

Class and General Rules for the UKI US Open

UKI National Championship

- 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 Sept 30 2019 thru Sept 27 2020: To earn an automatic bye into Rd 2, dog and handler partnerships must have earned Five (5) Agility clear rounds and Five (5) 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 awarded to Reserve Cup winner or Classic All Clear Biathlon winner
- Automatic Rd 2 Byes will not run in Rd 1, & 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.
- **Progressing to Finals:** The top 8 from Round 2, excluding the 2020 UKI Cup Winners, 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.
- Overall Cup Winners 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 in Rd 2 or the choice to not run in Rd 2 will place 1st in the run order for the final.

Winner Takes All \$\$ Jumping

- \$3 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.

Speedstakes Challenge

- Consists of a qualifying round and a Final.
- Least faults win with time as the tie-breaker only.
- Running order for Final will be in reverse order of the first round result.
- A progression percentage or number of dogs to move to the Final will be introduced after the entries close and will be announced once the show entries are processed.
- Eliminations in the qualifying round will not progress to the Final.
- Eliminations in Final will not be placed in the Speedstakes Challenge.
- Classic Pentathlon Winners may still enter Speedstakes Semi Final – the result will determine your running order in the Final. Elimination in this class or the choice to not run in it will place 1st in the run order for the final.

Agility Biathlon

- Consists of a Jumping round and Agility round with the results combined.
- Cumulative scoring; least faults wins 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 introduced after the entries close and will be announced once the show entries are processed.
- 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.

Games 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 SCT as the course time.
- A progression percentage or number of dogs to move to the Gamblers will be introduced after the entries close and will be announced once the show entries are processed.
- 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.

Clean Run Challenger Round

- This class will be made up of dogs that had entered the Agility Biathlon and UKI National Championships and did not progress through to the SUNDAY Finals: Biathlon - Agility, and the UKI National Championship Final. (If you are in one of these Finals, this class is not available to you)
- Consists of an Agility class that is a one-off round with scores from previous rounds irrelevant.
- Least faults wins 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).

Open Power & Speed

- A UKI Power and Speed class.
- Least faults win with time used as a tie-breaker.

Masters Series Last Chance Heat

- Consists of a 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 = 5 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 & 2nd place overall 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 100 faults with SCT time as the 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 payout for this event with all prize money going towards the Masters Series Final prize fund.

Masters Series Final *(please do not enter this class online unless you have qualified for it)*

- All handler and dog partnerships must pre-qualify in a local Masters Heat from around the country during Sept 30 2019 thru Sept 27 2020 with the exception of the Last Chance Heat held at the USA Open or Overall Cup Winner.
- Pre qualification can be gained at local heats by winning the individual Masters Series Agility & Jumping classes and/or coming 1st & 2nd Overall without an E in either class unless a win occurred in the non E 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** *(note this is different than the heats)*. 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 100 faults with SCT as the time.
- Dogs that score double elimination will not be placed.

Junior Overall Competition

- Handlers DOB eligibility is on or after May 15th 2002 to comply with the WAO 2021. – Select “Junior” online if you are.
- 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 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.
- In classes where a cut off is in place and the Junior does not progress to the next round, then they will get either the points for the place they are in, or if they are in a joint place they will get that number of points

- If a junior does not qualify for the Masters Final or does not run in an event they will score 0 points.
- If there is a tie on points, the Overall Masters result will be used, followed by the Overall UKI National Championship result, followed by the Overall Biathlon result, followed by the Overall Games Result, followed by the Overall Speedstakes results. If there is still a tie the individual class results will be used to determine the winner in the following order, Masters Agility, Biathlon Agility, Nationals Round 2, Masters Jumping, Biathlon Jumping, Gamblers, Nationals Round 2, Snooker, Nationals Round 1 & Speedstakes Round 1.

General Competition Rules

- *This event is open to all dogs and handlers irrespective of their level in UKI and their organization affiliation.*
- *Entry is Open to everyone, in all classes with no pre-qualification necessary, with the exception of the Masters Series Final & Challenger*
- *Dogs and handlers do not need to be UKI members, but a UKI account must be created to enter the event. This must be created online at www.ukaqilityinternational.com and then you will need to pay by check for your US Open entry.*
- *Each class is 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 a bye into Round 2 of the UKI Nationals and/or qualified for the Masters Series Final at a local UKI event, must be the same dog and handler partnerships that compete in these events at the U.S. Open and must run in the height that the Q's and Bye's were gained at.*
- *Classes will be run in strict running order. Running orders will be randomly drawn for the first round of each class.*
- *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 stated in the event confirmation letter.*
- *Progression percentages/cutoff amount for the 2nd rounds for Biathlon Agility, Speedstakes Challenge Final & Gamblers Round will be determined and announced once the show entries are processed.*
- *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 place, a runoff will be required.*
- *In the event of a tie to determine running order in the next round, a flip of a coin will determine the running order.*
- *A no-show in any part of a class will result in disqualification from that Class, including prizes and awards and further runs in this class.*
- *No results from this event will go towards the qualifying for next year's event and / or count towards level progression.*
- *No runs may be run for NFC at the US Open.*
- *Repeat & Move On (RMO) is 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.*