UKI US Open 2026

November 18th – 22nd
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 or check out the information table at the event.

Check-In – Tuesday, 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Check-in to collect your event T-shirt, crating location, welcome bag, and RV passes will be located at the entrance to the main arena, near the concessionaire. If you do not need a WAO measure or are unable to collect your items on Tuesday, you may pick up your welcome bag and T-shirt (if eligible classes were entered) on Wednesday from the Information Table between **2:00 PM and 4:00 PM**.

Picking up a friend's T-shirt and welcome bag: If a friend is unable to attend check-in, you may collect their event T-shirt and welcome bag on their behalf, provided they have no outstanding fees owed.

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 be published on the US Open Facebook page (click here) on Tuesday November 17th.

Dog walk familiarization

This session will take place again on Tuesday between 9:00 and 4.00pm.

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.

Please update or download it through Google Play or the App store. 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 and also ensure that you have set your phone to allow notifications from the app.

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 "2026."

Bitches In Season
You must notify us immediately upon finding out that your dog in 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 try-out 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.** ***You have been contacted by Team Management if you are in need of a measure. Failure to be measured may affect your ability to be selected for the team.***

- Measuring will begin at 2:30pm on Tuesday and will promptly end at 4:30pm. Please note – this day was published in the premium
- 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 measuring rules from the 12th edition UKI rule book.

Schedule of the event:
Please print out a copy of the timetable or access it via the US Open Documents 2026 link on 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 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 and we do not want you to miss your walk thru. 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 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. For handlers with multiple dogs in different rings in Nationals Round 1 and Challenger, please see the event timetable and briefing for more information on how this will be managed.

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 when leaving the ring

- Upon entering the ring for 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 timetable 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 1st – 3rd in the combined scores (for Winner Takes All only 1st place awards will be presented, and for Last Chance Masters 1st in Agility, 1st in Jumping and 1st – 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. Presentations will go ahead as scheduled so please be there to attend.

Rolling Podium Procedure

The 4 Legged Flix Speedstakes Final, The American K9 Country Games Challenge Final, Ernie's Agility Pro Shop Biathlon Agility, Dog Gone Fun Team Relay & Agility Gate UKI National Championship Final will all follow this procedure. Once you have finished your run and 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 will already be in their podium spots and 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 – Top 17.5% or top 6, whichever is higher (guaranteed runs are not included in this calculation), 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 (guaranteed runs are not included in this calculation), 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 (Rd2 Byes are not included 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 (plus Final Byes), in each height will qualify for the Final. Eliminations will not move forward.

SPEEDSTAKES CHALLENGE - Top 10% or top 5, whichever is higher (Final Byes are not included in this calculation), 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.
TEAM – The top 15 teams after the individual class scores are combined, will move forwards to the Team Relay final, in addition to the 5 Festival Team winners.
**Any further changes will be announced. UKI reserves the right to rule on anything at the event not clarified in the rules.*

Video and Live Stream
4 Legged Flix will be videoing all runs, bring your flash drives for immediate transfer of your runs! They are the only provider of live stream for the event so any other sites you see advertised will be a scam. Please let your friends and family know if they are planning to watch you.

VAR
VAR will be used at this event.

Video Reviews
At this event, Judges or the Competition Manager may request video review to clarify any decision. If the electronic timing fails during a competitor's run, the time will be taken from a video review. If the dog runs past number 1 and does not activate the timing, we will use the official video review process to obtain a time.

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 and on the website. If you have not made a crating selection yet, stall crating can still be purchased for an increased fee. A full stall is $140 and a half stall is $70. Please email Tara to reserve your stall in advance: 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 Parking Information
Primitive RV sites are still available. If you would like to reserve a space, please contact Keith at ukiusopenrv@gmail.com
All full-service RV sites have been assigned. Participants with confirmed RV reservations should have received their assigned site information. To ensure a smooth arrival and avoid parking conflicts, all RVs must park in their designated spaces.
Important – Please Verify Your RV Assignment Before Arrival
Before traveling to the event, please review your assigned site information, arrival instructions, and RV parking maps on the UKI US Open RV Information Page.
If you have questions about your assignment or experience any issues upon arrival, please contact:
Keith Landers – RV Manager, Phone/Text: 678-427-6180, Email: ukiusopenrv@gmail.com
Thank you for helping us ensure an organized and efficient RV arrival process for everyone!

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.
All proceeds go to USA WAO Team. Equipment in the practice ring is all Galican equipment and will be divided into 5 separate stations. 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 5th training station with jumps only. Those who participate will be provided with 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 the fee of $60. Alternatively, you can prepay. Payments received on or before Monday, November 17 5pm EST will pay a discounted rate of $55. Click the QR code below to pay in advance: 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. Also, if you do not click this box, we will not have your name on file, so you will need to show proof of payment in order to get your wrist band.

Additional practice ring rules:

- Wristbands must be worn at all times while using the rings
- 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 with a few classes throughout the weekend. With seven groups competing, every group will have at least one rotation off each day, and we would greatly appreciate your help during that time.

A huge thank-you to everyone who volunteered during registration! If you have not yet signed up, we would be grateful if you could contact Katie ahead of time at Katie.ukiusopen@gmail.com so she can add you to the volunteer schedule.

You can also sign up using the following link:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1myHsFv33wPGKJJjiMXlpj7fd7Pq9_zhc6rENIufcJ5g/edit?usp=sharing
Alternatively, ring-side sign-ups will be available each day at each ring.

NEW for 2026 – UKI US Open Ring Pals!

Want to help out but prefer to split a volunteer shift? Grab someone from your own competing group and sign up as Ring Pals! One person works the first half, and the other takes the second half.

As an added bonus, Ring Pals will be eligible for special **Ring Pals Drawings and Prizes!**
Stop by the Information Table at check-in for details and to register with your Ring Pal. Watch for our special UKI US Open Ring Pals wristbands!

Volunteer Rewards
As a thank-you for helping, volunteers will receive tickets for our amazing daily Volunteer Giveaway and 2026 US Open Worker Bucks, which can be spent with any of our vendors, including the facility food vendor.

Volunteers who work all five days will also be entered into our Grand Prize Draw, where one lucky winner will receive their choice of:

- A free full entry for one dog to the 2027 US Open
- First refusal on a guaranteed reservation for 2027 UKI US Open RV spot

Daily Volunteer Giveaway Prizes
Our daily giveaways feature a variety of fantastic prizes, including:

- Entry vouchers for UKI events, individual US Open classes, UKI at Home runs, and UKI Midwest Cup entries.
- Vendor gift certificates
- Vendor Giveway Baskets
- Dog-related products and goodies
- A variety of other exciting prizes!

We typically have 8-**10 exciting giveaway items available each day,** so there are plenty of chances to win!

Volunteer Snack Area & Reusable Water Bottles
We will have a dedicated volunteer snack area where helpers can grab snacks and refreshments throughout the event.

To help reduce single-use plastics, all volunteers will receive a reusable **2026 US Open water bottle**. Bottles can be refilled at the water dispenser in the volunteer snack area.

Labels and markers will be available so you can mark your bottle with your name. Please take only one bottle per volunteer.

Thank you to everyone who helps make the UKI US Open a fantastic event. We appreciate your time, enthusiasm, and support!

Build Crew Party
The 2026 US Open is going to be fantastic! That means it is

Time To PARTY!!! Click here to join us: https://forms.gle/xck8UKtDpocdUy4M8
I mean, the Course Build Party!!!! We can't run these courses without getting them built, so join the course build party!

Click here to join us: **https://forms.gle/xck8UKtDpocdUy4M8 or jump in at any time!**

The 2026 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! And stay tuned for extra coffee in the morning and snacks morning AND evening!

Lots of people to help will make the builds very quick and easy - plus we are going to build with fancy technology to makes things even quicker and easier!

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 :)) New, fun flavors this year. I have been experimenting in the test kitchen!

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:

*** 1 Full, guaranteed, FREE (as in, you don't have to pay) RV parking spot!**
*** 1 Full paid entry to the 2027 USO for 1 dog. (All classes except Team)**

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

*** Daily prize-givings of Dog Toys: both as part of the raffle draw AND as surprise treats for you during the builds!**

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!

Click here to join us: **https://forms.gle/xck8UKtDpocdUy4M8 or jump in at any time!**
Questions? Contact Tracy Sklenar at 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 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.

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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