



The 1-TDC North American Invitational

March 29th – April 1st, 2024

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

By Invitation Only

Seeded lottery draw and International places
open:
20th November 2023

Seeded lottery draw and International places
close:
17th December 2023

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UKI North American Championship Final

Agility Biathlon

Games Challenge

Pentathlon

Challenger Round

All Galican equipment supplied by Run It! Is available to purchase and take home after the event at a great discounted rate. Please contact islandlife101@hotmail.com



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➤ **Ring description**

Ring size 100' x 150' – 4 Rings are in use during the competition:
4 Indoor arena rings with Astro turf flooring,

➤ **Measuring**

There will be no measuring at this event due to you qualifying at a specific height.

➤ **Vendors**

Only pre booked and paid vendors and sponsors will be allowed to provide goods and services on the show ground. For further information please contact Katie at Katie.ukiusopen@gmail.com

➤ **Crating Selection**

Please see the crating section below for detailed information to book your spot. Crating reservations open January 24th and are only available through email to Tara.ukiusopen@gmail.com. Emails received before January 24th will be disregarded.

➤ **Emergency Veterinarians:**

Companion Animal Specialty and Emergency Hospital (15km from venue)

1095 Pingree Rd 120, Crystal Lake, IL 60014 US
Tel: 8154799119

<https://www.casehospital.com/site/home>

At the time of publication, these vets are open 24/7 apart from Wednesday evenings when they close at 7pm and reopen at 7am on Thursday. They expect to be open at all times by the time of the event. **YOU MUST CALL THEM BEFORE ATTENDING AND IF IT IS AN EMERGENCY PLEASE CALL EN ROUTE SO THEY CAN PREPARE.**

➤ **NAI Announcements**

Keep up to date with information before the event:

NAI UKI Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/253909290313945/>

Keep an eye out on our web page:

<https://ukagilityinternational.com/north-american-invitational/>

See all the event documents as they are published on the NAI 2024 Documents page:

<https://ukagilityinternational.com/north-american-invitational-documents-2024/>

Further details of the event app will be in the confirmation letter.

➤ **Directions**

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

[Directions to Canlan Sports](#)

➤ **Hotels & RV's**

RV spots will be available from Wednesday at 2pm. There are no RV facilities on site, RVs will be parked in the venue parking lot. The venue building and facilities will not be open outside of the event competition hours therefore please only consider an RV spot if you are self-sufficient.

There are 25 spots available for RV's which will be drawn as a lottery i.e. there is no advantage in applying early. These are dry spots i.e. no hook up, no water, no sewage. You must be fully self-sufficient to utilize these. Please review all the RV information at <https://ukagilityinternational.com/nai-rv/> We will shut applications on the 31st December and applicants will be notified shortly after this by email.

These hotels state that they allow dogs. **Please make sure you check their current policy when you contact them to enquire about reservations.**

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Lake Zurich-Barrington

197 South Rand Road, Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Comfort Inn Crystal Lake

595 Tracy Trail, Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Super 8 by Wyndham Crystal Lake

577 Crystal Point Drive, Crystal Lake, IL 60014

➤ **Entering the event**

If you have qualified at one of the Opens you will have been given a letter with all the details of how to enter. **You have until the date on your letter to provide all the information requested and then pay for your entry. If you do not do this then you will forfeit your invitation. Due to the complexity of the Invitational, there are no exceptions to this.**

If you did not receive a letter, please email 1-tdc@ukagilityinternational.com immediately after the event stating the event, the class, the height and the result you believe qualified for the 1-TDC North American Invitational.

Seeded place application

To enter the seeded lottery draw click here:

<https://ukagilityinternational.com/north-american-invitational-entry-form-2/>

International Place application

To apply for an International place click here:

<https://ukagilityinternational.com/north-american-invitational-entry-form/>

Entry fee: \$250



Class Name	Summary of Classes
Games Challenge	Snooker round and Gamblers round with the results combined.
Agility Biathlon	Jumping round and an Agility round with the results combined
Pentathlon	Two Jumping rounds, two Agility rounds and a Steeplechase round with the results combined. Faults are converted to seconds on a 1:1 ratio.
Challenger Round	Agility class that is a one-off round for those that have not qualified for the North American Championship Final. The winner of this class gains a place in UKI North American Championship Final.
UKI North American Championship Final	Qualifying from the three events, Biathlon, Pentathlon and Games. The Final will be a one off agility class as a stand-alone result.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE – classes are subject to change based upon event entry. If entering, please be prepared to run in any of the events Thursday through to Monday. Classes may change days. There are no refunds available due to schedule changes.

Thursday Crating set up 4pm to 6pm	
Friday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Games Challenge Snooker (2 rings) - Pentathlon Agility 1 (2 rings) - Pentathlon Jumping 1 (4 rings) 	Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biathlon Jumping (2 rings) - Pentathlon Agility 2 (2 rings) - Pentathlon Jumping 2 (4 rings)
Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Games Challenge Gamblers (2 rings) - Biathlon Agility (2 rings) - Pentathlon Steeplechase (4 rings) 	Monday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Challenger Round (4 rings) - UKI North American Championship Final

General Competition Rules

- Entry is by invite only.
- The primary invite is to partnerships that have achieved a level of success at the UKI Canadian Open, the UKI West Coast Open or the UKI US Open. See qualification table below.
- A second invite will be for 150 dogs from a seeded lottery and International handlers. See details below
- Dogs and handlers must be registered with UKI.
- Each class has a separate competition for each jump height.
- Dogs may only compete in one height throughout the whole event.
- Dogs may only compete in the height they qualified for. There will be no height changes allowed.
- Dogs may only compete with one handler through the entire event.
- Classes will be run in strict running order. Running orders will be randomly drawn for the first round of each class. Failure to be at the line for your turn will result in Elimination and unable to run in the class.
- Classes will be run under UKI rules and regulations with additional rules detailed below. Any further amendments will be posted on the UKI web page and Facebook page.
- In the event of a tie for a top 3 overall podium, a runoff will be required. In the event a competitor chooses not to run in a runoff, they forfeit their place and the higher place will go to the other competitor. If both competitors do not want to run in a runoff, a coin toss will determine the placings.
- In the event of a tie to determine running order in the next round, a coin toss will determine the running order.
- A no-show in any class or any round of a combined class will result in disqualification from that Class, including prizes and awards and further runs in the combined classes.
- Eliminations in classes except where specified below, will receive 50 faults and a 50 second course time.
- No results from this event will go towards the qualifying for next year's event and/or count towards UKI level progression.
- NFC and the Repeat & Move On (RMO) are not allowed during any run at this event.
- Minimum and maximum distances (dogs path according to CRCDD) are 18' minimum – 35' maximum to tunnels, 18' minimum – 30' maximum to all other equipment, Maximum 36' from or to backside of jump. The course reviewer has the ability to allow for slight deviations or exceptions to be made if it is in the best interest to the course or skill test integrity, always with safety in mind
- UKI reserves the right to rule at the event on anything not covered in these rules and in any exceptional circumstances. Rule changes will be posted.
- This venue is a smoke free and vape free venue. Anyone found smoking on vaping anywhere on site, will be asked to leave the event immediately with no refund provided.
- The 1-TDC North American Invitational Show Management is committed to safety and is determined to provide premier equipment, running surface and course design. However, unforeseen circumstances may arise that are out of our control. By entering this event you accept that you have a personal choice not to run in any class if for any reason you believe there are safety issues due to differing opinions on course design and/or environmental factors. You agree by entering this event that you have no comeback or right for refund on any course you do not wish to run due to course design and/or environmental factors.

Games Challenge

- Consists of a Snooker round and a Gamblers round with the results combined.
- Cumulative scoring: highest number of points wins with time as tie breaker only, in all aspects of the Games Challenge
- Running order for both rounds will be a random draw.
- Eliminations (dogs not stopping the timers by going over the finish jump) will score 0 points with 100 seconds as the course time.
- Eliminations in either round will not be placed in the Games Challenge.
- In the event of a tie for the Games Challenge Champion, the scores from the Gamblers round will determine the winner. If there is still a tie in the top 3, the dogs will compete in a run-off on the Gamblers course.

Agility Biathlon

- Consists of a Jumping round and Agility round with the results combined.
- Cumulative scoring: least faults win with time as tie-breaker only, in all aspects of the Biathlon.
- Running order for both rounds will be a random draw.
- Eliminations in either round will not be placed in the Agility Biathlon.
- In the event of a tie for the Agility Biathlon Champion, the scores from the Agility round will determine the winner. If there is still a tie for a podium place, the dogs will compete in a run-off on the Agility course.

Pentathlon

- Consists of 2 jumping, 2 agility and 1 steeplechase round.
- Scoring is cumulative over all rounds,
- Obstacle faults will be converted into seconds (5 faults = 5 seconds) and time faults added on a 1:1 ratio for all classes in this event
- An elimination in any Pentathlon class is 50 faults plus dogs that are eliminated will be given a course time of 50 seconds, regardless of the standard course time.
- Running order for all rounds will be a random draw.
- In the event of a tie for the combined results, the result from the steeplechase round will decide the winner. If there is still a tie, the results from previous classes will be used in the following order: agility 2, jumping 2, agility 1, jumping 1. If this does not produce an outright winner, there will be a run-off on the steeplechase course

Challenger Round

- This class will be made up of dogs that have not qualified for the North American Championship Final.
- Consists of an Agility class that is a one-off round.
- Least faults win with time used as a tie breaker.
- The winner qualifies to run in the UKI North American Championship Final. They will run first in the Final.
- Eliminations cannot progress from the Challenger Round

UKI North American Championship Final

- Consists of an Agility class that is a one-off round.
- Least faults win with time as tie-breaker only.

Progressing to the 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.
- The exact number for each height will be announced after the entry has closed.
- Where dogs have an equal score, the points will be added together and divided by the number of dogs. For example, if a dog were tied on 20th & 21st place they would both score 20.5 points ($20+21/2=20.5$.)
- For dogs that have received a double elimination in the biathlon and games this split point formula will be /used. For example. If there are 25 dogs in a height and 21st to 25th have a double elimination, they would each get 23 points. ($21+22+23+24+25/5=23$).
- The lowest combined points total will qualify for the final in order.
- If a podium place qualification has also achieved a points place qualification, the place will roll down on the points total and not from the podium placement.
- In the case of a tie for the last qualification place the result from the Biathlon overall will decide the result. If there is still a tie, the results from Pentathlon followed by the Games will decide the result. If there is still a tie both dogs will progress to the Final.
- Running orders for the Final will be reverse order of the qualification points placements.



Qualification for the 1-TDC North American Invitational.

The event will be open to 600 dogs.

- 450 dogs will be invited due to their results at the Canadian Open, the West Coast Open and the US Open. The invite will be to dog and handler partnerships.
- 150 dogs will be invited from an international pool and a seeded random draw.

Event Invites

To create a fair split from the three events, the 2022 entry numbers have been used to calculate the following;

Event	% of invited entry	Approximate number of dogs being invited
Canadian Open	15%	68
West Coast Open	20%	90
US Open	65%	293

Please note these numbers will be reviewed and recalculated each year.

Once the entry has closed for each of these three events, UKI will publish the exact number of dogs from each height and how they qualify for an invite. Results will be taken from the overall podiums of these events as per the tables below. If an invitation is not accepted or a dog wins multiple places, then the place will **NOT** roll down to a lower place. This position at the event will be added to the seeded lottery draw.

An example of how many dogs are invited per height. If 1000 dogs enter the US Open and 100 dogs (10% of entry) have entered the 24" jump height. 10% of the number of dogs is 29 (10% of 293 rounded to the nearest whole number) so 29 dogs will be invited.

Places at the 1-TDC North American Invitational must be accepted and paid for within the specified time frame on your qualification letter. This is due to the time frame of the three events, and managing duplicate qualifications, and to enable the seeded lottery draw to take place within a reasonable time scale.

Canadian Open & US Open Number of Dogs Invited in a height	Placements Used.			
	National Final	Biathlon	Masters Final	Games
1	1 st	0	0	0
2	1 st	1 st	0	0
3	1 st	1 st	1 st	0
4	1 st	1 st	1 st	1 st
5	1 st & 2 nd	1 st	1 st	1 st
6	1 st & 2 nd	1 st & 2 nd	1 st	1 st
7	1 st & 2 nd	1 st & 2 nd	1 st & 2 nd	1 st
8	1 st & 2 nd	1 st & 2 nd	1 st & 2 nd	1 st & 2 nd
9	1 st – 3 rd	1 st & 2 nd	1 st & 2 nd	1 st & 2 nd
10	1 st – 3 rd	1 st – 3 rd	1 st & 2 nd	1 st & 2 nd
11	1 st – 3 rd	1 st – 3 rd	1 st – 3 rd	1 st & 2 nd
12	1 st – 3 rd	1 st – 3 rd	1 st – 3 rd	1 st – 3 rd
13	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 3 rd	1 st – 3 rd	1 st – 3 rd
14	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 3 rd	1 st – 3 rd
15	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 3 rd
16	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 4 th
17	1 st – 5 th	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 4 th
18	1 st – 5 th	1 st – 5 th	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 4 th
19	1 st – 5 th	1 st – 5 th	1 st – 5 th	1 st – 4 th
20	1 st – 5 th	1 st – 5 th	1 st – 5 th	1 st – 5 th

West Coast Open Number of Dogs Invited in a height	Placements used.			
	Pentathlon	UKI Stakes	Masters	Games
1	1 st	0	0	0
2	1 st	1 st	0	0
3	1 st	1 st	1 st	0
4	1 st	1 st	1 st	1 st
5	1 st & 2 nd	1 st	1 st	1 st
6	1 st & 2 nd	1 st & 2 nd	1 st	1 st
7	1 st & 2 nd	1 st & 2 nd	1 st & 2 nd	1 st
8	1 st & 2 nd	1 st & 2 nd	1 st & 2 nd	1 st & 2 nd
9	1 st – 3 rd	1 st & 2 nd	1 st & 2 nd	1 st & 2 nd
10	1 st – 3 rd	1 st – 3 rd	1 st & 2 nd	1 st & 2 nd
11	1 st – 3 rd	1 st – 3 rd	1 st – 3 rd	1 st & 2 nd
12	1 st – 3 rd	1 st – 3 rd	1 st – 3 rd	1 st – 3 rd
13	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 3 rd	1 st – 3 rd	1 st – 3 rd
14	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 3 rd	1 st – 3 rd
15	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 3 rd
16	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 4 th
17	1 st – 5 th	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 4 th
18	1 st – 5 th	1 st – 5 th	1 st – 4 th	1 st – 4 th
19	1 st – 5 th	1 st – 5 th	1 st – 5 th	1 st – 4 th
20	1 st – 5 th	1 st – 5 th	1 st – 5 th	1 st – 5 th

This formula will be used until the desired numbers are achieved.

Lottery Draw and International Invites.

After the conclusion of the 2023 US Open, applications will open for 28 days. This is not a first come first served process so there is no need to apply immediately on the opening date.

International Places

50 places will be available to partnerships not residing in North America or Mexico. If there are more than 50 applications UKI will decide which 50 are invited. If there are less than 50 applications the unused spots will be added to the seeded lottery draw

Seeded Lottery Draw

Once the event invites and international places have been finalized, any remaining spaces available to achieve an entry of 600 dogs (approximately 100 places) will be available for those who did not achieve an invite but have a relevant result from a UKI event. These will not be divided by height.

On application partnerships must state the result that puts them in the highest group.

Groups A and B will be from results to be used from US and Canadian UKI Cups and Classics held between 1st October 2022 and 1st October 2023.

- GROUP A will be from partnerships that gained a 1st, 2nd or 3rd Overall at a Cup
- GROUP B will be from partnerships that gained a 1st or 2nd at a Classic in the Biathlon or Pentathlon.

The remaining groups will be from percentage calculations from an OVERALL result in one of the following events:

- 2023 Canadian Open. National Final or Biathlon or Masters Final or Games
- 2023 US Open. National Final or Biathlon or Masters Final or Games
- 2023 West Coast Open. Pentathlon or UKI Stakes or Masters or Games

From this data the applicants will be split into the following groups:

- GROUP C will be from partnerships in the top 20% of a class.
- GROUP D will be from partnerships in the top 30% of a class.
- GROUP E will be from partnerships in the top 40% of a class.
- GROUP F will be from partnerships in the top 50% of a class.
- GROUP G will be from partnerships in the top 60% of a class.
- GROUP H will be from partnerships in the top 70% of a class.
- GROUP I will be from partnerships in the top 80% of a class.
- GROUP J will be from partnerships in the top 90% of a class.
- GROUP K will be from partnerships in the top 100% of a class.

How to calculate your percentage.

Your placement, divided by number of dogs entered, times 100.

For example if there were 50 dogs in a class and your placement was 13th you would be in the top 30% group.

(13/50 x 100 = 26)

The dogs will be invited in order of their seeded group until all places are filled. Once the number of spaces available is greater than the number of dogs in a group, a random lottery draw will take place in that group

For example, if there are 100 places and 40 dogs are in group A, 40 dogs in group B and 40 dogs in group C, then all of the dogs in group A & B will be invited to compete and a random draw of 20 dogs will take place from group C.

Byes to be Gained for Future Events from the 1-TCD North American Invitational

Biathlon Overall Winner

Winner in each height gains the following byes.

1. Automatic bye into the UKI Stakes final at the West Coast Open 2024
2. Round 2 bye at the Canadian Open 2024
3. Guaranteed run in the Biathlon Agility at the US Open 2024

Pentathlon Overall Winner

Winner in each height gains the following byes.

1. Automatic bye into the Masters Final at the US Open 2024
2. Automatic bye into the Masters Final at the Canadian Open 2024
3. Guaranteed run in the Pentathlon Steeplechase at the West Coast Open 2024

Games Overall Winner

Winner in each height gains the following byes.

1. Guaranteed run in the Gamblers at the Canadian Open 2024
2. Guaranteed run in the Gamblers at the West Coast Open 2024
3. Guaranteed run in the Gamblers at the US Open 2024

North American Invitational Final Winner

Winner in each height gains the following byes.

1. Automatic bye into the UKI Stakes final at the West Coast Open 2024
2. Guaranteed run in the Pentathlon Steeplechase at the West Coast Open 2024
3. Guaranteed run in the Gamblers at the West Coast Open 2024

4. Automatic bye into the National Final at the US Open 2024
5. Automatic bye into the Masters Final at the US Open 2024
6. Automatic bye into the Speedstakes Final at the US Open 2024

7. Automatic bye into the National Final at the Canadian Open 2024
8. Automatic bye into the Masters Final at the Canadian Open 2024
9. Guaranteed run in the Gamblers at the Canadian Open 2024

WAO Win on Spot.

In the 8", 12", 16", 20" and 24" height categories there will be one win on spot to the 2025 World Agility Open for the partnership to compete in all 3 individual events. The partnership may choose to run for their country at the WAO, thus gaining their country an extra dog in that height, or the partnership may choose to run at WAO under the Wildcard flag.

The win on spot will use the same scoring system as the qualification for the North American Championship Final.

From the overall result in the Biathlon, the Games, the Pentathlon and the North American Championship Final, 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. The partnership with the lowest points total gains the Win on Spot. In the event of a tie for the Win On Spot, the result from the North American Championship Final will decide the winner. If there is still a tie, the results from event will be used in the following order: Biathlon and then Pentathlon.

If the winner of the Win on Spot is ineligible or declines the position at WAO, the spot will NOT roll down to the second place partnership.

To claim the WAO spot in 2025 the winning partnerships need to email WAO on info@worldagilityopen.com by May 31st, 2024 to inform them of your details and whether you wish to represent your country or run as a wildcard at the 2025 event.

Schedule and Running Orders

The event will run over 4 full competition days (Friday – Monday) with a crating set up from 4-6pm on Thursday. It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order. All runs for this event will be in strict running order. **Failure to run in the order assigned will result in elimination.** It is the handler's understanding with multiple dogs that they are entering a competition that does require strict running order and no advantage will be given to these handlers over handlers with only one dog.

The exact class schedule will be determined after the entry has closed & processed. This information will be posted on the UKI 1-TDC North American Invitational Facebook Page and on the UKI website.

Groupings

This event will run under a group system for the majority of the event to help eliminate clashes. There will always be one group off per rotation for the purpose of lending a hand to run the rings.

The groups will be created in a random manner with the main goal to achieve an equal number of dogs in each group.

Change of Handler

Partnerships are invited to the UKI 1-TDC North American Invitational and therefore there are no change of handlers permitted.

Withdrawing after entry

Once an entry and payment has been received there will be no refunds for ANY reason. However, if you notify UKI and your spot is filled by someone on the reserve list, you will receive a 90% refund. 14 days prior to the event (14th March 2024) is the cutoff date where reserves can be called.

Managing Conflicts for Handlers with Multiple Dogs in Non Seeded Classes

In the Biathlon, Pentathlon, Games and Challenger events all runs will use a random draw to produce the running order. Every attempt will be made for handlers with multiple dogs to have several dogs between each of their dogs in the running orders. This will be done by striving to achieve the following:

A gap of 10 dogs (9 dogs between their runs) will be created by moving the first-drawn dog earlier in the running order. If this does not achieve a 10-dog gap then the second-drawn dog will be moved down in the running order.

If there are not enough dogs in the class to achieve the 10-dog gap the biggest gap possible will be created. If this gap does not achieve the minimum 10 dog gap, then a break of 5 minutes will be given. The 5-minute countdown will start as the handler's first dog crosses the finish line; the handler must enter the ring with their second dog before the countdown is complete. If a handler has dogs in different height divisions, and the 10 dog gap cannot be achieved, the 5 minutes will run through while the jump heights are being changed. Please be aware, it is not always possible to give multiple dogs within a group the full dog gap. You will not be given more time than explained above.

Multiple dog conflicts in the UKI 1-TDC North American Championship Finals:

In the final a handler has earned their running order and the advantage this brings. However, in previous UKI events the majority of handlers have chosen to create a gap in their running orders. We will therefore automatically move your first dog to a spot earlier in the running order to create a gap of 10 dogs (9 dogs between their runs). If this is unable to be achieved, the 5-minute rule will be used. Handlers who wish to keep their seeded running order must notify the office before 6pm on Thursday of the event. Please note, handlers who chose not to move their dogs will not be given any additional time between their runs. If you keep your running order and are back to back, you will have 60 seconds to switch to your next dog.

-----**IMPORTANT**-----

By entering more than one dog in this event, handlers indicate their acceptance of these rules.

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS – Important information - Please Read

UK Agility International Rules and Regulations apply to the whole event and all people and dogs must comply with these at all times. As a competitor it is your responsibility to be aware of the rules and regulations as they stand at the time of the show. This show will run under the latest UK Agility International rules except where stated in the premium.

All dogs and handlers must enter through UK Agility International in order to compete. You must create an account online through the UKI web site www.ukagilityinternational.com.

Competitors through submission of entry acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of **UK Agility International Rules and Regulations & the US Open Rules** including but not limited to the following rules regarding entry:

Dogs under 18 calendar months of age on the day of the show are not eligible to compete in UK Agility International trials, with the exception of dogs over 15 calendar months of age eligible to compete in Speedstakes.

Entries without fees paid in full will be returned. Separate entry forms must be completed by each competitor and must be signed by the competitor or guardian if the competitor is a minor. Entering online constitutes a signed entry form.

A dog shall be withdrawn from competition if it is: Suffering from any infectious or contagious diseases, interfering with the safety of any person or other animal, likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing.

It is expressly understood that **competitors alone are responsible** for the behavior of their dogs, children and guests. Any competitor whose dogs, children, or guests create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior, may at the discretion of the show management, be asked to remove the offending dogs, children, guests from the event grounds. No refunds of fees will be made in such a case. No aggressive dogs are allowed at any UKI event.

No competitor shall impugn the decision of the judges, UKI officials or show managers.

No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the boundaries of the show.

Should a judge be unable to fulfill the appointment to judge, the show management reserves the right to appoint another judge. Should circumstances so dictate the show manager, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them must be reported to UK Agility International. In the event of abandonment of the show through circumstances beyond our control, the show management may defray such expenses from the entry fee to cover the cost of the show preparation. These accounts will then be made public.

All dogs are entered at this show at their owner's risk and while every care will be taken, the show management and/or UKI will not accept responsibility for loss, damage or injury however caused to dogs, persons or property while at the show.

All competitors **MUST** clean up after their dogs at all times. Failure to do so will result in competitors being asked to leave the show.

Payment of entry fees and service charges shall be made before a competitor may compete. Any unpaid fees or shortfalls to a UK Agility International account must be paid prior to the start of the event. Any fees not received within 30 days of notice shall be reported to UK Agility International. UK Agility International will suspend a dog's/handler's registration until fees are paid in full.

Media Rights Release: Through the entry into this event, all competitors grant to UKI and its affiliated companies, representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permission to use or appropriate his/her and their dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia of identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media known now or in the future. Further, I hereby release UKI and its affiliates, representatives, agents and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of publicity, right of personality, or any similar right.

Rules of Conduct: UKI promotes dog agility pursuant to regulations consistent with international standards as a competitive, spectator sport. All competitors, officials, and event personnel shall conduct themselves in a professional and sportsmanlike manner consistent with the foregoing statement of purpose and seek to uphold, and enhance where possible, the image of the sport and UKI through such conduct and actions.

Each competitor acknowledges through their entry to the UKI 1-TDC North American Invitational that their participation in the event is a privilege and not a right. By virtue of their entry in the event, competitors acknowledge and agree to comply with all UKI rules and regulations, and agree to accept any sanctions that may be imposed for failure to comply. The judge has sole responsibility for determining when it is appropriate to excuse a dog and competitor from the ring based on matters related to competitor misconduct. The UKI head officials have sole responsibility for determining when an infraction should result in expulsion of a competitor, manager, or other team official from the event and/or from future events.

The following is a partial list of infractions on which the judge or UKI officials may take action: Abuse of a dog on the grounds Actions that may have the appearance of abuse of a dog Willful misconduct or interference with a competitor's right to show Any acts of poor sportsmanship Violation of procedural rules Compulsive, correctional training on the grounds Willful misrepresentation on entry forms Willful misrepresentation of animals Dog aggression Failure to exercise diligence in the control of the behavior of their dog. Intimidation and/or impolite confrontation of judges, event officials, event helpers, or other competitors Creating excessive delays as a failure to respect the authority of event officials. In addition, a social media code of conduct is in effect. Cyber bullying of any kind towards event management, UKI, competitors, judges, helpers or volunteers will not be tolerated. Examples of cyber bullying include but are not limited to, communications that seek to intimidate, manipulate, falsely discredit, put down, try to control, rudely confront, demand and comments that try to incite further issues. Any of these cases may sanction removal from the social media page and even lead to expulsion of the event and even further expulsion of organization membership.

Event Entry Refund Policy:

Once an entry and payment has been received there will be no refunds for ANY reason. However, if you notify UKI and your spot is filled by someone on the reserve list, you will receive a 90% refund. 14 days prior to the event (14th March 2024) is the cutoff date where reserves can be called. After this date there will be no refunds for any reason whatsoever. RV & Crating are excluded from this policy.

Bitches in season may compete at the event. A mat must be used on the start line provided by the show management however the handler is responsible for notifying the ring of the need for the mat. You must notify the event management at check-in if your dog is in season or as soon as this happens during the event. As to not to give BIS an advantage, they will continue to run at their assigned run order placement. This allowance is in concurrence with the WAO and UKI rules.

All Judges' decisions are final. Absolutely no video review or video challenge is permitted by the competitor. Please be sure you understand the Rules of Conduct explained above. No handler may approach a judge to question a call either during, immediately after or anytime throughout the event. Any calls in question, the competitor must only ask the Ring Manager.

In the event of extraordinary circumstances outside of the event management's control, the event show management team reserve the right to alter the scheduling and event rules.



2024 1-TDC North American Invitational Crating Selection

Crating locations are in high demand & we don't want you to lose out, so please read all the information & follow the instructions to avoid this.

Crating

- ❖ **Premium Crating Spaces:** All crating spaces will be indoors and climate controlled. The spaces are approximately 4' x 5'. Each crating space is \$100 for the event. No other crating will be allowed inside the arena. (Reactive or disruptive dogs may not be crated in this area). The crating area is on a wooden basketball floor so you must provide waterproof tarps/mats to put your crate on. Anyone found not using these will have their crates removed from the area with no refund.

All crating requests are to be submitted through email to Tara Baggerman
tara.ukiusopen@gmail.com

Crating Selection requests open on Weds January 24th and close Friday March 1st, 2024

Requests received before this date will not be considered. All crating requests will be reserved on a 'first email received' basis from the opening date. Once all available spaces are filled, all remaining requests will be placed on a wait list and you will be notified of this.

Steps to reserve your Crating Selection

Step 1.

- Email Tara with your crating request: tara.ukiusopen@gmail.com

Step 2.

- Upon Tara's receipt of your email, a Confirmation from Tara that your email has been received and confirmed will be sent within 48 hours. From this, you will have 7 days to submit full payment either through postal mail as follows: Payable to **CDogsFly Agility**, c/o Tara Baggerman, PO BOX 591, Greenfield Center, NY 12833
- OR - you may PayPal fees directly to lessons@ukagility.com
- **ALL PAYPAL FEES PAID BY YOU** and you must reference "NAI Crating"
- Email Tara proof of your payment receipt from PayPal.
- Fee's not received within the 7 days will result in the loss of your requested crating space.

Step 3.

- Once full payment is received you will receive a final confirmation email from Tara.

Special Crating Requests - If you would like to be crated with (or next to) someone specific please include that information in your email.

Best efforts will be made to accommodate your special requests, but these requests are not guaranteed.

Waiting to sign up for crating space at the NAI?

It is not recommended that you wait until arriving at the NAI to request a Crating/stall space. There is no guarantee that spaces will still be available. After the close for reservations of March 1st – all further requests will pay an additional \$20 per rental space.

PLEASE NOTE

You will receive a reply within 48 hours of your initial email from Tara to notify you that your email has been received and to confirm your crating request. If you do not receive an email after 48 hours, please immediately follow up again & if there is still no response, likely the email has not been received. Your next step is to immediately email UKI here:

ukiusopen.info@gmail.com

Following up with your email to ensure it has been received is your responsibility – we unfortunately won't be able to do anything about requests that did not reach us. **Please be sure your spam blockers accept Tara's email address.**

PLEASE Get Involved!

Volunteers play an essential role in making sure each area of the 2024 1-TDC North American Invitational runs smoothly. We need YOU to help once again make it a successful event. There will be assigned groups each day with one group in each rotation not competing. This fabulous layout will allow you the opportunity to volunteer and participate in receiving worker vouchers for each class that you help with. These vouchers can be redeemed at the concessioners or any of the wonderful vendors at the event. Also, we will have a daily worker raffle, with some fabulous worker giveaways from our vendors, sponsors or businesses! We promise you'll have plenty of time for your runs and we know you'll have a great time and lots of fun!

If you know of someone who is not running a dog and would be interested in being a bigger part of the NAI, **please contact Katie Oilschlager at Katie.ukiusopen@gmail.com**

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