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# **AGILITY INVITATIONAL** (2024277108)

Saturday and Sunday, December 14 and 15, 2024

# Time-2-Beat titling class (2024277108)

Friday, December 13, 2024





## Presented by:

# **YUMOVE**

Official Joint Supplement AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

#### **ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER**

9899 International Drive, North/South Building Orlando, FL 32819

Three rings, 95' x 95', indoors on a sports turf surface

Show Hours: 8am - 5pm

## Judges:

Ms. Michele Fletcher - Tennessee Ms. Susan E. Stephon – Pennsylvania Ms. Lori Holdren, Ph.D. - Oregon Ms. Judith Kolva - Pennsylvania

#### CERTIFICATION



Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary

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#### 2024 AGILITY INVITATIONAL EVENT COMMITTEE

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American Kennel Club, Attention: Companion Events – AGI Entry, 8051 Arco Corporate Drive Suite #100, Raleigh, NC 27617

Doug Ljungren – Executive Vice President of Sports and Events
All AKC Agility Field Representatives present at the event.

#### JUDGES

Ms. Michele Fletcher (90966) Pikeville, Tennessee Ms. Susan E. Stephon (94035) Doylestown, Pennsylvania

Ms. Lori Holdren Ph.D. (ZH997) Silverson, Oregon Ms. Judith Kolva (95235) Tremont, Pennsylvania

# AKC will follow the COVID-19 guidance of the CDC as well as local, state and federal requirements.

AKC may require additional health safety protocols at the time of the Event Week. All information is subject to change at the discretion of the American Kennel Club.

#### DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER - ENTER THIS EVENT ONLINE!

This event is by invitation only. The top 5 dogs of each breed (plus Top Preferred, if applicable for the breed) are invited to attend.

If your dog is among the select few being honored with an invitation to compete at this prestigious event, you may enter online at www.akccompanionevents.com/aqi then click on *Enter Event Online*.

TOP 15 POSTED LIST: The Top 15 list shall be published after all trial results are finalized through June 30, 2024. We estimate that list will be posted on/about July 20, 2024; however, it depends on when June's trial results are finalized!

INITIAL ROUND OF INVITES: The Primary Owner of all dogs within the *Top 5 & Top Preferred (if applicable for that breed)* shall be emailed an invite. We <u>estimate</u> these initial invites to be sent out on/about July 24, 2024. Exhibitors may request a paper invite be mailed by USPS by sending email to <u>steve.herwig@akc.org</u>

ENTRIES OPEN/CLOSE: Entries will open on Monday, July 29, 2024 at 8:30 am EST. There will be <u>two</u> entry time periods with Round 1 entries closing on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 8:00 pm EST and Round 2 entries closing on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 8:00 pm EST.

**NOTIFICATION OF NOT ENTERING THE EVENT**: In lieu of an opt-out option, exhibitors who wish to notify AKC that they are not going to enter the event may fill out the **Notification of Not Entering The Event** online form located at <a href="https://www.akccompanionevents.com/agi">www.akccompanionevents.com/agi</a> on/about **July 22, 2024.** This will allow us to invite the next dog on the list (see below).

**ADDITIONAL INVITES AS OPENINGS ARISE:** During the time period of **July 29**, 2024 through **Monday, September 9**, 2024, additional invitations will be emailed to the next dog in-line as openings arise from invited dogs within each breed notifying AKC they do not plan to enter/attend the event. Additional invites will not be sent out during Round 2. **No Additional Invites will be sent after the Monday, September 9**, 2024 additional invite deadline.

**TOP 5 AND TOP PREFERRED (if applicable for that breed) INVITES:** If the Top 5 dogs on a breed's invites list are all regular dogs, then a sixth (6th) Top Preferred invite will also be sent.

If an opening arises because the Top Preferred invitee notifies AKC he/she is not entering, the additional invite will be sent to the next Preferred dog on the list.

If an opening arises because a Top 5 invitee notifies AKC he/she is not entering, the additional invite will be sent to the next dog on the list regardless if that dog is regular or preferred.

**REGULAR & PREFERRED INVITES, SAME DOG:** If an exhibitor's dog receives both a regular and preferred invite, please send email to <a href="mailto:steve.herwig@akc.org">steve.herwig@akc.org</a> before attempting to enter online.

#### **ENTRY FEES PER DOG**

AKC Agility Invitational	\$140.00
AKC Time 2 Beat Titling Class	\$15.00

Mail entry form and fees to: American Kennel Club, Attention: Companion Events - AGI, 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite #100, Raleigh, NC 27617. Please make checks payable to: AKC Agility Invitational. Note that USPS is taking sometimes 3-6 weeks to deliver mail.

No entries will be accepted by fax, phone or hand delivery. UPS and FedEx mail may be sent. Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary's address without a signature being required! It is the exhibitor's sole responsibility to assure their entry is delivered by the closing date and time. See notation above regarding USPS delayed delivery timeframes.

Illegible entries will not be processed and will be returned to the exhibitor. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry. A twenty-five (\$25) dollar collection fee will be added to the amount of each returned check.

Exhibitors may only submit paper entries using the <u>Official AKC Agility Invitational Entry Form</u> provided with their invitation. Please do not submit pre-filled out generic entry forms; your entry will not be accepted.

#### **MEASURING & HEIGHT CARD INFORMATION**

All agility dogs are required to have an Official Jump Height Card and exhibitors must be able to present it prior to running their dog(s) in any class or at any time during the trial upon request. Dogs without a valid Jump Height Card may still compete; but they must be measured by an Agility Field Representative during exhibitor check-in.

Dogs may not jump lower or higher than their official Regular AKC jump height as listed below.

Dogs qualifying for this event from the Preferred classes will run at the Preferred jump height and will be scored within the Regular jump height at the regular course times listed in the DESCRIPTION & SCORING section later in this booklet. (Example: 4" Preferred dogs will be scored with 8" Regular dogs.) Only dogs that have qualified for this event from the Preferred classes have the option to jump at the Preferred jump heights as listed below.

#### Jump height divisions:

<u>Preferred</u>	Regular	
4 Inches	8 Inches:	For dogs 11 inches and under at the withers.
8 Inches	12 Inches:	For dogs 14 inches and under at the withers.
12 Inches	16 Inches:	For dogs 18 inches and under at the withers.
16 Inches	20 Inches:	For dogs 22 inches and under at the withers.
20 Inches	24 Inches:	For dogs over 22 inches at the withers.

# **EXHIBITOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**(EXHIBITOR TEE-SHIRT SIZE, ANNOUNCER BIOS, CRATING REQUESTS)

All entrants will receive a free exhibitor's tee-shirt - unisex adult & children sizes available. One tee-shirt per dog entered. Your tee-shirt size must be submitted by **Wednesday**, **September 18**, **2024**. A Large-adult tee-shirt will be provided by default to all exhibitors who do not provide their tee-shirt size by this deadline date.

To assist our announcer at the event, if you and/or your dog's name is spelled unusually, please spell them out phonetically to assist us with pronunciation using the field provided on the *Exhibitor Additional Information* web form.

The announcer will first read your dog's full registered name, then both owner and handler, followed by three speaking points which you may provide on the *Exhibitor Additional Information* web form. We cannot guarantee the announcer will read each dog's information, but we will attempt to make sure that all are recognized.

Announcer speaking points may be submitted online until Wednesday, December 11, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m. EST.

Exhibitors will also be able to update their own handler changes and announcer bios while at the show site using the computer workstations provided.

#### **Exhibitor Additional Information Online Form**

Exhibitors are to submit online all Tee Shirt Size updates

and Announcer Bios using the web link listed below!

No alternate method of submitting this Exhibitor Additional Information shall be accepted.

## www.akccompanionevents.com/agi

Please wait until you receive an entry confirmation email with a PIN # from Steve Herwig before trying to access your dog's record

#### CRATING SPACES

Each 3 foot by 5 foot crating spot will be identified by a unique identification number.

Because you have pre-reserved a crating space, you DO NOT have to arrive together.

Each exhibitor will be required to display an emergency contact information card on the outside of each crate; card(s) will be supplied labeling each crating space location.

The information card must have your name and emergency contact information (cell phone# or other).

#### No Ex-Pens will be allowed in crating area.

All dogs must be housed in a crate, which must have sides, a top, and a bottom, all parts being interconnected, thus preventing the dog from being able to escape the enclosure even if knocked over. The top and/or bottom of the "crate" may be not be secured only by Velcro or a Velcro-like product. There must be additional fasteners that will prevent both the top and bottom from coming off and will not allow the dog to escape the enclosure.

IMPORTANT – All exhibitors will select their dog's crating space location from an online system mapping which spaces are available between November 4, 2024 @ 8am Pacific (11am Eastern) and November 18, 2024 @ 5pm Pacific (8pm Eastern). Those who wish to have crating spaces next to each other <a href="must select one crating group representative">must select one crating group representative</a> who will select all crating spaces within their group <a href="must select one crating group representative">at the same time</a>.

Any crating group representative that has 10 or more entered dogs to be housed within their group should submit the online Large Crating Group Coordinator Notification form prior to October 28, 2024. https://akc.jotform.com/241926672710862

Crating coordinators with <u>10 or more</u> in their group will be allowed early tiered access into the online system prior to general availability IF notice has been made prior to **October 28, 2024**.

If any exhibitor or group wishes to have their space(s) randomly assigned by AKC, send email to <a href="mailto:steve.herwig@akc.org">steve.herwig@akc.org</a>. Spaces for a group will be side by side and/or across an isle from each other. No other special requests will be accommodated if AKC manually assigns the space(s).

Any entered dog whose owner has not selected a crating space by **November 18**, **2024** will have a crating space assigned randomly from among those available.

Extra space requests may be made for dogs competing elsewhere in the Convention Center during the Friday, December 13, 2024 thru Sunday, December 15, 2024 timeframe. Proof of entry will be required when making extra space requests. Extra spaces are limited; subject to availability. https://akc.jotform.com/241926519021857

AKC reserves the right at any time to use an alternative crating space assignment system different than the system mentioned above.

#### INVITATIONAL CLASSES OFFERED

SATURDAY – December 14, 2024	SUNDAY - December 15, 2024
Round #1 - Jumpers With Weaves	Round #3 – Hybrid
Round #2 – Standard	Round #4 – Jumpers With Weaves
	Round #5 - Finals
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#### **AKC AGILITY INVITATIONAL - DESCRIPTION & SCORING**

The Agility Invitational will consist of **Round #1** JWW, **Round #2** STD, **Round #3** Hybrid (16-18 obstacles, two contacts), **Round #4** JWW, **Round #5** Finals (open only to top 57 dogs overall through 4 Rounds of competition). For the finals round only one dog from each breed within each jump height will be invited to participate in the finals.

AKC Agility Master rules will apply with the following exceptions:

- Course faults will be scored as follows: Refusal or Run-out = 5 points; Wrong Course = 5 points; Failure (e.g. missed contact or dropped bar) = 5 points; Elimination (obstacle not completed or skipped) = Whistle (score of zero); Course time deductions = 3-point deduction for every second over course time truncating down to whole numbers.
- All obstacles must be completed or a score of zero will be assessed.
- Fault limits may be imposed by the Event Committee based on entries. If a dog reaches the announced fault limit, the round would be scored as a zero.
- Obstacles required by class level may be altered for this event.
- Preferred dogs will run at their Preferred height but will be scored within their Regular height at the regular course times listed below. (e.g. 4" Preferred dogs will be scored with 8" Regular dogs.)
- All dogs entered will be required to jump at the AKC jump height based on the shoulder height of the dog. Any
  dogs without an official AKC jump height card, will be required to be measured during exhibitor check-in. Dogs
  may not jump lower or higher than their official AKC jump height.
- In case of a cumulative score/time tie, the dog with the highest score, then lowest run time from the Standard round will break the tie.
- JAC cumulative overall winners from each scored jump height (8,12,16,20,24) will be invited to compete in AGI.
   If a JAC entrant competes in the Finals round, an additional finals entrant will be added as if the JAC entrant was not included

Standard Class Course Times		Jumpers With Weaves Class Course Times		,	l Class e Times
8"	2.50	8"	3.05	8"	2.80
12"	2.70	12"	3.25	12"	3.00
16"	2.85	16"	3.50	16"	3.20
20"	3.10	20"	3.75	20"	3.45
24"	2.90	24"	3.55	24"	3.25

#### **ROUND 5 - FINALS**

Dogs will be run in reverse order based on placements through 4 rounds of competition. This will be a Standard agility course and Finalists placements will be based on score, then time, from the Finals class only. Finalist placement runs must have received a time and score.

All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the <u>Regulations for Agility Trials</u> by contacting the American Kennel Club, 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite 100, Raleigh, NC 27617-3390, by phone (919) 233-9767, by email at <u>info@akc.org</u>, or on the website at <u>www.akc.org</u>.

#### **RIBBONS. AWARDS AND PRIZES**

AKC Time 2 Beat Titling Round: (for each jump height.)

- 1st Place Placement Rosette
  - All Qualifiers Green Rosette

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- Each dog will receive a special ribbon for each of their clear rounds, not including the Finals.
- First through Fourth place, in each class, in each round, will be awarded a Placement Rosette.

All monetary awards will be mailed approximately 60-90 days after the competition. Winners of these awards must provide their Social Security Number to the AKC to receive the awards

#### SPECIAL AWARDS

Cumulative Awards After Round 2 (based on score then time).

Top In Group Awards The Top 4 Dogs from the following eight Groups will be awarded monetary certificates: Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-Sporting, Herding and Misc./FSS/All American Dogs

 1st Place \$200 sponsored by AKC
 3rd Place \$100 sponsored by AKC

 2nd Place \$150 sponsored by AKC
 4th Place \$50 sponsored by AKC

- Cumulative Awards After Round 3 (based on score then time):
  - \$500 sponsored by AKC <u>Top Clear Round Dog</u>\* in each jump height fastest dog with a cumulative score of 300 (3 clean rounds, after 3 rounds of competition)
  - \$200 sponsored by AKC Top Scoring Dog (after 3 rounds) with:

an Obedience title a Tracking title

a Rally title a Conformation Championship

- Cumulative Awards After Round 4 (based on score then time):
  - <u>Top Scoring Bred-By Exhibitor\*</u> based on cumulative score an award medallion sponsored by AKC.
  - Top Junior based on cumulative score an award medallion sponsored by MAD Agility.
  - <u>Top Junior from Junior Agility Competition\*\*\*\*</u> based on cumulative score an award medallion sponsored by MAD Agility.
  - Top Dog Medallion after 4 Rounds for each Breed\* based on cumulative scores.

Sponsored by each breed's AKC Parent Club (if the Parent Club has chosen to offer this award) – An award medallion with a neck ribbon. See a complete list of Parent Club Sponsored medallions at: www.akccompanionevents.com/agi

 <u>Top Dogs after 4 Rounds</u>\* in each jump height – based on cumulative scores will be awarded by the \( \text{AKC} \):

1st Place - \$ 200 2nd Place - \$150 3rd Place - \$100 4th Place - \$50

**Final Round Awards:** All Finalists will receive a Finalist Ribbon. Placement rosettes and prizes will be awarded for each jump height as follows:

	Jump noight as follows:			
1st Place -	1st Place - \$300 Cash Award sponsored by AKC Trophy & Placement Rosette			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place -	\$200 Cash Award sponsored by AKC Trophy & Placement Rosette			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place -	\$100 Cash Award sponsored by AKC Trophy & Placement Rosette			
4th Place -	\$75 Cash Award sponsored by AKC Trophy & Placement Rosette			
5th-8th Place -	Placement Rosette sponsored by AKC			

<sup>\*</sup> Only dogs from Top Dogs by Breed invitations are eligible for Top Score BBE, Top Clear Round, Top Dogs after 4 Rounds, and Top Dog Medallion after 4 Rounds for each Breed awards.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Junior Agility Competition (JAC) winners are only eligible for the Top Junior from JAC from the special awards.

#### **HUMAN EMERGENCY SERVICES**

FIRE - AMBULANCE - POLICE - DIAL 911

#### UPDATED INFORMATION POSTED ON AGILITY INVITATIONAL WEBPAGE

Please check the AKC Agility Invitational webpage for updated information as it becomes available regarding:

- Hotel Reservations
- Directions to Show Site
- Day of Show Parking
- RV Overnight Parking Reservations
- Souvenir Merchandise
- Top Dog Breeds Medallion Listing
- Veterinarian On-Call
- Videographer and Photographer

#### http://www.akc.org/agi

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendations to assure their dogs are free of Internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

A copy of a dog's vaccination record, inc. a current rabies certificate, must be present for all dogs at the event.

#### **PUBLICATION RIGHTS - PHOTOGRAPHS & VIDEOS**

By entering this show, all owners, handlers, breeders and kennels agree that all rights to televise, videotape, photograph, advertise, promote and publicize or otherwise exploit this show, or the persons or animals participating in it or the results of the competition before, during or after the event, shall belong solely to The American Kennel Club and their respective assigns, including the use of the names, likenesses or biographical matter of all dogs, owners, handlers, breeders and kennels participating in the show and no such owner, handler, breeder or kennel shall allow any other party to make commercial use of any videotape or photograph of any person or animal participating in this competition. NOTE: By entering this show all owners, handlers, breeders and kennels agree to make themselves available for interview if requested. Exhibitors may video tape individual runs only for personal use.

#### **OBSTACLES AND RING CONDITIONS**

Obstacles and jumps shall be used pursuant to the latest edition of the AKC Regulations for Agility Trials, however, obstacles required by class level may be altered for the event. All classes will take place indoors on a sports turf surface. There will be three 95' x 95' rings. Electronic timing and rubberized contacts will be used.

Anyone running more than one venue at this event, that has a ring conflict, MUST run during your dog's jump height.

Dogs may not be in the seating area around the rings, especially during the Finals round.

#### OFFICIALLY RECORDED TITLES

Titles used at this event for the catalog, announcer and awards shall be from what is officially recorded with AKC as of the following dates:

Titles recorded as of Wednesday, September 18, 2024 will be listed in the catalog.

Titles recorded as of **Wednesday**, **December 11**, **2024** will be made available to the announcer and used when determining award eligibility.

Exhibitors shall not need to provide title updates as we'll be using what titles are on their dog's official record for determining award eligibility.

#### **CATALOG ADVERTISING**

Take the opportunity to advertise your club or company or send special wishes to this year's competitors in a memorable and visual way by placing an ad in the catalog for the 2024 AKC Agility Invitational and 2024 AKC Juniors Agility Competition.

The Exhibitor's Catalog will be 5.5" x 8.5". Send camera-ready ads only, please, in finished size as stated below. Do not forget to include the correct orientation: Full page and 1/4 page ads must be portrait orientation, and half page ads must be landscape orientation. All ads must be in black and white or grayscale. You must submit your ad in .jpg format through email, on disk or CD, or you may mail the ad in printed form to the address below. If mailing, please send only high-quality prints for scanning purposes.

Electronic Ad submissions and any Questions (no payments) should be sent directly to:

Arlene Spooner Executive Field Rep

arlene.spooner@akc.org

(201) 421-7190

All ad payments must be sent with a check made payable to AKC Agility Invitational and mail it to:

Or provide the credit card information and mail it to the address above, or you may fax the nayment

American Kennel Club Attention: Companion Events – AGI Catalog Ad 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite #100 Raleigh, NC 27617

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information to (919) 816-4204. This form is to be use	d ONLY to pay for Catalog Ads – not entry fees!
[]M/C []VISA []AMEX []DISCOVER	
Print Name as it appears on the credit card:	
Credit Card #:	
Exp Date:	
Signature of Cardholder:	
Total Amount: \$	Email Address:

ALL PAYMENTS FOR CATALOG AD SUBMISSIONS WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT OF PAYMENT.

#### ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

The American Kennel Club and the Orange County Convention Center will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items left at the show site. A **full service food concession** is available on the site.

**Exhibitors are responsible** for cleaning up after their dog(s). Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement. Cleaning supplies and disposal sites will be available at various locations around the show grounds.

Dogs may <u>not</u> be on retractable leads or long-lines while inside the buildings at the Orange County Convention Center. No dogs are permitted to be crated or groomed on any carpeted area.

#### OTHER EVENT ACTIVITIES

The AKC National Championship has something for everyone:

Vendor booths packed with everything for dogs and their owners.

Two days of action packed competition as the AKC National Championship, AKC Obedience Classic, AKC RACH Invitational, AKC Juniors Showcase, and AKC Junior Agility Competition are held in conjunction with the AKC Agility Invitational to find the nation's top dogs in the world.

**AKC Booth** for information on how to register your dog and to encourage dog owners who want to become involved in the **world of AKC events**.

And much, much more!!

#### FRIDAY TIME-2-BEAT TITLING CLASS

All AKC Agility Invitational exhibitors may enter the TIME-2-BEAT titling class with dogs that are entered in the 2024 Agility Invitational or 2024 Juniors Agility Competition. No other dogs are eligible for entry. This class will be timed, judged and scored using the current AKC regulations for T2B. A Qualifying leg and Points may be earned during Friday's T2B run!

For dogs to participate in this T2B class, exhibitors must complete the class selection on the entry form. The walk-thru and run times for T2B will be published in the posted Ring Schedules after Round 2's closing date.

If you entered your dog online and forgot to enter the T2B Class, please email a paper entry form with the note to add T2B Class to your entry <a href="mailto:steve.herwig@akc.org">steve.herwig@akc.org</a>, or mail it to American Kennel Club, Attention: Companion Events - AGI, 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite #100, Raleigh, NC 27617 so your entry is received by the closing date of Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

#### 2023 YEAR-END TOP MACH & PACH DOGS

**Year-End Top MACH & PACH Dogs for 2023** were calculated based on the calendar year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The dog with the highest score of (2Q's x 10) + MACH/PACH points earned during this calendar year timeframe has earned the status of 2023 Top Dog for their breed.

This award is <u>not</u> calculated based on the eligibility period of the Agility Invitational (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024), but rather the January-December 2023 calendar year, therefore, these dogs may not be the #1 ranked dogs invited to the 2024 Agility Invitational to compete. You can check to see if your dog was #1 for 2023 by going to <a href="http://www.akc.org/events/agility/statistics/">http://www.akc.org/events/agility/statistics/</a>

Year-End Top Dog notifications will be emailed to the <u>primary owner on-record</u> after Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

Year-End Top MACH & PACH Dogs for 2023 will be invited to submit/upload online a picture of their dog. All slides will be made available for online viewing both at and after the event.

These picture submittals are for the **Year-End Top MACH & PACH Dogs for 2023**; which is not necessarily the same dogs sent an invite to enter the 2024 Agility Invitational (see above).

The deadline for submitting these pictures is **Wednesday**, **November 27**, **2024**. NO picture submittals or slideshow changes will be accepted after this deadline! This deadline is absolute.

#### HOTEL AND TRAVEL

http://www.akc.org/agi

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!**

If your family and/or friends would like to volunteer to work in the rings at this year's AKC Agility Invitational / Junior Agility Competition, please complete the online interest form found at: <a href="https://www.akccompanionevents.com/agi">www.akccompanionevents.com/agi</a>

Please watch for an email in **November**, **2024** which will give you information on how to sign up on-line to volunteer for a specific time and job.

If you have any questions, please send email to agility@akc.org

#### NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

- **DOGS PARTICIPATING.** This event is by invitation only. The top 5 dogs of each breed are invited to attend. Dogs must meet the minimum entry requirements in order to participate at this event and must also meet the eligibility requirements specified in the Regulations for Agility Trials. Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.
- **DUE TO LIMITED SPACE**, no ex-pens will be allowed in the facility. Each entered dog in the Agility Invitational will receive one assigned crating space. There may be a limited number of extra spaces for dogs not entered.
- **NOTHING WITH WHEELS** may be ridden by an exhibitor inside the Convention Center except for the scooters rented by the facility and ADA-approved devices.
- ENTRY FORMS: No phone, fax, or hand-delivered entries will be accepted. First Class, USPS Priority Mail, UPS Express Mail and/or courier-delivered entries are accepted.
- **ENTRY FEES** shall not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by Veterinarian or Judge, barred from competition by action of Event Committee or a duplicate entry for the same dog. If because of riots, civil disturbances or other acts beyond the control of the management it is impossible to open or to complete the trial, no refund of entry fees will be made.
- ENTRY FEES FOR BITCHES IN SEASON will be refunded if the Trial Secretary is notified in writing at least 30 minutes prior to the start of judging on Saturday, December 14, 2024. Vet statements should be provided to the Trial Secretary in writing to receive a refund. After December 14, 2024, entry fees will not be refunded for bitches in season. Refunds will be issued within 60-90 days of the request.
- ENTRY FEE REFUNDS DUE TO INJURY/ILLNESS: AKC offers a one-half refund of entry fees after the closing date if either dog or handler become injured or ill. Written notice must be submitted to the Trial Secretary no later than when the first dog begins to run during the event weekend.
- T2B CLASS A T2B titling class will be held on **Friday**, **December 13**, **2024**. All dogs entered in the AKC Agility Invitational and Juniors Agility Competition are eligible to enter this class. In order to participate, check the T2B class selection on the entry form provided with the invitation.
- CANCELLATION NOTICES of entries must be received by Wednesday, September 18, 2024 @ 8:00 p.m. EST. Refunds will be issued within 60-90 days of the request. No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee. No entry fee will be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by the action of the Event Committee.
- ON-LEASH. Dogs must be on leash at all times on event grounds except when in the ring or when in the designated agility warm-up area.
- CLEAN UP. Please pick up after dogs at show site and hotels. Dogs must use the designated exercise areas.
- RINGSIDE. Judges are not required to wait for dogs! The owner/handler of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at ringside when it is to be judged. The club has no responsibility for providing service through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.
- SAFETY, BEHAVIOR and LIABILITY. The safety of the dog is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all obstacles safely. It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Event Committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. The American Kennel Club and its agents, employees, etc., will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children. The American Kennel Club reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the American Kennel Club or any official thereof.
- LEADS. Dogs may not be on retractable leads or long-lines while inside the buildings at the Orange County Convention Center
- VACCINATION RECORDS. A copy of a dog's vaccination record, including a current rabies certificate, must be present for all dogs at the event.

This club does agree to arbitrate claims as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for this event. No wait list shall be maintained for this event.

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EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN TIMES				
Date	Check-In Time	Location		
Friday, December 13, 2024	11:00 am – 4:00 pm	Exhibitor Check-In Area at the Trial Site		
Saturday, December 14, 2024 Check confirmation letter for times		Trial Site Information Booth		
DOG JUMP HEIGHT MEASURING TIMES				
All dogs without height cards will be measured on the following schedule <b>ONLY</b> . It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be present for measuring at these times.				
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# OUR ESTIMATED FINISHING TIME ON SUNDAY IS 7:00 PM PICTURES OF THE WINNERS & AWARDS WILL FOLLOW COMPLETION OF THE EVENT ALL WINNERS ARE REQUIRED TO WAIT FOR PHOTOGRAPHS