



Specific Class Rules

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.