



UKI US Open 2021
November 11-14
JEC
Jacksonville, Florida



Thank you for coming to the US Open. Our goal is for you to have a great 4 days competing at this event. The following information should help you with most questions you may have. If you have questions please email us at ukiusopen.info@gmail.com or check out the information table.

Information Table

There will be an information table near the office near Ring 1 and near the Helpers Snack area. This is your first port of call for any questions you may have. The folks at the table will contact the necessary people to assist you or get the answer you need, and/or you can fill in a question sheet that will be answered as soon as possible and left in an inbox on the table for you to pick up with a reply. Please refrain from interrupting the results office directly.

Check In 2pm to 6pm Wednesday

Check in to pick up your event T-shirt, crating location, COVID vaccination/test wrist bands & welcome bag. This is between 2pm and 6pm on Wednesday at the entrance to the main arena near the Concessionaire. If you have not yet sent in your vaccination proof or you need to show your negative COVID test emailing it to ukiusopen.info@gmail.com, you can also do this at check in. If you cannot make the check in to pick up your wrist band **you MUST have emailed your COVID proof by the end of Wednesday checkin at 6pm.**

COVID safety requirements

This document can be found on the UKI US Open web page and the US Open FB page which will be released on Nov 4. You must read and follow these requirements. Do not chance missing this information as non-compliance will result in you being dismissed from the event.

Event Briefing

This will take place in the indoor arena at 6pm on Wednesday evening if you'd like to attend. Otherwise, it will be available to view on Facebook as a Live video on the UKI US Open Facebook page at this time, providing we have sufficient internet connection. If you would like to join we ask that you spread out throughout the arena to socially distance.

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.

Checking in for your runs

Please be sure you check in at the ring at the gate when you walk the course. You may not move your run up or down. This event is strict running order. Handlers with multiple dogs running close together, please refer to the procedure copied below which was published and acknowledged when you entered this event.

Please make sure you've read the premium regarding rules for competing with multiple dogs at the event. You must try to run one of the rings with the dog in its running order. Once you have run your first dog, please confirm with the ring manager in the relevant ring when your next dog will run. You need to do this immediately upon completion of your run. The ring managers have been briefed to give you a minimum of 5 minutes between dogs. This may include your dog being moved to the end of the class and the heights being reset for you if necessary. The ring managers are there to help, but please make sure you confer with them & do not just assume if you are not there on time

that the jump height will be reset. Due to this year's event being at maximum capacity for daylight hours, **anyone found not to be following the procedure will miss their run**. All scores have a time stamp on the scoring system enabling us to know when you ran.

Schedule of the events:

Please print out a copy of the timetable, or you can find it on the US Open link at the UKI web page. Keep it accessible so you understand where you are supposed to be and when. We will endeavour to publish any changes to this timetable on the Facebook page and the UKI website. However, as these methods require internet and wireless those sources are only a courtesy. **The definitive source of information for timings is the whiteboards/screens at the ring. Missing your run for not staying up to date by checking at the ring will not be an excuse.**

Please understand though it is your responsibility to know where you should be. We are running a very tight schedule so we can be sure everyone gets their runs in before dark. We do not want you to miss your walk thru and unfortunately 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. Individual group itineraries will be posted to help you know when and where to be.

USA WAO Team Practice Ring and fundraising

There will be a practice ring starting Thursday morning until Sunday afternoon (exact times TBA). The cost is by person and will be variable based on number of days using the practice ring (pricing will be announced a few days before the event). See Mike Murphy at US Open check in area to register and pay. Mike will also be at the USA Team Booth, in the main arena, throughout the weekend. Maximum of 1 minute per station if others are waiting to practice. All proceeds go to USA WAO Team. Equipment in the practice ring is the same used in all the rings and special thanks to **RUN IT! ULTIMATE DOG AGILITY EQUIPMENT** for providing this to the Team. Those who participate will be provided a special flag bracelet to show your support of the team and gain entrance to the practice ring. PLEASE BE AWARE - Absolutely NO MOVING of equipment in the practice rings is allowed. Anyone found to have moved equipment WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE EVENT, with all results void! Please don't chance it! Equipment layout will be moved by USA WAO team management at least once during the event. This year the USA WAO Team will be selling specially made "beverage" cups to raise money for the team. Please see Mike Murphy, Mary Ellen Barry or Renee King at the event to get yours!

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 due to fire regulations.

RV's

Reservations should have been made directly with lessons@ukagility.com - You will have already been given your assigned pitch and must only park in this pitch. If you have not received our email this is because it went to your spam. Please be sure you have this information before the event. Maps & final pitch numbers will be posted on the US Open FB page Monday 8th.

Bitches In Season

You must notify us immediately upon finding out that your dog in season. Please either email ukiusopen.info@gmail.com up until 23:59 EST Tuesday November 9th. After this, please notify us at check in. 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 available at each ring and it is your responsibility to make sure the ring is ready with the mat for your run. These dogs will be clearly noted on the running order on the day.

Video

4 Legged Flix will be videoing all runs, bring your flash drives for immediate transfer of your runs!

Crating

Crating options are listed in the Premium. If you have not made a crating selection yet stall crating can still be purchased at check in for an increased fee. A full stall is \$120.00 and a half stall is \$70. Payable to UKI by cash or check. Premium crating is full. You are also welcome to crate from your car for free. There is no free crating inside the arena. Please email Tara to reserve your stall in advance:

Tara.UKIUSOpen@gmail.com

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 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.**

Those not trying out for WAO - If you do not yet have a permanent UKI measure and you have a height card with an actual measure on it from another organization please email laura@ukagility.com with a scan or picture before Nov 8. You can also show your card to be recorded at check in.

- Measuring will begin at 3.00pm on Wed and will promptly end at 5pm. Please note – this day was published in the premium and the WAO application.
- 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 Wed 6pm and therefore you will have to compete at your entered height; withdrawing from the WAO try out.

Awards & Podiums

We want to celebrate your results in the US Open events! The timeline 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 please have you and your dog ready to attend based on the schedule. Please also review the awards presentation information that will be posted at the information table and on the US Open FB page.

Rolling Podium Procedure

The 4 Legged Flix Speedstakes Final, The Dog Dynasty Gamblers Final & The Clean Run UKI National Championship Final will all follow this procedure. Once you have finished your run - 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 already be in their podium spots, will immediately be awarded their prizes. Podium pics will be taken at this time as well.

Volunteers

In keeping with the UKI motto of Agility by competitors, we ask everyone to pitch in and help for a few classes this weekend. There are 5 groups so every group will have a rotation off and we'd appreciate your help while your rotation is off. Thank you very much to all those who volunteered to help during registration. If you have not yet volunteered, we'd be grateful if you would contact Katie ahead of time at Katie.ukiusopen@gmail.com and she will add you to the volunteer schedule. Otherwise we'll have ring sign ups on the day. For helping you will receive raffle tickets for our amazing daily "**Volunteer Raffle**" and "**Open Bucks**" that you can use at any of the vendor including the facility food vendor. In order to help reduce the use of single use plastics, all helpers will also be given a reusable US water bottle that can be filled up with the water dispenser at the helpers' snacks area. There will be labels & markers so you can mark your water bottle so please only take one. Thank you to GREAT DANE PHOTO'S for sponsoring the bottles.

Join The Build Party Crew!

We are getting really excited for this year's event and looking forward to seeing you! The event promises to be amazing with 8 rings of awesome courses! We are reaching out to the agility community because we need your help to run things smoothly... and we are going to make it a party for you (with Covid-safety in mind, of course!) Join the Build Crew Teams and join the party. Here is how it will work: Please volunteer to join the Build Crew - meet at the rings at the end of the day to help get the courses ready for the next day. You'll be split up into teams for each ring or set of rings, depending on entry size and number of volunteers. All members of the Build Crew will be given a build party at each course build, with snacks and drinks (yes, adult beverages and those famous pudding shots too)! And, in the competitive spirit of the US Open, each Build Crew team will compete for great prizes throughout the event. Feel free to volunteer your 'other half' as well. **Click here to join the Party!** <https://forms.gle/T5XjqS7zvhBDkr647>

PRIZES? Did someone say PRIZES? Yes! By volunteering, you are eligible to win various prizes, including the grand prize:

**** Your choice of: Free full entry for 1 dog in 2022 or free guaranteed full hookup RV spot in 2022****

Wednesday Setup Crew

Can you come help us set up on Wednesday? Get your hands on the amazing Galican equipment and help us set up for an amazing weekend. And yes, we will have food & beverages too as well as an additional opportunity to win your choice of

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Fill out the form at this link for more info and to join the fun! <https://forms.gle/T5XjqS7zvhBDkr647>

Questions? Contact Tracy Sklenar at agilitydals@yahoo.com

Entering the ring and checking your score when leaving the ring

- Upon entering the ring for all of your runs, please announce your name and dog name to the scribe table so they can confirm who they are scoring.
- 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 within 8 dogs, your result will move off the screen and once this occurs 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.

Running Order Rules:

Please refer to the premium for these rules for multiple dog gap rules for both non seeded and seeded clashes.

Handlers must notify us before 5 pm Wednesday November 10 of any potential clashes.

Handlers with multiple dogs in split rings:

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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**

The spread jump used at the Open: Please note the ascending spread jump will be made using 2 jumps. Select heights have no spread jumps.

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 - 25% or top 5, whichever is higher, in each jump height from the Snooker will progress onto the Gamblers round. Eliminations will not move forward.

AGILTY BIATHLON - Top 55% or top 5, whichever is higher, 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 (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. The top 8 from Rd 2, excluding the UKI Cup Winners, in each height will qualify for the Final. Eliminations will not move forward.

SPEEDSTAKES CHALLENGE - Top 20% or top 5, whichever is higher, 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 any of these classes: Biathlon Agility round & the UKI National Championship Final. If in one of these runs, this class is not available. If eligible, you will automatically be placed in this class.

**Any further changes will be announced. UKI reserves the right to rule on anything at the event not clarified in the rules*

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 under the Notice to Competitors Section in the premium. In a nutshell - respect your dog, respect your fellow competitor, and 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.

Thank you to our class / event sponsors

Please show your appreciation to our class sponsors by visiting their web pages and vendor stands.

 The logo for Legged Flix features a stylized red and yellow 'W' shape above the word 'LEGGED' in a black box with white text, and 'Flix' in a yellow, bubbly font below it.	 The logo for Clean Run shows a blue silhouette of a dog jumping over the words 'Clean Run' in a blue, italicized sans-serif font.	 The logo for Canine Culture LLC has a green square with white paw prints at the top. Below it, the words 'CANINE CULTURE' are written in a serif font, with a small paw print above the 'i' in 'CANINE', and '— LLC —' underneath.
 The logo for Agility University features a large red 'A' with a white paw print inside, and a gold 'U' below it. The text 'AGILITY UNIVERSITY' is written in gold below the 'U'. 'VADO PRO AGRUM' is written in small letters on the left side of the 'A'.	 The logo for Run It! features a black silhouette of a dog running, with the words 'RUN IT!' in a large, bold, black, italicized font to its right. Below the dog silhouette is the text 'ULTIMATE DOG AGILITY EQUIPMENT'.	 The logo for 1TDC.COM/Agility features a gold silhouette of a dog's head facing right. Above it is the text 'Champions Are Powered By' in a curved font. Below the head is '1TDC.COM/Agility'.
 The logo for Oakley Canine Athletics features a cartoon dog's head with a blue ribbon swirling around it. There are red and white stars. Below the dog is the word 'OAKLEY' in a red and blue font, and 'CANINE ATHLETICS' in a smaller font below it.	 The logo for Assisi Animal Health features a stylized 'A' made of two overlapping curved lines, one orange and one grey. To the right of the 'A' is the word 'ASSISI' in orange, 'ANIMAL HEALTH' in grey, and a registered trademark symbol.	 The logo for Dog Dynasty features the word 'Dog' in a small font inside a black circle, and the word 'Dynasty' in a larger, stylized black font to its right.