

UKI DASH (Dog Agility Streamlined Handling) TOURNAMENTS

This new series of agility tournaments provides a fresh platform for competitors who love flowing & fast courses, allowing for streamlining in handling (mid-range technical handling skills, no combined multiple-handling maneuvers). Logical lines for dogs and handlers on courses with manageable distances. Any UKI level may participate, as these events are designed to be accessible to all competitors. A key difference is that the FUSION agility courses will still have three contact passes using either the A-frame or teeter, with one of these contacts requiring two passes. The course designs will align with the Senior UKI level, offering logical, flowing layouts with minimal off-course traps (E.g. no threadles, with backside approaches on the dog's line and easy for the handler to support). This streamlined approach allows handlers and dogs to focus on refining their skills and achieving smooth, efficient runs. In 2026, there will be 10 tournaments across North America that will make up the two events. Additionally, this ethos will extend to the inaugural UKI DASH Open scheduled for July 9-11, 2027 at Wide World of Indoor Sports, North Kingstown, RI.

The Steeplechase DASH Challenge & Final and the DASH Triathlon.

The Steeplechase DASH Challenge rounds are based on Speedstakes and Steeplechase courses. The DASH Triathlon comprises a Jumping round, a FUSION Agility and a Speedstakes.

Dog Path distances on all courses range from 20-28 feet with an average maximum distance of 25 feet.

1. Steeplechase DASH Challenge & Final

Scoring: Faults converted to time. 1:1. i.e. 5 faults equals 5 seconds

Eliminations will score 50 faults with 50 second course time.

Three preliminary rounds and a Final

- Rd 1 - Speedstakes (jumps & tunnels). Clear rounds will earn *4 level points in Speedstakes*
- Rd 2 – Speedstakes Jumping (Jumps, tunnels 1 x weave). Clear rounds will earn *4 level points in Jumping*
- Rd 3 - Steeplechase (jumps, tunnels, 1 x AF, 1 x weave). *No progression points awarded.*

The top 10 or top 25% (whichever is higher) from the combined rounds 1-3 will progress into the Final. (Any No Show or NFC rounds in the above classes do not progress.)

- Final - Speedstakes class. *No progression points awarded.*

SDC Final Winner Award – Gains a Bye into Steeplechase DASH Challenge Final at The UKI DASH Open.

2. DASH Triathlon

Scoring: Least faults wins with time as a tiebreaker.

Eliminations will score 100 faults with 50 second course time.

Three Rounds with results combined to determine the winner

- Rd 1 FUSION Agility (3 contact passes). Clear rounds will earn *4 level points in Agility*
- Rd 2 Jumping. Clear rounds will earn *4 level points in Jumping*

- Rd 3 Speedstakes. Clear rounds will earn *4 level points in Speedstakes*

(Any No Show or NFC rounds in the above classes will not be placed.)

DASH Triathlon Winner Award - Gains a Bye into FUSION DASH Pentathlon Final at The UKI DASH Open

The DASH Tourney Overall Winner

Each jump height will produce the best scoring dog based on the overall results of those who ran in the Steeplechase DASH Challenge Final and the results of the DASH Triathlon. The winner will gain a bye into the Speedstakes Final at both the USO & WCO & will also gain a Rd 2 Nationals Bye at the USO & CO. If the overall winner has not already achieved a bye for one of the Finals at the DASH Open, they may choose one of the Finals as their automatic Bye.

The tabulation for the Overall winner will be based on the number of dogs entered within each jump height in both events. The event winner (i.e. Steeplechase DASH Challenge Final) will receive the highest points equal to the total number entered in that jump height. Example: If 10 dogs are entered in the 24-inch height in the Steeplechase Challenge, then the winner will receive 10 points, 2nd place 9, 3rd place 8 and so on. All dogs entered will receive the points based upon their ranking, even if they are not eligible for the Overall awards. Eliminations in the Steeplechase Challenge Final will receive 0 points.

- Only dogs progressing into the Final of the Steeplechase DASH Challenge are eligible for the Overall tabulation.
- A no-show or NFC in any class will result in disqualification from any awards or progression for that event and overall winner result.
- If a dog is eliminated in the Final, they are no longer eligible for the overall award.
- If a dog obtains TWO eliminations in the Triathlon event, they are no longer eligible for the Overall award.
- In the event of a tie for the overall winner, the Steeplechase DASH Challenge Final placement will be the deciding factor.
- Should a dog win the overall result and has previously obtained this result at another DASH Tourney, the result will not move down to the next placed dog.

General Tournament Rules

- Entry is open to everyone irrespective of the dog's UKI level.
- Dogs and handlers must be registered with UKI.
- Each class has a separate competition for each jump height.
- Dogs may only compete at one height throughout the whole event.
- Dogs may only compete with one handler in DASH Tournament Classes. If this rule is broken handlers and dogs will be disqualified from the whole DASH event.
- Classes will be run in strict running order. Running orders will be randomly drawn for all rounds except the Steeplechase DASH Challenge Final.
- Failure to be on the start 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 in the premium. Any further amendments will be posted on the trial's social media page for the event.
- In the event of a tie for a progression place in the Triathlon, the result from the FUSION Agility will decide the winner followed by the result from the Jumping.
- In the event of a tie for a progression place into a final, both dogs will go through to the Final.

- In the event of a tie for a top 3 overall podium in a Final, a runoff will be required. If a competitor chooses not to run in a runoff, they forfeit their place, and the higher place will go to the other competitor. A coin toss will determine the placings if both competitors do not want to run in a runoff.
- In the event of a tie to determine the running order in the Steeplechase DASH Challenge Final, a coin toss will determine the running order.
- A no-show in any class or any round of an event will result in disqualification from that event, including prizes and awards and will incur 1000 faults.
- UKI reserves the right to rule at the event on anything not covered in these rules and in any exceptional circumstances.
- The Steeplechase DASH Challenge and Final will use a scoring of 5 faults = 5 seconds. The FUSION DASH Triathlon will use the least faults wins with time as a tiebreaker.
- FUSION DASH Pentathlon Agility classes must have 3 contact passes per course, the Dogwalk may not be used.
- Courses may have up to 22 obstacles at this event.
- The minimum and maximum distances (dogs' path according to the course design program) will be 20-28 feet with an average maximum distance of 25 feet.
- 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 a refund on any course you do not wish to run due to course design and/or environmental factors.