

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 Team Relay Speedstakes Final. You can enter this class even if you are not on a Team.	\$25
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.	\$36
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 Team Relay Speedstakes Final. You can enter this class even if you are not on a Team.	\$28
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.	\$36
Agility Biathlon	Jumping round and an Agility round with the results combined	\$36
Masters Series Last Chance Heat	Agility round and a Jumping round with results combined. Faults converted into time. 5 faults = 3 seconds	\$36
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.	\$36
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 a Team Relay Speedstakes Final. A Team Captain must be designated to enter the event for the team.	\$15 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.

Tuesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crating set up 2pm to 6pm - WAO Measuring afternoon 3pm to 5pm (measuring will not take place any other day or time) 	Wednesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speedstakes Challenge Semi-final - US Open Agility
Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winner Takes All Jumping - UKI Nationals Rd 1 - Games Challenge Snooker - Speedstakes Challenge Final 	Friday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biathlon Jumping - Last Chance Masters Heat Jumping - Last Chance Masters Heat Agility - Games Challenge Gamblers
Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Masters Final Jumping - Masters Final Agility - UKI Nationals Rd 2 - Biathlon Agility 	Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Challenge Round - 3 Dog Team Relay Speedstakes 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.
- 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. ** (2021 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 and further runs in the combined classes.
- 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 1st or your bye(s) will be void.
- Masters Last Chance Heat and Final will use scoring of 5 faults = 3 seconds.
- 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.

US Open Agility Sponsored by MYOS

- 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.

Speedstakes Challenge Sponsored by 4 Legged Flix

- Consists of a qualifying (semi-final) round and a Final.
- 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.

- Eliminations in the qualifying round will not progress to the Final.
- Eliminations in Final will not be placed in the Speedstakes Challenge.
- Automatic Byes to the Final may still enter Speedstakes Semi Final – the result 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.

Winner Takes All \$\$ Jumping Sponsored by Canine Culture

- 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.

UKI National Championship Sponsored by Clean Run

- 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 1, 2021 – Sept 30, 2022: 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
- 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 1, 2021 – Sept 30, 2022
- **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 Dog Dynasty

- 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.
- 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 Assisi Animal Health

- 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.
- 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 Agility Gate

- 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 the Oct 1, 2021 – Sept 30, 2022 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 without an E in either class.
 - USA Cup Overall Winner
 - USA Classic Pentathlon Winner
 - Overall Winner from a Canadian Masters Heat Series.
- 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.

Challenger Round Sponsored by The Agility Challenge

- This class will be made up of dogs that had ran in the UKI National Championships Rd 1 and/or Rd 2 and did not progress through to the SUNDAY UKI National Championship Final.
- 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 Great Dane Photos

- 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.
- 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.
- The Team relay final is a 3 dog Speedstakes 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.
- 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 (including gently holding the dog by the scruff of the neck or holding the dog in their arms), 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.
- 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 20th 2004 to comply with the WAO 2023. – 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.

Rookie Award

The Rookie Award will be presented to a handler and dog competing in their first year at the UKI US OPEN. To be eligible you and your dog must be new at competing at a national agility event! Scoring for this award will be from the following classes: Games Challenge, Speedstakes Challenge, Master Series Final, Biathlon & National Championship. The classes will be scored cumulatively and then the first place overall winner of all jump heights will receive a certificate from Clean Run Productions!

You must have registered for this award at the closing of the online entries to the Open.

Pinnacle Award

The Pinnacle Award will be presented to a handler over the age of 60! A wonderful way to show gratitude and appreciation to a team that has kept active in the sport of agility with support, involvement and physically with their dog! Scoring for this award will be from the following classes: Games Challenge, Speedstakes Challenge, Master Series Final, Biathlon & National Final. The classes will be scored cumulatively and then the first place overall winner of all jump heights will receive a certificate from HititBoard.com!

You must have registered for this award at the closing of the online entries to the Open.

*** For your reference – Last event's (2021) cutoffs for progressing to the next rounds are listed below:*

GAMES CHALLENGE – 30% 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 65% or top 6, 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 Round 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.

Schedule and Running Orders

We are anticipating growth on last events entry and the current plan is that the event will run over 5 full competition days (Wednesday – Sunday) with a 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. Those competitors who name each other during this selection will stand a better chance of being grouped together. 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 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.**

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.

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 6pm Tuesday November 8. 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.