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**AKC 2025 EUROPEAN OPEN
AGILITY TEAM TRYOUTS**
www.akc.org/EO

Friday, Saturday and Sunday,
February 28 to March 2, 2025

**This event will start judging of dogs
on Friday afternoon with Round 1: Agility (STD).**

**A 90-second practice run (standard course) will be
available Thursday afternoon.**

(See inside for more details.)



**B & D Creekside Activity Center
501 Avenue B
Latrobe, PA 15650**

One ring, indoors on field turf

Entries open Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 12:01 a.m. PST
Entries close Monday, February 10, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. PST

Trial Committee

Trial Chair.....Douglas A. Hurley
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Judges

Ana Beltran..... Spain
Roman Lukac..... Slovakia

Veterinarian on call

AVETS Emergency/Critical Care.....(412) 373-4200
4224 Northern Pike, Monroeville, PA 15146

Enter online by credit card:

<https://akccompanionevents.com/eott>

ENTER EVENT ONLINE link will display once entries are open.

\$150 entry fee (there is a discounted fee of **\$75** for white dogs)

Alternatively, send email to steve.herwig@akc.org
for the paper entry form package emailed as a PDF.

DIRECTIONS TO THE TRIAL SITE:

**B & D Creekside Activity Center
501 Avenue B
Latrobe, PA 15650**

From the East: Take I-70/US 30 W. Continue to follow US-30 W. Merge onto PA-982 toward Bradenville (go 1.0 Miles). Turn LEFT onto LIGONIER ST. (LIGONIER is just past DIANE St.) (Go 0.3 Miles). Turn LEFT onto AVENUE B. (AVENUE B is just past AVENUE C) (go 0.3 Miles). 501 AVENUE B is on the RIGHT. (Destination is just past WATKINS AVE.) (Go 0.01 Miles)

From the West: Take US-22 E. Turn RIGHT onto PA-981 (go 6.5 Miles). Turn Right onto PA-981/Industrial Blvd. Continue to follow PA-981 S (go 0.5 Miles). Turn LEFT onto LINCOLN AVE./PA-981. Continue to follow LINCOLN AVE. (Lincoln AVE. is just past DEPOT St.) (Go 0.9 Miles). Turn RIGHT onto Cedar ST. (CEDAR ST. is 0.1 miles past CHERRY ST). (Go 0.1 Miles). Turn LEFT onto LIGONIER ST. (go 0.3 Miles). Turn RIGHT onto AVENUE B (AVENUE B is just past AVENUE A) (go 0.3 Miles). 501 AVENUE B is on the RIGHT. (Destination is just past WATKINS AVE.) (Go 0.01 Miles).

From the North: Take I-76 S (Pennsylvania Turnpike). Merge onto US-30 E via EXIT 67 toward GREENSBURG (go 18.9 Miles). Merge onto PA-982 toward Bradenville (go 1.0 Miles). Turn LEFT onto LIGONIER ST. (LIGONIER is just past DIANE St.) (Go 0.3 Miles). Turn LEFT onto AVENUE B. (AVENUE B is just past AVENUE C) (go 0.3 Miles). 501 AVENUE B is on the RIGHT. (Destination is just past WATKINS AVE.) (Go 0.01 Miles)

From the South: Take US-119 N. Merge onto US-30 E. Merge onto PA-982 toward Bradenville (go 1.0 Miles). Turn LEFT onto LIGONIER ST. (LIGONIER is just past DIANE St.) (Go 0.3 Miles). Turn LEFT onto AVENUE B. (AVENUE B is just past AVENUE C) (Go 0.3 Miles). 501 AVENUE B is on the RIGHT. (Destination is just past WATKINS AVE.) (Go 0.01 Miles)

RV/Camping

11 spots each with 50amp/30amp/110amp electric only, \$40/ night. Dry camping for \$20/night.

VENDORS

Vendor spots will be \$150 for the four day weekend. Vendor Coordinator: Darlene Schmucker

Visit <https://bndcreeksideactivitycenter.com/all-rentals-1> for more details on both RV/Camping spots and Vendor Spots. The link will be available starting December 1st. You will be able to reserve your spot and make payment directly through the website.

Tryouts Rules

The rules for the 2025 European Open Tryouts competition will be based upon the FCI rules which will be in effect at the 2025 EO. These rules could include jump and A-frame height changes and/or judging methods. EOTT rules will be adjusted to reflect any and all FCI rule changes which directly affect the 2025 EO.

HOTEL INFORMATION

**(check pet policies when making reservations,
many have pet fees and/or dog limits)**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
The Inn Mountain View	300 Scenery Lane, Greensburg, PA 15601	724-691-0570
Super 8 Delmont	180 Sheffield Dr., Delmont, PA 15626	724-468-4888
Econo Lodge New Stanton	110 North Main St., New Stanton, PA 15672	724-925-6755
Red Roof (2 dogs / room at no additional cost)	111 Sheraton Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601	877-843-7663

For 2025 the American Kennel Club (AKC) will approve entry for 32 dogs selected through the EOTT process and through the online credential/qualification process to the European Open (EO) agility competition to be held July 16-20, 2025 in Abrantes, Portugal.

There will be one competition with 4 rounds. Team spots will be awarded to the top 2 cumulative score at the end of round 4 and to the Round 4 Winners (provided they meet criteria noted in scoring section). This will determine the 3 large team win-on spots, 3 intermediate team win-on spots, 3 medium team win-on spots and 3 small team win-on spots for the 2025 AKC EO Team. Each country may field a maximum of 32 dogs, total of 8 teams and no more than 8 dogs per height category. The remaining 20 dogs will be chosen by EO Team Management based on a) the number of entries in each jump height and b) each exhibitor/dog team's performance during the EOTT individual rounds.

Basic Eligibility for all candidates entering European Open Team Tryouts (EOTT)

- Any Candidate younger than 18 years of age at EOTT must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at their own expense (e.g.: air, hotel & ground travel). This includes: at the EOTT competition and international competitions as well as team practices, should the minor become an AKC EO Team member.
- The Candidate showing the dog at EOTT will be the only handler allowed to compete with the dog at the International competitions.
- The handler of the dog at EOTT must be the handler who showed the dog to gain its minimum score or title requirements.
- Candidates must be the registered owner or co-owner of record of the dog at entry closing time for EOTT.
- Candidate must be willing to travel with the team to the European Open.
- Candidate must be willing to acquire any documentation required by the local government(s). Candidate must be willing to adhere to any health requirements required for themselves by the host country and organizers.
- Team Members must be willing to have their dog treated for tapeworm within 30 days of the competition or any other vaccine/treatment if the host country requires it. Team Members must be willing to vaccinate their dog for rabies according to the host country's regulations.
- Please note that it is important that your dog's microchip and/or tattoo numbers be on your rabies certificates. You will likely need to ask your vet to manually add this information and sign it as it is not common practice to include it. ISO compatible microchips are the only ones recognized in Europe. There has to be a Rabies vaccination administered AFTER the Microchip is in place for it to officially be on the dog's record.
- Candidates must be in good standing with the American Kennel Club. Any Candidate who has received a misconduct charge during the year prior to tryouts will not be allowed to compete at EOTT. Any handler who receives a misconduct charge after earning a spot on the team, and before the competition, may also be subject to sanction up to and including removal from the team by the Team Coach, Asst. Team Coach, and AKC Director of Agility.
- Candidates must at all times demonstrate extreme Good Sportsmanship while participating in or watching **any agility event**. The Team Coach, Asst. Team Coach, and AKC Director of Agility may refuse entry to EOTT and/or the EO team to any handler who demonstrates verbal or physical abuse to a dog or fellow competitor or acts abusive or challenging to an agility judge.
- Candidates are representatives of the agility program in the United States and are also representing those companies which sponsor agility in the United States.
- Any Candidate who makes the 2025 EO Team agrees to attend all Team Practices and Team Meetings prior to the event as well as those held onsite and offsite overseas.

***NEW* HEIGHT DIVISIONS**

Small -	12 inches -	for dogs measuring less than 13-3/4" (35cm) at the withers
Medium -	16 inches -	for dogs measuring 13-3/4" (35cm) or more and less than 16-7/8" (43cm) at the withers
Intermediate -	20 inches -	for dogs measuring 16-7/8" or more and less than 18-7/8" (48cm) at the withers
Large -	24 inches -	for dogs measuring 18-7/8" (48cm) or more at the withers

All dogs must compete in the height category they measure into.

All dogs competing at Tryouts will be measured by the Agility Director or others as named by the Director, unless they already have an official FCI measurement. Due to stricter measuring procedures at the FCI competitions, dogs within 1" of the cutoff should be prepared to be measured multiple times at the Tryouts. Dogs measuring into a new height may choose to run FEO (for exhibition only – as White Dog) in the height entered or choose to run for competition in the height they measure into.

FCI European Open (EO) Candidate Qualifications

Portugal – July 2025

2025 AKC EO Team Tryouts Eligibility		
	Standard	Jumpers
ISC Level 3*	4 pts	4 pts
ISC Level 2*	3 pts	3 pts
ISC Level 1*	2 pt	2 pt
Premier	3 pts	3 pts
Master	2 pts	2 pts

*ISC must be Clean Runs Dogs must earn a minimum of 8 points from each column.

Note: **ISC Clean Runs** must be from dog's international jump height (FCI). Master and Premier Qs may come from the dog's AKC measured jump height during the 11/1/2023 through 12/31/2024 tryout qualifications eligibility time period.

****Qualification Requirements for the 2026 AKC EO Team Tryouts will remain the same as those above, except that ISC Level 1 runs in either Standard or Jumpers will only earn 1pt. Accumulation period will be 1/1/2025 through 12/31/2025.**

Entries will be sent an initial confirmation PDF upon entry. A dog's entry into the event may not be confirmed/finalized until after entries close on **2/10/2025**. 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.

- All Teams must also meet the Basic Eligibility requirements listed above.
- All breeds and mixed breeds can compete at the EO and as such are eligible for EOTT as long as they meet the AKC eligibility requirements in Chapter 1, Section 3 of the Regulations for Agility Trials and Agility Course Test (ACT).
- Dogs with Docked Tails and Cropped Ears **WILL** be allowed to compete at EO in 2025 based on their AKC breed standard. If docking or cropping was the result of an accident to a dog of a non-docked/cropped breed a veterinarian's note must be supplied.
- All 32 dogs must be registered with the AKC to compete at the FCI European Open AKC/USA Team. Dogs must have an AKC registration number, PAL/ILP number or AKC Canine Partners listing number.

- All dogs must be **24 months or older** on the day of the European Open competition. Dogs may be between 15 months and 24 months during the European Open Team Tryout competition.
- Bitches In Season may compete – more details on this will be announced upon confirmation.
- **WHITE DOGS** – Applicants wishing to enter as a White Dog may meet entry requirements by either a) meeting EOTT qualifying criteria or b) submitting a competition video from a Master STD, Premier STD or ISC STD competition run from the 2025 qualifying period. Videos should be emailed to: veggietaco2020@gmail.com AND gutierse@gmail.com. White dog scores are not included in the completed rounds or cumulative results. White dogs will run at the beginning of the height class during each round and handlers must be available to walk the course during course building. Teams may apply to enter as White Dog only if they do not have a dog already competing in the EOTT. A maximum of 2 white dog entrants will be accepted for each jump height (12, 16, 20, 24). A wait list will not be maintained.

EO TEAM SCORING

- There will be four (4) rounds total over four days and every dog will run every round:
 - Friday afternoon: Round 1 – Agility (STD)
 - Saturday morning: Round 2 – Jumpers (JWW)
 - Saturday afternoon: Round 3: Jumpers (JWW)
 - Sunday morning: Round 4: Agility (STD)
- Dogs must run “naked” with no collar during all rounds; else, the run shall be scored as an elimination (E).
- Fix and Go On: At the handler’s option, the exhibitor may declare to the judge they are going to “fix” an obstacle, at which time one obstacle may be repeated. At that time the run will be scored an elimination (E).
- SCT for each round/jump height is calculated by averaging top 2 fastest times + 10%.
- Time Faults (time over SCT) will be added back into your Round Score. (i.e. SCT is 30.00 and Run Time is 31.50... 1.50 will be added for a Round Score of 33.00) for rounds 1-4.
- Course Faults – A course fault will be scored at 2.5 points. Any three (3) course faults (missed contact, dropped bar, etc.) will be scored as an elimination (E) for rounds 1-4. A wrong course will also be scored as an elimination (E) for rounds 1-4.
 - Refusals will be called but **not** scored for rounds 1-4.
- For each round, dogs will be ranked based on time plus faults. Dogs with an elimination (E) will not earn a score.

Team Spots to Cumulative Winners:

Team spots will be awarded to the top cumulative PP-SP score at the end of round 4. At the conclusion of each individual round, two types of points, Placement Points (PP) and Speed Points (SP), will be added together to create that team’s PP-SP score. The best 3 of 4 Rounds PP-SP score shall become the exhibitor/dog team’s cumulative PP-SP score.

- This method will determine the 2 large team win-on spots, 2 intermediate team win-on spots, 2 medium team win-on spots and 2 small team win-on spots for the 2025 AKC EO Team.
 - ⊖ A \$500 cash prize will be given to these eight (8) exhibitor/dog teams to help defray travel expenses. The prize will be awarded after attendance at the EO competition.
- Each country may field a maximum of 32 dogs, total of 8 teams and no more than 8 dogs per height category. The remaining 20 dogs will be chosen by EO Team Management based on a) the number of entries in each jump height and b) each exhibitor/dog team’s performance during the EOTT individual rounds.

Placement Points

- * PP are equal to the # of dogs entered in the jump height.
- * First place earns maximum number of PP
- * Points go down by 1 pt per placement
 - * Ex: 80 dogs competing, first place = 80 pts, second 79 pts, etc...
- * Any dogs with 2.5 or fewer faults is eligible for PP

Speed Points

- * SP are equal to the # of dogs entered in the jump height (same as PP)
- * Fastest dog’s run time earns the maximum number of SP
- * Fastest dog’s run time is set by any dog with 2.5 or fewer faults

- * SP will be given to dogs that are within 10% of the fastest time
 - * Any dog with 2.5 or less faults is eligible for speed points
- Speed points are based on the % difference from the fastest time.

- 0.01% slower than the fastest dog’s run time gets 99% of the speed points
- 1.00% slower, gets 90% of the speed points
- 1.50% slower, gets 85% of the speed points
- 2.00% slower, gets 80% of the speed points
- 9.80% slower, gets 02% of the speed points
- 10.00% or slower, gets 0% of the speed points

(NEW for 2025!!!) Team Spots to Round 4 Winners per Height:

Team spots will be awarded to each of the height winners for Round 4.

- In order to qualify for a spot, the Winner must have a score (non-E round) in at least one of the two Jumping Rounds held on Saturday.
- If the Round 4 Winner does not have a score in Jumping, the award will then go to the 2nd Place Winner. If they don’t have a score either, 3rd place will be eligible. No placements past 3rd will be considered for this Team Spot award, so if 3rd does not meet criteria, the spots will unawarded and will be chosen by EO Team Management.
- If the Round 4 Winner is also one of the two Cumulative Winners, then again 2nd Place Winner will be eligible. If 2nd place also happens to be one of the Cumulative winners, or does not have a Jumping score, 3rd place will be considered. No placements past 3rd place will be considered for this Team Spot award, so if 3rd does not meet criteria, the spots will not be awarded and will be chosen by EO Team Management.
- This Team Spot is only eligible for individual round monetary awards as described below.

(NEW for 2025!!!) 2025 Senior Open AWC Team Win On Spot from the EOTT

One SOAWC Team spot will be awarded for each FCI jump height. To be eligible for this team spot, handlers must be 55 years of age or older by Dec 31, 2025. This spot will be awarded to the top cumulative PP-SP score at the end of round 4 using the same EOTT scoring. The handler must have a score (non-E) from one agility round and from one jumping round. If the winning handler already has a spot on the 2025 SOAWC team, the spot will go to the next eligible handler.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

- ❖ Exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any dogs and/or children that create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engages in unsafe or disruptive behavior may be asked to leave.
- ❖ Scores from the Tryouts will not count towards AKC titles or MACH points because these scores will not be recorded by the AKC Records Dept.
- ❖ There will be a \$25.00 service fee for any returned checks.
- ❖ All rights to video tape, televise, advertise, photograph, promote and otherwise exploit this event are vested in the American Kennel Club. All persons and the owners of the animals in attendance who appear in any resultant effort grant the use of their likeness and voice without further consent. Exhibitors may video tape their own individual runs for personal use.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ TRIAL HOURS: 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. EST. The trial site will be available to exhibitors Friday for set-up. Dogs cannot be left overnight at the trial site. Estimated finish time on Sunday will be determined after entries close on Monday, **February 10, 2025**.
- ❖ There will be a general briefing for exhibitors on Friday approximately one hour before Round 1 runs begin – attendance is not required but recommended. Time to be determined based on the number of entries received.
- ❖ The running order for Friday afternoon's round 1 will be determined by use of random numbers generated at www.random.org.
- ❖ The running order for Saturday morning's round 2 shall be decided by a public random draw following the general briefing on **Friday, February 28, 2025**. The trial secretary will draw for dogs of which their handlers are absent during the drawing.
- ❖ A 90-second practice run, using a full standards course, will be available on-site **Thursday, February 27, 2025**. One dog on-course at a time. The cost is \$10 cash, paid at the In-gate, to cover the added expense in using the facility on Thursday. All profit from Thursday's practice will go to the EO Team. Use of training aids (ex. stride regulators) and Toys are allowed. More details will be provided in the confirmation along with a link to the sign-up online form for selecting a time slot.

Mandatory Team Practice Date

By signing the entry form Team Members agree to attend the mandatory scheduled team practice to be held on **June 6-8, 2025 at:**

**Premier Sports Center
3 Coleman Court
Vincentown, NJ 08088**

AWARDS

For each individual round in each jump height the following will be awarded:

1st Place - \$150 & Rosette

2nd Place - \$75 & Rosette

3rd Place - \$50 & Rosette

These individual round monetary awards will be sent out after the EO Team Tryout 2025 event.

Rosettes will also be given for each dog winning spots on the EO team in each jump height.