



November 20-24, 2024

Jacksonville Equestrian Center
13611 Normandy Blvd
Jacksonville, FL 32221

Entry Closes OCTOBER 7

No entries accepted after this date.
Online Entries Only at the UKI web site
ukagilityinternational.com
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With gratitude to
Our Amazing Volunteer Event Team

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PREMIUM OF AGILITY
(held under UK Agility International Rules & Regulations)

Featured Competitions & Sponsors:

Agility Gate
UKI National Championship

1-TDC
Masters Series Final

Ernie's Agility Pro Shop
Agility Biathlon

The Agility Challenge
Games Challenge

4 Legged Flix
Speedstakes Challenge

Synchrony Chiropractic
US Open Agility

Barking Dog Images
Winner Takes All \$\$\$ Jumping

SpectraVET Therapeutic Lasers
Last Chance Masters Heat

Saint Rocco's Treats
Team Event

Paws At The Corner
Challenger Round

Agility University
Junior Award

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



By entering this event you agree to check you entry details by the specified deadlines when we request for you to do so. This will be after the close of the show entries.

Making changes after this deadline will not be allowed because you did not check your details when requested to do so. We will be asking for each competitor to check their information and that their entries are correct. It is your responsibility to stay apprised of announcements to check information we put out. These announcements will be through the GAC app and the US Open Facebook page. We will NOT be emailing out this information.

GAC App Information – This will be used for pre event and during event announcements.

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: https://play.google.com/store/search?q=gac%20systems&c=apps&hl=en_GB&gl=US

The link to download from the App store is: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/gac-systems/id1639446944>

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.

(To know that your update was successful, when you go into settings, one of the events listed will be the North American Invitational. If you don't see this event you will need to try updating again)

Qualified Bye info MUST BE EMAILED to ukiusopen.info@gmail.com

There are several different events in which it is possible to gain a Bye into the later rounds. Rules listed on pages 6-9
If you are not fully qualified but anticipate doing so before the closing date, please withhold entering until you have all requirements.

- Please send the filled out tracker pages with all necessary information. Do not send partial information. If you are even 1 class short, this does not constitute a Bye and therefore should not be sent and it will be deleted. For 1-TDC winners, please email your information as there is no place for this on the current tracker.
- The tracker is a fillable PDF. We urge you to type in the information so that it can be sent as a pdf that is clear and can easily be emailed. Pictures and scans will not be accepted if the file is too large to download or too poor in quality to read.
- The tracker can be found on the UKI webpage at this link:
[Bye Tracker 2024](#)
- Once your information has been received, you will receive an email with receipt of the tracker within 72 hours. If you have not heard back from us after 72 hours, we have not received it. It is your responsibility to follow up with the office to ensure your information has been received. Again, no exceptions.
- Make sure that ukiusopen.info@gmail.com is a trusted email and not blocked by your spam filters.
- **Failure to submit this information by the closing date of OCTOBER 7 & not receiving a confirmation from us will void any Byes you may have gained. No exceptions.**

➤ **Ring description**

6 Rings are in use during the competition. 6 indoor arena rings with groomed dirt flooring. If entries increase dramatically, 2 outdoor natural turf rings may also be used.

➤ **Practice Ring**

A set practice ring with contact equipment is available all weekend– profit from this ring will go to the USA WAO team. **Please see info on page 15 of this premium.**

➤ **Measuring**

Please read, especially WAO tryouts

If you are a UKI member please make sure you have any needed UKI measure completed at any UKI trials you attend prior to your entry.

Measuring at the US Open is for WAO tryout dogs only. If your dog has not been measured you must get measured at a local UKI trial or if you have a height card with an **actual measurement** from another organization, please scan a copy & email it to ukiusopen.info@gmail.com when you enter. WAO Measuring will be with the official WAO measure which is a very precise instrument and measures in mm at the highest point of the withers. Measuring will be 3pm – 5pm Tuesday. Please note: All dogs trying out for the WAO team USA are strongly recommended to be measured if not done previously. If you have been measured at a prior WAO tryout or at a prior WAO event, you do not need to be re-measured. Dogs trying out for WAO 600 do not need measuring. **Measuring will NOT take place after Tuesday. If you do not make this measuring session, you take your chances in your tryout height entered. Your US Open entry height will not be changed after Tuesday 5.30pm. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

➤ **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

➤ **Competitor T-shirts**

Each handler will receive a free UKI Event T-shirt with their entry into the US Open. Handlers must be entered into at least the UKI National Championships, Biathlon Agility and Speedstakes Challenge classes to receive a T shirt. Please select your desired t -shirt size during the online entry process. Additional T-shirts can be ordered for \$25.00 by contacting Katie.ukiusopen@gmail.com T shirts are Unisex in size.

➤ **Crating Selection**

There are a number of options for crating. Please see below for detailed information to book your spot. Crating reservations open Thursday Sept 26th, 2024 at 12:01 EST and are only available through email to Tara.ukiusopen@gmail.com. Emails received before Sept 26th, will be disregarded.

➤ **Emergency Veterinarians:**

904-560-8006 **Orange Park Animal Hospital**
9680 Argyle Forst Blvd, Suite #28, Jacksonville, FL 32222
<https://www.orangeparkvet.com/>
Mon-Fri 08:00 – 19:00, Sat 08:00 – 18:00
904-646-1287 **Blue Pearl Emergency Pet Hospital**
3444 Southside Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32216
<https://bluepearlvet.com/hospital/jacksonville-fl/>
Emergency 24/7

➤ **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 103rd 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.

➤ **Hotels & RV's**

RV information can be found at the following link on the UKI webpage <https://ukagilityinternational.com/events/uki-us-open/ukiusopenrv>

These hotels have previously allowed dogs. **Please make sure you check their current policy when you contact them to enquire about reservations.**

Holiday Inn Express.

537 Chaffee Point Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32221 (904) 652-2782

Motel 6

6107 Youngerman Circle, Jacksonville, FL 32244, (904) 777-6100

La Quinta

3199 Hartley Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257, (904) 268-9999

Hospitality Inn

7071 103rd Street, Jacksonville, FL 32210, (800) 772-8929

➤ **US Open Announcements**

GAC app to receive all text announcements (see page 2 above for full details)

Facebook – US Open UKI <https://www.facebook.com/USOpenUKI>

UKI Web page - <https://ukagilityinternational.com/events/uki-us-open/>

UKI Documents page - all the event documents as they are published on the US Open 2024 Documents page:

<https://ukagilityinternational.com/events/uki-us-open/uki-us-open-documents-2024>

Further details will be posted in the confirmation letter regarding the event app.

➤ **Entry Checklist**

We have created a checklist attached to this premium to help ensure you have not missed anything when entering the US Open. Please be sure to review it! It is there to help you!

- ☛ **Please be aware: Any changes after the process and initial check of entries will result in a \$20 admin fee per change.**
- ☛ **No entries after the closing date will be accepted.**

➤ **Paying entry by Check?**

Checks made payable to: CDogsFly Agility

Mail to: Tara Baggerman – (US Open)
PO Box 591, Greenfield Center, NY 12833

Please note your UKI number and handler name along with payment. If more than one handler, please state this as well, along with their information.

All checks must be received no later than Oct 11 or a \$15.00 late fee will be issued.

Please note: Checks will be deposited the week before the Event.

➤ **Questions?**

Please contact us at ukiusopen.info@gmail.com

Class Name	Summary of Classes	FEE
US Open Agility	One off class with individual result. This is also one of two team classes with scores used as part of qualification for the Team Relay Final. You can enter this class even if you are not on a Team.	\$26
Speedstakes Challenge	Two Speedstakes rounds which are NOT combined. The first round is the semi-final and is the qualifying round for the second round which is the Speedstakes Final.	\$38
Winner Takes All Jumping	Fast Jumping course. Cash prizes for winners! This is also one of two team classes with scores used as part of qualification for the Team Relay Final. You can enter this class even if you are not on a Team.	\$30
UKI US National Championships	Three one off rounds: Rd 1 is Jumping, Rd 2 and the Final will be Agility classes. Rd 1 is a qualifying round to progress to Rd 2 which is a qualifying round to progress to the Rd 3 Final.	\$40
Games Challenge	Snooker round and Gamblers round with the results combined.	\$38
Agility Biathlon	Jumping round and an Agility round with the results combined	\$38
Masters Series Last Chance Heat	Agility round and a Jumping round with results combined. Faults converted into time. 5 faults = 3 seconds	\$38
Masters Series Final	Agility round and a Jumping round with the results combined. Faults converted into time. 5 faults = 3 seconds. Partnerships must have qualified through a Masters heat.	\$38
Challengers Round	Agility class that is a one-off round for those that have run the National Championship Rd1 and/or Rd 2 & have not made it into the UKI National Championship Final. The winner of this class gains a place in UKI National Final.	No fee
Team	3 dog team event. The results from the Agility and Winner Takes All Jumping are combined with the Top 15 teams progressing to the Team Relay Final. A Team Captain must be designated to enter the event for the team.	\$26 per team

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE – classes are subject to change based upon event entry. If entering, please be prepared to run Wednesday through to Sunday. Classes may change days. There are no refunds available due to schedule changes.

<p>Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crating set up 2pm to 6pm - Check in 2pm to 5.30pm - WAO Measuring afternoon 3pm to 5pm <p>(measuring will not take place any other day or time)</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biathlon Jumping - Speedstakes Challenge Semi-final - UKI Nationals Round 1 Jumping
<p>Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Games Challenge Snooker - Last Chance Masters Heat Jumping - Last Chance Masters Heat Agility - Speedstakes Challenge Final - 	<p>Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Masters Final Jumping - Masters Final Agility - UKI Nationals Round 2 Agility - Games Challenge Gamblers
<p>Saturday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winner Takes All Jumping - US Open Agility - Biathlon Agility 	<p>Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Challenger Round - Team Relay Final - UKI Nationals Final

General Competition Rules

- Entry is open to everyone, in all classes except the Masters Series Final and Challenger, with no pre-qualification necessary.
- This event is open to all dogs and handlers irrespective of their level in UKI.
- 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 with one handler through the entire event.
- Handlers who have earned any Byes or pre-qualifications into events, must be the same handler to run at the US Open. If there is a change in handler, all byes or prequalification will be void and unable to be used.
- 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. If you are measured into a different height from your entry you will be 1st in the new height running orders.
- 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.
- Progression percentages/cutoff amounts for the second rounds for Biathlon Agility, Speedstakes Final & Gamblers will be determined and announced once the show entries are processed. ** (2023 information listed below for an idea)
- In the event of a tie for a progression place both dogs will go through to the next round.
- 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.
- 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 the US Open.
- 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.
- If you have not submitted your bye information at the time of entry you must do so by the deadline of October 7th or your bye(s) will be void.
- Masters Last Chance Heat and Final will use scoring of 5 faults = 3 seconds.
- Courses may have up to 22 obstacles at this event.
- Minimum and maximum distances (dogs path according to CRCD) will be adhered to.
18' minimum – 33' maximum to & from tunnels,
18' minimum – 30' maximum to all other equipment,
Maximum 30' measured from obstacle to obstacle regardless of side taken to a backside and a 180 wrap,
Distances average 28'.
- US Open 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.

Change of Handler

If you are the owner of a dog that someone else will be running or if you are running another UKI member's dog not listed under your UKI account, you must notify us of this change by emailing ukiusopen.info@gmail.com as soon as you make your entry and no later than the closing date of this event. We will not automatically put change of handlers in the same group as the dog's owners so you must also ensure that if you request the new handler to be paired with by the closing date.

US Open Agility Sponsored by Synchrony Chiropractic

- A UKI Agility class.
- Least faults win with time used as a tie-breaker.
- Results used in Team Final Qualification.
- This class can be entered regardless of dog/handler being entered on a Team.

Winner Takes All \$\$ Jumping Sponsored by Barking Dog Images

- A portion from each entry will go to the prize fund. Winner from each jump height will win the total amount tallied for that jump height.
- Consists of a fast Jumping course.
- Least faults win with time used as a tie-breaker.
- Results used in Team Final Qualification.
- This class can be entered regardless of dog/handler being entered on a Team.

Speedstakes Challenge Sponsored by 4 Legged Flix

- Consists of a qualifying (semi-final) round and a Final. Results are not combined.
- Least faults win with time as the tie-break only.
- Running order for Final will be in reverse order of the semi-final result.
- A progression percentage or number of dogs to move to the Final will be announced after the show entries close and are processed. Progression will exclude the dogs that have an automatic bye into the Final in each height.
- Final bye earned throughout the year at local UKI trials from Oct 2nd 2023 – Sept 30th 2024. Dog and handler partnership must be a Classic Pentathlon winner.
- The North American Invitational Blue Ribbon Final winner from 1-TDC 2024 will get an automatic Bye into the Speedstakes Final.
- Automatic Byes to the Final must enter the Speedstakes Challenge event – the result from the Semi-Final round will determine your running order in the final but if you choose not to run or are eliminated, you will run first in the run order for the final. A random draw will take place if there is more than one dog in this position.
- Eliminations in the qualifying round will not progress to the Final.
- Eliminations in Final will not be placed in the Speedstakes Challenge.

UKI National Championship Sponsored by Agility Gate

- Consists of Rd 1, Rd 2 (semifinal), and Final. Rd 1 is a Jumping class. Rd 2 and the Final are Agility classes.
- Each round is a separate competition (scores are not cumulative).
- In each round the dog with the least faults will be deemed the winner with time used as a tie breaker.
- Rd 2 Bye earned throughout the year at local UKI trials from Oct 2nd, 2023 – Sep 30th, 2024. To earn an automatic bye into Rd 2, dog and handler partnerships must have earned six (6) Agility clear rounds and six (6) Jumping clear rounds & two (1 jumping & 1 agility) of these results must be obtained on the same day. Two (2) Games class qualifying scores (Snooker, Gamblers, Snakes & Ladders, Power & Speed) and Two (2) Speedstakes clear rounds. Clear rounds have no time or course faults and can be obtained from current level dog is working at, including Masters Heat classes (not available for Nursery).
- Rd 2 Byes are also awarded to Reserve Cup winner or Classic All Clear Biathlon winner or Festival Overall Winner.
- Automatic Rd 2 Byes will not run in Rd 1 and will be placed into Rd 2 automatically after confirming the Bye is legitimate.
- **Progressing to Rd 2 from Rd1:** 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).
- Running orders for Round 2 will be random draw.
- National final byes are earned by an Overall US Cup Winner from Oct 2nd, 2023 – Sep 30th, 2024 or by a North American Invitational Blue Ribbon Final Winner at 1-TDC in 2024.
- **Progressing to Finals:** The top 8 from Round 2, excluding the dogs that have an automatic bye into the Final in each height will qualify for the Final (eliminations will not move forward).
- Running orders for the Final will be reverse order of round 2 results.
- Those with automatic Bye into the Final may still enter Rd 2 – the result from Rd 2 will place your running order in the Final. Elimination or a No Show in Rd 2 will run 1st in the final. A random draw will take place if there is more than one dog in this position.

Games Challenge sponsored by The Agility 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 Gamblers will run in reverse order of Snooker results.
- Eliminations (dogs not stopping the timers by going over the finish jump) will score 0 points with 100 seconds as the course time.
- Zero points or elimination in the Snooker round will not move on to the Gamblers round.
- Eliminations in the Gamblers round will not be placed in the Games Challenge.
- A progression percentage or number of dogs to move to the Gamblers will be announced after the show entries close and are processed.
- The Games Overall winner from 1-TDC 2024 will get a guaranteed run in the Gamblers round. The result from the Snooker will place your running order in the Final. If you are not within the progression cut off then you will run 1st in the final.
- 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 Sponsored by Ernie's Agility Pro Shop

- 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 Agility will be in reverse order of Jumping results.
- Eliminations in the Jumping round will not progress to the Agility round.
- A progression percentage or number of dogs to move to the Biathlon Agility will be announced after the show entries close and are processed.
- The Biathlon Overall winner from 1-TDC 2024 will get a guaranteed run in the Biathlon Agility.
- The result from the Biathlon Jumping will place your running order in the Final. If you are not within the progression cut off then you will run 1st in the final
- 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.
- Eliminations in the Agility round will not be placed in the Agility Biathlon.

Masters Series Last Chance Heat Sponsored by SpectraVET Therapeutic Lasers

- Consists of an Agility round and a Jumping round with results combined
- Running order for both classes will be in random order for this event.
- Faults converted into seconds: **5 faults = 3 seconds** and time faults treated the same as course faults but converted on a 1:1 ratio.
- Cumulative scoring; dog with the lowest score wins.
- Winners in each height of the Agility round and the Jumping round qualify for the Masters Series Final.
- 1st - 4th place overall will qualify for the Masters Series Final.
- In the event of a tie for the combined results, the result from the Agility round will be the deciding factor. If there is still a tie for a podium place, the dogs will compete in a run-off on the Agility course.
- Eliminations will result in 50 faults with a 50 second course time.
- Dogs that score double elimination will not be placed.
- If a handler qualifies for the Final who has not yet qualified throughout the year, they will need to pay the Masters final fee at the Open to run in the Final.
- There is no prize payout.

Masters Series Final Sponsored by 1-TDC

(DO NOT enter this class online unless you have qualified for it – you will not be refunded if you do)

- All handler and dog partnerships must pre-qualify in a local Masters Heat from Oct 2, 2023 – Sep 30th, 2024 with the exception of the Last Chance Heat held at the US Open.
- Pre-qualification can be gained at;
 - Local US heats by winning the individual Masters Series Agility and/or Jumping classes.
 - Coming 1st & 2nd Overall at a US Masters Series heat.
 - US Cup Overall Winner
 - US Classic Pentathlon Winner
 - Overall Winner from a Canadian Masters Heat Series.
- The Overall Pentathlon Winner and the North American Invitational Blue Ribbon Final Winner at 1-TDC 2024 have an automatic bye into the Masters Series Final.
- The Winners in each height of the Agility Round and the Jumping round, together with the 1st – 3rd Overall Podium places at West Coast Open 2024 also pre-qualify for this class.
- Consists of Agility round and a Jumping round with results combined.
- Running order for both classes will be in random order for this event.
- Cumulative scoring; dog with the lowest score wins.
- Faults converted into seconds: **5 faults = 3 seconds**. Time faults treated as course faults but converted on a 1:1 ratio.
- In the event of a tie for the combined results, the result from the Agility round will be the deciding factor. If there is still a tie for a podium place, the dogs will compete in a run-off on the Agility course.
- Eliminations will result in 50 faults with a 50 second course time.
- Dogs that score double elimination will not be placed.
- A portion from each entry will go to the prize fund. Winner from each jump height will win the total amount tallied for that jump height.

Challenger Round Sponsored by Paws At The Corner

- This class will be made up of dogs that ran in the UKI National Championships Rd 1 and/or Rd 2 and did not progress through to the SUNDAY UKI National Championship Final. (If you are a no show in Round 1 and/or Round 2 and that is not due to having a Bye, then you will not be eligible for this class)
- Consists of an Agility class that is a one-off round with scores from previous rounds irrelevant.
- Least faults win with time used as a tie breaker.
- The winner qualifies to run in the UKI National Championship Final. They will run first in the Final (eliminations will not move forward).

Team Sponsored by Saint Rocco's Treats

- Teams consist of any 3 dogs and any 3 handlers from any jump heights (select and regular). A handler cannot have 2 dogs on the same team. A dog can only be on one team
- Handlers with multiple dogs may compete in multiple teams provided that one dog is only on one team.
- Each Team must be entered with a Team Name of under 30 characters including spaces.
- Least faults win with time as tie-breaker only, in all aspects of the Team event
- The six individual results from each dog/handler partnership in the US Open Agility class and the Winner Takes All jumping will be combined.
- The top 15 Teams will progress to the Team Relay Final. In the case of a tie for 15th place, both teams will progress.
- Team Relay Final byes are earned by the Team which wins a Festival. Teams that qualify for the final at the US Open may use one substitute of any height (replacement partnership) if a dog or handler is unable to attend the US Open for that year. This substitute can only be used if the dog and/or handler are not entered at the US Open for that year.
- The Team Relay final is a 3 dog relay. Dogs will run small to tall in the relay. If dogs are jumping the same jump height in a team, the handlers may choose the order of the dogs.
- The Team Relay will only include pipe tunnels and jumps.
- Running Order for the final will be a random draw with adjustments to reduce the jump height changes.

- A baton exchange between handlers will take place behind the start and finish jumps.
- The exchange must happen with both handlers and their dogs completely behind the line. Failure to do so will result in 10 faults for a faulted baton exchange. The handler waiting in the exchange area may hold or restrain their dog in any way, providing it is not deemed abusive or harsh by the judge in which case that dog will be eliminated. However, the dog must be on the ground before the baton exchange occurs or the dog will be eliminated. The handler waiting in the exchange area to run may have their dog on a lead. However, the lead must be removed before the baton exchange occurs or the dog will be eliminated.
- 10 faults will be assessed if the baton is dropped or thrown, whether inside the baton exchange area or outside of it. The handler must pick up the baton before they continue on course. Failure to pick up the baton will result in the dog being eliminated. In addition, if the dog takes an obstacle before the handler has picked up the baton, the dog will be eliminated.
- If 2 dogs are on the course at the same time, this will incur an elimination.
- If a dog grabs the baton, this will incur an elimination.
- Once a dog and handler have finished and passed the baton, they must remain in the ring or be assessed a 100 point fault. They may also restrain or leash their dogs after the baton exchange.
- If the handler leaves the exchange area without the baton, their dog will be eliminated if it takes an obstacle on the course before the handler retrieves the baton.
- If a dog is eliminated, it will be given the maximum score of 50 faults. The clock is still running, so no time penalty is needed. The handler must make a sportsman-like attempt to finish the rest of the course correctly. If the judge deems that an eliminated handler is attempting to gain a time advantage by returning to the exchange area without correctly completing the course, the judge will add 50 seconds to the team's time.
- Dogs entered in the team must be entered in the 2 individual classes that count towards team final qualification at the US Open.
- If you enter a team and dogs are not entered in the event, there is no refund.
- You may not substitute dogs into the team once the entry has closed.
- In summary – no substitutions, no refunds.

Junior Overall Competition sponsored by Agility University

- Handlers DOB eligibility is on or after May 1st 2006 to comply with the WAO 2025 rules. – Select “Junior” in the online entry process if you are eligible.
- Overall results from the Masters Final, Biathlon, National Championship, Speedstakes Challenge and Games Challenge will be counted for each jump height.
- Highest number of cumulative points will determine the Winner.
- Points are allocated based upon the number of dogs entered in the event. If 100 dogs are entered into an event, 1st place receives 100 points, 2nd place 99, 3rd place 98 and so on.
- If a junior does not qualify for an event, they will score 0 points.
- If there is a tie on points, the Overall Masters Final result will be used, followed by the National Final result, followed by the Overall Biathlon result, followed by the Overall Games Result, followed by the Speedstakes Final results. If there is still a tie the individual class results will be used to determine the winner in the following order, Masters Final Agility, Biathlon Agility, Nationals Round 2, Masters Final Jumping, Biathlon Jumping, Gamblers, Nationals Round 2, Snooker, Nationals Round 1 & then Speedstakes Round 1.

*** For your reference – Last event's (2023) cutoffs for progressing to the next rounds are listed below:*

GAMES CHALLENGE – 17.5% or top 6, whichever is higher, 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, in each jump height from the Jumping will progress onto the Agility. Eliminations will not move forward.

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

Schedule and Running Orders

The event will run over 5 full competition days (Wednesday – Sunday) with check in 2-5.30pm, crating set up 2-6pm and WAO measuring 3-5pm on Tuesday. It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for measuring and 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 US Open page 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 at least 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.

- **BUDDIES - FRIENDS & FAMILY** - Competitors have the option to request another fellow competitor be listed in the same group. **This must be submitted at time of entry.** Although there are no guarantees, we will do our very best to accommodate your requests. The online entry will ask you to type in the person's name you would like to be paired with and the system will check if they are a UKI member. You are then required to select the handler name with their UKI number to ensure you are selecting the correct person. Misspelled names or names that the UKI system does not bring up with the CHECK button giving a UKI number, will not be considered in the buddy pairings. Please don't assume you will automatically be placed with your spouse, family member or partner if you don't request it. **Requests after the entry close date will not be accepted – sorry, no exceptions.**

Managing Conflicts for Handlers with Multiple Dogs in Non Seeded Classes

In the initial classes of each event (non-seeded runs) a random draw will produce the running order. Every attempt will be made for handlers with multiple dogs for running orders of the first round (all unseeded rounds) to have several dogs between each of their dogs 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 can not 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 Seeded classes:

In the seeded classes a handler has earned their running order and the advantage this brings. However in previous years 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 5.30pm Tuesday November 19th. 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.

BY ENTERING UKI EVENTS, COMPETITORS AGREE TO:

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 current edition UK Agility International rules found on the UKI web page. Each competitor acknowledges through their entry to the UKI event that their participation is a privilege and not a right.

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

All dogs and handlers must be registered with UK Agility International to compete. UK Agility International's official rules & regulations are available to view free from the UKI web page. If you or your dog is not already registered, please register online at www.ukagilityinternational.com

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

Dogs under 18 calendar months of age on the day of the show are not eligible to compete in the US Open.

A dog shall be withdrawn from competition without refund if it is: suffering from any infectious or contagious disease, interfering with the safety of any person or other animal or if it is likely to cause itself damage or its welfare is in danger 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, will 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.

There will be no refunds for entries withdrawn and neither in the event a dog and/or handler is dismissed from the competition, regardless of the reason for dismissal providing this was within accordance of UK Agility International rules and regulations.

It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order. Handlers working more than one dog in a class **must ensure that the dogs compete in the sequence in which they are drawn.** Failure to do so will result in elimination.

Dogs left in hot cars, or dogs appearing to be in distress, will be dealt with as seen fit by the Show Management.

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.

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 including on social media platforms.

By virtue of their entry, competitors acknowledge and agree to comply with all UKI rules and regulations and agree to accept any sanctions that are imposed for failure to comply. The judge has responsibility for determining when it is appropriate to excuse a dog and competitor from the ring. The show officials have responsibility for determining when an infraction should result in a verbal warning, written warning and/or expulsion of a competitor, dog, or any person from the event by conducting the procedure outlined in the UKI rule book. UKI head officials, through further investigation, may impose sanctions including suspension or expulsion from future events.

The following is a partial list of infractions on which the judge or trial officials will 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 including a dog clearly not under the control of the handler ; concerns for the welfare of a dog or who is unfit for competing; 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.

Social Media Conduct

Cyber bullying of any kind towards UKI, trial management & staff, 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. Further, UKI is committed to maintaining an environment that is built on mutual respect and is free from racism, discrimination and harassment. In keeping with this goal, any behavior that is hateful towards race, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, ethnicity, sex, and gender will not be tolerated. Any of these cases may sanction removal from all associated social media pages and even lead to expulsion of UKI events and even further expulsion of organization membership.

Refund Policy

Entries will not be accepted, changed, or altered after the closing date or capping level has been reached except for the purpose of moving to a higher level. A full refund is available for any membership that is not older than 14 days from the creation of the account date. A full refund is available before the closing date or capping level is met for any show. There will be no cost if refund money is to be left in your UKI account. If a refund is requested, a 5% administration fee for a credit card refund will be assessed, per transaction. After the closing date of the event a partial refund may be returned for dog or handler injury or illness if accompanied by documented proof from a veterinarian or physician. Partial refund will be given of 75% of the entry fees only. RV and crating fees do not apply. This refund must be requested to info@ukagilityinternational.com by November 11th, 2024.

No refunds will be given after November 11th for ANY REASON.

Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry. **There will be a \$30.00 service charge for returned checks.** Payment of entry fees and Instant Account Top up Fees must be made directly to the UKI member account or directly to the trial before a competitor may compete. Once online entry closes, if you did not pay online, please be sure you have arranged for payment to be made directly to the show. You may not pay online after the closing date. If you did not cancel your entry online before the closing date, and choose not to attend, you will still owe your trial fees which must be paid directly to the trial. The only way to cancel your online entry is before the closing date by logging into your account, selecting the trial you want to cancel and selecting the button (Cancel my entire entry). If you do not do this before the close date, you have NOT cancelled your entry, and your entry fees are still due. UKI will suspend a handler's registration and UKI account until all fees are paid.

Additional administration charges may be imposed to a member's account due to negligence that result in administration time to correct. Possible infractions, not limited to, are submitting incorrect trial entry information, including incorrect handler and dog number, creating duplicate membership or dog accounts and late payment fees. Charges are based on an hourly rate of \$20 per hour.

Media & Sponsor 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. Sponsors of UKI events may email entrants with their product and or service information. If a competitor does not wish to receive emails from these sponsors, they must email ukiusopen.info@gmail.com before the close of the trial entry date to declare this, ensuring they receive a receipt email that this information has been received by the trial management.

Bitches in season may compete at the event. No BIS pants are allowed. 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. Although we will do our best to supply nonslip mats, competitors take responsibility for any potential risk of starting their dog on a 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. Competitors must note this on check-in board if running orders have already been produced. 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 UKI rules.

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.

By entering this event you acknowledge that you are entering an event in November in Florida where weather can possibly interrupt and alter the schedule. There will be no refunds if weather prevents any runs from taking place.

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.

2024 US Open 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 Options

- ❖ **Full Stall Crating:** 10' x 10' stalls are available in Horse Barn A. The stalls are not climate controlled. Each stall is \$110 for the event.
- ❖ **Half Stall Crating:** These spaces are approximately 5' X 10' and will be located in Horse Barn A. These spaces will be shared with another exhibitor and will be randomly assigned. The stalls are not climate controlled. Each half stall is \$55 for the event.
- ❖ **Premium Crating Space:** A limited number of crating spaces will be available in the arena concourse. These spaces are approximately 4' x 5'. Each crating space is \$80 for the event. No other crating will be allowed inside the arena. (Reactive or disruptive dogs may not be crated in this area)

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

Crating Selection requests open on Thursday September 26th, 2024 at 12:01AM EST and close on Monday, Oct 28 2024 at 12:01AM EST.

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. If you cancel your crating before October 28th, there will be a \$5 fee to process your refund. Should you cancel your crating for any reason after October 28th, including due to injury or illness, we will only be able to issue a 90% refund if we can fill your spot from the waiting list. This will be via PayPal (regardless how you paid). If we are unable to fill your spot, there will be no refund.

Group Crating requests

Individual competitors who would like to crate together (groups of 2 or more) must designate a 'crating leader' to submit a group crating request on their behalf. The crating leader will request the desired spaces for your group and submit one payment for all of them

Steps to reserve your Crating Selection

Step 1.

- If you are requesting an individual space then Email Tara with your crating request: tara.ukiusopen@gmail.com. If you wish to request a space with one or more other person, then you must designate a crating leader to email Tara with the total number of spaces required and the area.
 - **Full Stall — 1/2 Stall — Premium Crating Spot —**

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 "US Open Crating". If fees are not fully covered, you will be required to pay the shortfall at check in at the event.
- If you are in a group, then the crating leader must submit one payment for the total number of spaces requested. Individual payments must not be made.
- 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.

Waiting to sign up for crating space at the US Open?

It is not recommended that you wait until arriving at the US Open to request a crating/stall space. There is no guarantee that spaces will still be available. After the close for reservations of Oct 28 – 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. In the case of a group reservation only the crating leader should be following up.

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.**

Temporary crating space will be available near the individual rings for those running multiple dogs.

PLEASE Get Involved!

Volunteers play an essential role in making sure each area of the 2024 UKI US OPEN 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 US Open, **please contact Katie Oilschlager at Katie.ukiusopen@gmail.com**

WAO Tryout information



Application can be found at

<https://worldagilityopen.com/onewebmedia/USA%202025.pdf>

WAO Applications must be received by October 7, 2024 by the WAO US Team Management

Team applicants must enter the appropriate events at the UKI US Open as well as enter any local Masters heats necessary to qualify for the Masters Final held at the UKI US Open. UKI jump height cutoffs have a greater range than WAO so dogs must be entered in UKI events based upon the equivalent WAO height cutoffs shown here:

WAO Jump Height in mm	WAO Jump Height in inches	WAO Dog's Height at Withers	UKI Jump height at which dog must compete at US Open
250	9.84	12.60 inches & under	8 inches
300	11.81	14.96 inches & under	12 inches
400	15.75	17.32 inches & under	16 inches
500	19.69	19.69 inches & under	20 inches
600	23.62	Any	24 inches

Any WAO Questions? Contact teamusawao@gmail.com

Practice Ring information

A set practice ring with contact equipment is available all 5 competition days for \$60 – profit from this ring will go to the 2025 USA WAO team. Payments received on or before November 18 5pm EST will pay a discounted rate of \$55. Payment accepted at the event for \$60. Please see Karen Holik at check in for payment. Those who participate will be provided a wristband to gain entrance to the practice ring. Please use the QR code below to make payment **YOU MUST TICK THE BOX THAT STATES "SHARE MY NAME AND E-MAIL WITH THIS CHARITY"**. Failing to do this will prevent us from matching your name to your payment. If you do not check this box and/or clear up your payment prior to check in, the discounted rate will not apply and you will owe an additional \$5.

If you pay correctly by November 18 at 5pm, we will have your name at check in. Otherwise show proof of your payment to receive your wristband. Questions – send email to teamusawao@gmail.com



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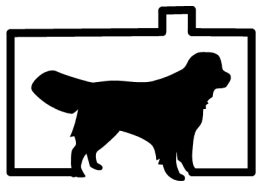


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UKI US OPEN ENTRY CHECKLIST

- Confirmed you are entered in all the classes you want?
- Have read all class & competition rules & understand the refund policy.
- Do you have a Bye or a guaranteed run for these classes?
 - Masters Final
 - ✓ You MUST enter the Masters Final
 - ✓ You MAY also enter the Last Chance Heat, without affecting your Masters Final Bye.
 - RD 2 Bye or RD 3/Final Bye?
 - ✓ You MUST enter the UKI National Championship
 - Speedstakes Final Bye
 - ✓ You MUST enter the Speedstakes Challenge
 - Gamblers
 - ✓ You MUST enter the Games Challenge
 - Biathlon Agility
 - ✓ You MUST enter the Biathlon
- Sent your Bye Q's List to ukiusopen.info@gmail.com
- Selected your T shirt size on the online entry
- Paid for your entry by one of the below options by October 11
 - ONLINE, only through your UKI account by credit cardOR
 - Check to **CDogsFly Agility**, c/o Tara Baggerman, PO Box 591, Greenfield Center, NY 12833
 - ✓ MUST only be from a US bank.
 - ✓ MUST have note with Handler name(s) and dog name(s) attached.
- Emailed your crating selection to Tara.ukiusopen@gmail.com
 - ❖ Crating payment must be paid separate to your entry & sent once your crating selection is confirmed. Group requests must be made and paid for by a crating leader.
- Entering with multiple dogs? You have read and understand the multiple dog running order rules.
- Entering a team? - Your team has designated a Captain to enter the 3 dogs on the team. ONLY the Team Captain will enter the 3 dogs for the Team event. It is helpful to know the UKI numbers of the 3 dogs.
- Handler change? You have notified us at ukiusopen.info@gmail.com with the new handler's name, your name, your dog's name and if that handler had any byes with your dog. You've emailed to be buddied with them if that is your wish.
- Trying out for WAO Team USA?
 - Applied for the Team Tryouts by Oct 7 and sent to Team USA Management
 - Entered in the correct WAO height
 - ✓ Understand the measuring procedure for WAO tryout & have arranged to be available on Tuesday afternoon of the event if you require a measure.