



# UKI US Open 2024

**November 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>  
Jacksonville Equestrian Center  
Jacksonville, Florida**

Thank you for coming to the US Open. Our goal is for you to have an amazing 5 days competing at this event. The following information should help you with most questions you may have. If you have any questions please email us at [ukiusopen.info@gmail.com](mailto:ukiusopen.info@gmail.com) or check out the information table at the event.

## **Check in 2pm to 5.30pm Tuesday**

Check in to pick up your event T-shirt, crating location, welcome bag, & RV passes, is at the entrance to the main arena near the Concessionaire. If you do not need a WAO measure you may collect your bag on Wednesday from the information table. Times for this will be listed at the information table and may not necessarily be in the morning. A time will be arranged and posted at the table on the day.

## **Information Table**

There will be an information table near the office which is your first port of call for any questions you may have that the premium 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. Please refrain from interrupting the results office directly.

## **Event Briefing**

This will take place in the indoor arena at 6.00pm on Tuesday evening if you'd like to attend. Otherwise, it will be available to view on Facebook as a Live video on the UKI US Open Facebook page at this time providing we have sufficient internet connection. We will also try to publish the briefing notes after the briefing on the event FB page.

## **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. The last app update was carried out just before the 1-TDC Invitational in March this year so if you did not update it then, you will need to do this now. Please update or download it through Google Play or the App store. The link to download from Google Play is: 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 UKI US Open as the update may switch these off.

Some Android users trying to update may get an update failed message. In this case, please uninstall and reinstall the app. (if your update was successful there will be an event called North American Invitational when you go into settings. You do not need to select this event, this is just for information)

## **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 “2024.”

## **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, rather than at the end. Your dog must start on the BIS mat and this is done at your own risk. Mats are 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.

## **Measuring**

ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR WAO TRYOUT WILL BE MEASURED

If you are trying out for the WAO and have not yet had a WAO measurement, you will need to be measured if you are jumping 20, 16, 12 or 8 inches. **24 inch dogs (trying out for WAO 600) do not need measuring.**

- Measuring will begin at 3.00pm on Tuesday and will promptly end at 5pm. Please note – this day was published in the premium and the WAO application.
- If you cannot make this time, you risk being measured out of the height you are trying out for and if this is the case we will NOT be able to move you to the higher jump height after Tuesday 5.30pm and therefore you will have to compete at your entered height; withdrawing from the WAO try out.
- If you are trying out and need either a UKI measure for your temporary or permanent measure, you can use this measure for this. Please let the measurer know at the time of measuring. It is your responsibility to know the new measuring rules from the 10th edition UKI rule book.
- Those not trying out for WAO, we will not be measuring any dogs not trying out for WAO - If you do not yet have a UKI measure and you have a height card with an actual measure on it from another organization please email [laura@ukagility.com](mailto:laura@ukagility.com) with a scan or picture.

## **Schedule of the events:**

Please print out a copy of the timetable or access it via the US Open link at the UKI web page. 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 computer monitors at each ring – **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 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 so we can be sure everyone gets their runs in before dark. We do not want you to miss your 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**

Course times will be decided by the judges at this event.

## **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 US Open Documents page of the UKI Website, the US Open UKI Facebook page, and Agility Gate.

### **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 leaving the ring**

- Upon entering the ring for all of 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 70 second maximum course time will be in effect.
- Upon 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 and you may not approach judges after the class to review your run on your personal video.

### **Awards & Podiums**

We want to celebrate your results in the US Open events! The timeline 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. If you have placed 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the combined scores (for Winner Takes All only 1<sup>st</sup> place awards will be presented and for Last Chance Masters 1<sup>st</sup> in Agility, 1<sup>st</sup> in Jumping and 1<sup>st</sup> – 4th Overall will be presented) please have you and your dog ready to attend based on the schedule. As already mentioned, we are running a very tight schedule due to daylight. Prizegiving's will go ahead as scheduled so please be there to attend.

### **Rolling Podium Procedure**

The 4 Legged Flix Speedstakes Final, The Agility Challenge Games Challenge Final, Ernie's Pro Shop Biathlon Agility, Saint Rocco's Treats Team Relay & Agility Gate UKI National Championship Final will all follow this procedure. Once you have finished your run - if your run has moved you into the top 3 places of the Final, you will be directed to this podium place. 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 placing. At the completion of the class height, the top 3 already be in their podium spots, will immediately be awarded their prizes. Podium pictures will be taken at this time as well.

### **Progression info to the next rounds \***

*The below summarizes progression onto the next rounds within the classes, these may vary from the premium. Please be sure you understand all the other general class rules. These can be found in the premium.*

**GAMES CHALLENGE** – 17.5% or top 6, whichever is higher, plus guaranteed runs, in each jump height from the Snooker will progress onto the Gamblers round. Eliminations will not move forward.

**AGILITY BIATHLON** – Top 20% or top 6, whichever is higher, plus guaranteed runs, in each jump height from the Jumping will progress onto the Agility. Eliminations will not move forward.

**UKI NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP** – The top 50% of the Rd 1 entry (this does not include the Rd2 Byes in this calculation) or top 10 in each height, whichever is higher, will progress to Rd 2. Eliminations will not move forward. The top 8 from Rd 2, excluding the UKI Cup Winners and 1-TDC Final winners, in each height will qualify for the Final. Eliminations will not move forward.

**SPEEDSTAKES CHALLENGE** - Top 10% or top 5, whichever is higher (Progression will exclude the dogs that have an automatic bye into the Final in each height), in each jump height from the Semi Final will progress onto the Final. Eliminations will not move forward.

**LAST CHANCE MASTERS HEAT** – All run in both non-seeded classes. Winners of each class qualify for the Masters Final. Top 4 Overall also qualify for the Masters Final.

**MASTERS SERIES FINAL** – All prequalified and any new dogs that qualify from the Last Chance Heat will run in both non seeded rounds of the Masters Final.

**CHALLENGER ROUND** – Non-seeded class available if the dog is not in the UKI National Championship Final. If you are in this Final, this class is not available. If eligible, you will automatically be placed in this class. If you are a no show in R1 (and you do not have a R2 Bye) you are not eligible for the challenger class. If you progress to Rd 2, or have a Rd 2 bye, and are a no show in that round, you are not eligible for the challenger class.

*\*Any further changes will be announced. UKI reserves the right to rule on anything at the event not clarified in the rules*

**TEAM** – The top 15 teams after the individual class scores are combined, will move forwards to the Team Relay final, in addition to the 3 Festival Team winners.

If you have a guaranteed run in the Gamblers or Biathlon Agility (due to your results at the 1-TDC Invitational) and you are a no show in the Snooker or Biathlon Jumping then you are not eligible to podium in the combined class (Games Challenge or Biathlon) even if you have the highest points. This is further clarification of the rule in the premium regarding no shows.

### Video

4 Legged Flix will be videoing all runs, bring your flash drives for immediate transfer of your runs!

### Equipment

The equipment for the Open is provided by Run it! Ultimate Dog Agility Equipment. All the **equipment used at the Open will be available for purchase!!! Please contact Liana for details – islandlife101@hotmail.com**

*Spread jump used at the Open: Please note the ascending spread jump will be made using 2 jumps. Select heights have no spread jumps.*

### Crating

Crating options are listed in the Premium. If you have not made a crating selection yet, stall crating can still be purchased for an increased fee. A full stall is \$130 and a half stall is \$75. Please email Tara to reserve your stall in advance: [Tara.UKIUSOpen@gmail.com](mailto:Tara.UKIUSOpen@gmail.com) Premium crating is full. You are also welcome to crate from your car for free. There is no free crating inside the arena.

### Parking

There is ample parking available for free and the equestrian center will guide you to the location on the day. **YOU MAY NOT PARK IN FRONT OF THE BARNS OR ANYWHERE IN THE VICINITY OF POSTED NO PARKING SIGNS.** If you are found parking here you will be asked to leave the facility without refund. This is a facility rule.

### RV's

ALL RV Spots have been assigned. You will have already been given your assigned spot and must only park in this spot. Please make sure you review the information about your spot and look at the maps that can be found on the Event RV page at <https://ukagilityinternational.com/events/uki-us-open/ukiusopenrv>.

For any problems or issues please call or text our RV Manager Keith Landers at 678-427-6180.

### USA WAO Team Practice Ring and fundraising

There will be a practice ring starting Tuesday afternoon until Sunday. The practice ring hours each day will be from show opening time until dusk. On Sunday the closing time is TBD. We are in need of a few volunteers to help with set up and tear down of the practice ring. Please e-mail Karen Holik at [karen@oncourseagility.com](mailto:karen@oncourseagility.com) if you are able to help.

All proceeds go to USA WAO Team. Equipment in the practice ring is all Galican equipment. A special thank you to RUN IT! ULTIMATE DOG AGILITY EQUIPMENT for providing the majority of the equipment to the Team. Another thank you to Jaimie Weber for providing additional jumps so that we can have a fifth training station. Those who participate will be provided a wristband to show your support of the team and gain entrance to the practice ring. Equipment layout will be moved by USA WAO team management at least once during the event.

If you are interested in signing up to use the practice ring see Karen Holik at US Open check in to register and pay. Alternatively, you can prepay. Payments received on or before November 18 5pm EST will pay a discounted rate of \$55. Click the QR code below to pay in advance:



Additional practice ring rules:

- Food and toys allowed
- Nothing may be fastened or attached to any equipment other than the Galican stride regulators which are provided
- Mats may be laid on the equipment, but may not be attached
- **EQUIPMENT MAY NOT BE MOVED.** Moving equipment will result in expulsion from the event with no refund. Teeter, spread and long jump direction may be reversed.
- If others are waiting, max time is 2 minutes
- Entered and non-entered dogs may participate. Handlers and dogs must be registered with UKI and dogs must be at least 15 months of age.
- Not adhering to these rules may result in expulsion from the event or being barred from using the practice ring with no refunds

### **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 7 groups so every group will have at least a rotation off every day and we'd appreciate your help at this time. Thank you very much to all those who volunteered to help during registration. If you have not yet volunteered, we'd be grateful if you would 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 at the following link: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1myHsFv33wPGKJJiMXIpj7fd7Pq9\\_zhc6rENIufcJ5g/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1myHsFv33wPGKJJiMXIpj7fd7Pq9_zhc6rENIufcJ5g/edit?usp=sharing) Otherwise, we'll have ring sign ups on the day.

For helping you will receive tickets for both our amazing daily "Volunteer Giveaway" and "2024 US OPEN Worker Bucks" that you can use at any of the vendors including the facility food vendor.

If you work all 5 days, you will be entered into the "Grand Prize" draw which will give one lucky person:

- A free full entry for one dog to the US Open 2025 and first refusal on a guaranteed RV reservation.

Prizes that our amazing volunteers can win in the daily "Volunteer Giveaway" include:

- A Cato Board,
- \$150.00 Midwest Cup Entry,
- Vendor Gift Certificates,
- A free entry for 1 dog in the Winner Takes All class at the 2025 US Open,
- A free entry for 1 dog in the US Open Agility class at the 2025 US OPEN,

That's all in addition to a whole host of other exciting worker baskets. We have around 8-10 prize baskets each day.

To help reduce the use of single use plastics, all helpers will also be given a reusable US OPEN water bottle that can be filled up with the water dispenser at the helper's snacks area. There will be labels & markers for you to mark your water bottle so please only take one.

### **Build Crew Party**

The 2024 US Open promises to be more amazing than ever!! We have 6 rings under cover to provide the best experiences for you and your dogs!

*Time To PARTY!!!* I mean, the Course Build Party!!!! We can't run these courses without getting them built, so join the course build party! Join us here: <https://forms.gle/wnEKUDsHvtWYTDJKA>

The 2024 Course Build Party helps streamline the event. This year we will tear down the courses at the end of each day (so event staff can 'work the dirt') and build the next courses the following morning. Stay tuned for times! Lots of people to help will make the very quick and easy - plus we will keep you fully caffeinated if that is what you need for the AM builds. Check out the prizes and food for our volunteers!

FOOD!!

All members of the Build Party will be given an afternoon tear down party with snacks and drinks as well as a mini breakfast buffet to help you jumpstart your day as you help us build the courses. That will include coffee, tea, orange juice, bagels, donuts, hard boiled eggs, and some other breakfast delights!

AND YES! You will all get to enjoy the FLOpen pudding shots too! (But not for breakfast :))

You can volunteer as much as you like, or step in when you can - we appreciate all of your help! Feel free to volunteer your 'other half' as well! Partners, family members, and travel companions are more than welcome. We promise they will have a blast!

## **BUILD AND WIN!**

**YES, THERE WILL BE MORE GAMES AND PRIZES FOR MEMBERS OF THE COURSE BUILD PARTY!!!**

**Prizes? Did someone say prizes? Yes!** By volunteering, you are eligible to win various prizes individual prizes (toys and stuff) drawn each day. This year, we are giving away 3 levels of prizes:

\* 2 Full, guaranteed, FREE (as in, you don't have to pay) RV parking spots!

\* 5 Skip-The-Lottery RV spots (guaranteed spot but you will pay for it)

\* Daily prize givings of Gift Cards and Dog Toys

Stay tuned for a variety of ways to Build And Win!

The fun begins on Tuesday (setup day) and goes through Sunday!

Fill out the form below for more info, to receive updates, and to join the fun!

Questions? Contact Tracy Sklenar at [agilitydals@yahoo.com](mailto:agilitydals@yahoo.com)

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

Please remember to keep a level head and show good sportsmanship at all times. 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**

**From the North:** Take I95 South to I10. Take I10 West to Cecil Commerce Parkway. Exit #350. Turn right off the exit ramp. Go 3.8 miles. Turn right on Normandy Boulevard. Travel 2.5 miles to the Jacksonville Equestrian Center, on right.

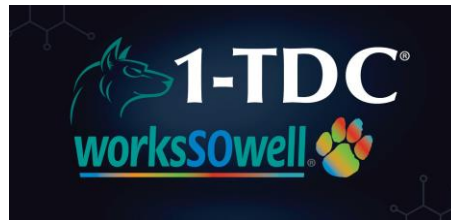
**From the South:** Take I95 North to I295 North. Take I295 North to 103<sup>rd</sup> Street, Exit #16. Turn left off the exit ramp. Go 7.8 miles. Turn right on New World Avenue. Go one block, turn left on Normandy Boulevard. Travel 1 mile to the Jacksonville Equestrian Center, on right.

**From the West:** Take I10 East to Cecil Commerce Parkway. Exit #350. Turn left off the exit ramp. Go 3.8 miles. Turn right on Normandy Boulevard. Travel 2.5 miles to the Jacksonville Equestrian Center, on right.

Please show your appreciation to our class sponsors by clicking on the blue link to visit their webpages and visiting their vendor stands at the event.



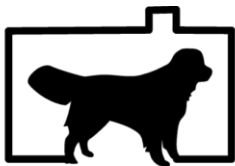
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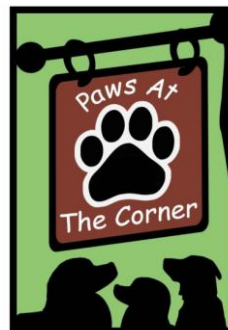


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