need you to join the **Course Builder Crew!**

We're excited to bring the **Build Crews** back to the 1-TDC Invitational! We've streamlined things even more this year — but we'll still have our daily **PRIZE** giveaways, snacks at the volunteer area, fewer course builds (nothing at crack-o-down), and ZERO dirt. Hooray!

The Course Builders help the event run smoothly by setting the beautiful courses on set-up day and assisting with builds during and after each day's events. By volunteering to join the crew, you'll be among the first to get into the ring and see the courses up close while helping us build. You can volunteer as much or as little as you like — step in whenever you can. Every bit of help is appreciated! Feel free to volunteer your "other half" as well. Partners, family members, and travel companions are more than welcome, and we promise they'll have a great time.

Email [1-tdc@ukagilityinternational.com](mailto:1-tdc@ukagilityinternational.com) to receive updates and join the fun!

By volunteering, you'll be eligible for **daily prize drawings** (toys and fun goodies) and, of course, plenty of build-crew camaraderie.

### **Course Builder Grand Prize Drawing**

Want a chance at the big prizes? Pick up a **Course Builder Crew Punch Card!**

- ✓ Volunteer with the Course Builder Crew **all 4 days of the event**
- ✓ Have your **Punch Card signed each day** you help
- ✓ Turn in your completed card to be entered in the **Grand Prize Drawing**

### **Five lucky winners will be drawn!**

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**Build Crew Schedule (Tentative):**

- **Wednesday:** Set-Up Day – the fun begins!
- **Thursday–Saturday:** Builds expected mid-afternoon and late afternoon
- **Sunday:** Likely a mid-morning build followed by end-of-day tear down

Last year we ran two hours ahead of schedule — let's see if we can beat that record this year!

Questions? Contact [1-tdc@ukagilityinternational.com](mailto:1-tdc@ukagilityinternational.com).

Come join the crew and help make the **1-TDC Invitational** run smoothly — we appreciate all our volunteers! 🇺🇸

**Sportsmanship – we hate to remind competitors of this but....**

Please remember to keep a level head and always show good sportsmanship. If you are not sure what this means, please remind yourself by reading the Rules of Conduct in the premium. In a nutshell - respect your dog, respect your fellow competitor, respect the judges, all helpers and the organizers. So, if something isn't going your way...take a deep breath, smile, and remind yourself how lucky you are to play this sport with your dogs.

As a reminder: All Judges' decisions are final. Absolutely no video review or video challenge may be requested by a competitor. If you have a question regarding your score or your run, you may NOT approach the judge, please direct all questions to the Ring Manager who will, if necessary, approach the judge.

**Directions**

Click on this link, then click on the blue directions button and enter your starting destination.

[Directions to Canlan Sports](#)

Please show your appreciation to our sponsor 1-TDC by visiting their web page <https://www.workssowell.com/> and their vendor stand.

