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Inaugural

INTERNATIONAL SWEEPSTAKES CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday and Sunday, October 12 - 13, 2024

Show Hours: 8am – 5pm



**GOV. JAMES B. HUNT, JR. HORSE COMPLEX
NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIRGROUNDS**

4601 Trinity Road
Raleigh, NC 27607

Two rings, 100' x 110' indoors on dirt
FINALS ring, 120' x 140' indoors on dirt

FCI Broad Jump and Wall Jump will be used for this event.

FCI heights and distances for Broad Jump and Tire will be used for 12", 16", 20" and 24".

AKC Heights and distances for 4" and 8" heights.

Judges:

Ms. Heather Dickinson (US)

Ms. Reetta Pirttikoski (FI)

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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Trial Chairman Carrie De Young
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Trial Secretary Steve Herwig

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American Kennel Club, Attention: Companion Events – ISCh 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. Heather Dickinson (US)
AKC Judge

Mr. Andrea Menghini (FR)
Design Judge (FCI)

Ms. Reetta Pirttikoski (FI)
Design and Judge

DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER - ENTER THIS EVENT ONLINE!

This is an open event, with no pre-qualifications required. Entries are First Received, limited to 350 dogs.

This trial is open to all dogs of 15 months of age or older that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited Registration, Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP) or an AKC Canine Partners Listing number, or approved Foundation Stock Service (FSS) breeds. Dogs should be physically sound. Dogs that are blind shall not be eligible, nor will aggressive dogs, bitches in season, or dogs suffering from any deformity, injury, or illness which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance. No dog shall compete if it is taped or bandaged in any way or has anything attached to it for medical purposes. Refer to Chapter 2 of the Registration and Discipline Rules for the listing of registerable breeds that may participate. Puppies under four months of age are strictly prohibited from the trial grounds.

ENTRIES OPEN/CLOSE: Entries will open on **Monday, August 26, 2024 at 8:30 am EST** and close on **Monday, September 16, 2024 at 8:00 pm EST**. A waitlist will be kept until **Monday, September 30, 2024**.

280 online entries and 70 paper entries will be taken during the initial 48 hours after opening. Max of 10 paper entries in a mailed envelope. Online waitlist entries exclusively will be taken if the 350 entry limit is reached.

Online entries at: www.akccompanionevents.com/isch then click on **Enter Event Online**.

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

ENTRY FEES PER DOG

AKC International Sweepstakes Championship.....\$160.00

Mail entry form and fees to: American Kennel Club, Attention: Companion Events - ISCh, 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite #100, Raleigh, NC 27617. Please make checks payable to: AKC International Sweepstakes Championship.

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 **Official AKC International Sweepstakes Championship Entry Form**. Please do not submit pre-filled out generic entry forms; your entry will not be accepted.

TEAM

When filling out the ISCh Entry Form, exhibitors are to select one of the choices below from the drop-down list:

- This dog will compete on a TEAM of which a Team Captain will submit the dog's name.
- This dog will compete on a TEAM of which the Trial Secretary is to assign after entries close.
- This dog will NOT compete on a TEAM.

An online form will be provided once entries close for Team Captains to submit indicating which ISCh-entered dogs are on their team.

Dogs assigned to a team by the Trial Secretary will be notified after the **September 16, 2024** entry deadline.

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.

All AKC heights will be offered, except for 24C. Dogs may be entered in their regular AKC jump heights or may choose to run in their FCI height category.

Dogs may be entered in their Preferred height category and will be scored with dogs running in the corresponding AKC Regular height (ie 8" Preferred will be scored with 12" AKC Regular)

AKC Jump Height Divisions

<u>Preferred</u>	<u>Scored</u>	
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.

FCI Height Charts

- Small 12" - Dogs measuring 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and less
- Medium 16" - Dogs measuring 16 $\frac{7}{8}$ " and less
- Intermediate 20" - Dogs measuring 18 $\frac{7}{8}$ " and less
- Large 24" - Dogs measuring greater than 18 $\frac{7}{8}$ "

EXHIBITOR TEE-SHIRT SIZE, ANNOUNCER'S BIOS

All entrants will receive a free exhibitor's tee-shirt. One tee-shirt per dog entered. Your tee-shirt size must be submitted with your entry form. Tee-shirt size may not be changed after **Monday, September 16, 2024**.

An exhibitor's bio must be submitted with your entry form. To assist our announcer at the event, if you and/or your dog's name is spelled unusually, please spell them out phonetically within your announcer's bio. Exhibitor's bio may not be changed after **Monday, September 16, 2024**.

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.

JUDGING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY – October 12, 2024	SUNDAY – October 13, 2024
Round #1 – ISC TEAM Jumping Level 2	Round #4 – ISC Agility Level 3
Round #2 – ISC TEAM Agility Level 2	Round #5 – Finals ISC Agility Level 3
Round #3 – ISC Jumping Level 3	

EOTT AND WTT TRYOUT REQUIREMENTS

All clean runs from Rounds 1, 2, 3, and 4 at this event will count towards 2025 AKC European Open Team tryouts and 2025 AKC Agility World Team tryout requirements.

FREE, OPEN CRATING

One free, open 3' x 5' crating space will be provided for each entered dog who is not being housed in a stall. Crating spaces will not be pre-assigned. First come; no saving of spaces for others.

Each exhibitor will be required to display an emergency contact information card on the outside of each crate.

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

Un-Entered dogs must fit within the space allocated to an exhibitor's entered dog(s). No extra crating space should be used for un-entered dogs. Un-entered dogs may also be housed in a rented stall.

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 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.

STALLS

Stall Rental Agreement must be submitted by **Monday, September 16, 2024** and may be submitted online using the link provided when you receive a confirmation of entry from steve.herwig@akc.org

IMPORTANT – All exhibitors will select their stall space location from an online system mapping between **September 23, 2024 @ 8am Pacific (11am Eastern) and September 30, 2024 @ 5pm Pacific (8pm Eastern)**. Those who wish to have stall spaces next to each other must select one stall group representative who will select all stall spaces within their group at the same time.

Any stall group representative that has 10 or more stalls within their group should submit the online Large Stall Group Coordinator Notification form prior to **September 16, 2024**.
<https://akc.jotform.com/242295175802862>

Stall coordinators with 10 or more in their group will be allowed early tiered access into the online system prior to general availability IF notice has been made prior to **September 16, 2024**.

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

AKC INTERNATIONAL SWEEPSTAKES CHAMPIONSHIP - DESCRIPTION & SCORING

The AKC International Sweepstakes Championship will consist of **Round #1** ISC Team Jumping Level 2, **Round #2** ISC Team Agility Level 2, **Round #3** ISC Jumping Level 3, **Round #4** ISC Agility Level 3, and **Round #5** Finals ISC Agility Level 3.

Scoring is Time Plus Faults:

- Course time deductions: SCT is determined by time of the fastest dog with the fewest course faults + 15%, rounded up to the nearest second.
- Refusal faults are a 5 second penalty.
- Standard faults are a 5 second penalty.
- Wrong Course faults are a 10 second penalty.
- FNG or not completing all obstacles on the course results in an Elimination and no score.
- 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 an Elimination and no score.
- Preferred dogs will run at their Preferred height but will be scored within their Regular height (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 or their corresponding FCI Jump Height. Any dogs without an official AKC jump height card, will be required to be measured during exhibitor check-in. Dogs will only be changed if they measure out of their correct AKC Jump Height.
- In case of a cumulative score/time tie, the dog with the lowest score, then lowest run time from the Agility (Standard) round will break the tie.

ROUNDS 1 AND 2 – TEAM!

Team is a maximum of 4 dogs within the same scored jump height division. Minimum of 3 dogs constitutes a team. All dogs on a team must be entered individually in the International Sweepstakes Championship. Dogs on a team will be submitted by each Team's Captain. Individuals may also opt to be placed randomly on a team formed by the Trial Secretary after entries close. Cumulative Score for Team Award is determined using the 3 lowest cumulative scores from all dogs on a team (for a 4 dog team, highest score dropped) from Rounds 1 and 2. Ties are broken by including the 4th dog's score. If a team has only 3 dogs, then a 4th score of 200 will be used.

A dog entered in the International Sweepstakes Championship does not have to belong to a team. All entered dogs earn individual scores from Rounds 1-4.

ROUND 5 – FINALS

A bye into finals will be awarded to the Top 5 dogs from each Round/Scored Jump Height division (25 dogs total per Round) plus the Top Cumulative Score dog from each Scored Jump Height division, for a total of 105 entrants in finals. When calculating the Top 5 of a Round/Scored Jump Height division, if any dog has already qualified for finals, then the next dog in-line will receive a bye into finals. The bye into finals from the Top Cumulative Scores, will be awarded to the top dog that hasn't already earned a Finals Bye. A dog must have a score to receive a bye into finals.

Dogs will be run in reverse order based on placements through 4 rounds of competition. This will be an ISC Agility Level 3 course and Finalists placements will be Time Plus Faults from the Finals class only. A score must be earned from Finals to obtain both a placement and if first place, the ISCH prefix title.

RIBBONS, AWARDS AND PRIZES

AKC International Sweepstakes Championship: (for each jump height)

ROUND 5 - FINALS

- 1st place – International Sweepstakes Champions: AKC ISCH title, Rosette, Championship Bar (donated by MAD Agility), and AKC Medallion. **2024 International Sweepstakes Champions will be automatically eligible to compete at the AKC 2025 International Sweepstakes Championship. Any 2025 qualifying requirements are waived for the 2024 Champions; however, an entry form with payment must still be submitted.**
- 2nd – 4th place Rosette
- All Finalists Rosette
- Top Senior Competitor (+55 years old) in each height, running at their FCI height, will earn a spot on the SOAWC Team USA (12,16,20 & 24 in heights). If no Sr. competitor the spot will not be awarded.
- Top Junior Competitor (under 18 years old) in each height, running at their FCI height, will earn a spot on the JOAWC Team USA (12,16,20 & 24 in heights). If no Jr. competitor the spot will not be awarded.
- 1st & 2nd place Final Round Winners will earn a "Bye" to AKC Agility World Team Tryouts for 2025. They do not need to fulfill the requirement of the 4/4 scores. The team must send in all the required information with the fees and the entry form and meet all the other basic eligibility noted in the WTT document (including an approved pedigree). The handler at tryouts must be the same handler that won the combined award. Only those dogs running within their correct FCI Jump Height will be awarded this WTT Bye.

ROUNDS 1 - 4 (for each round)

- 1st - 4th place Rosette
- All Clear Rounds Rosette

ROUNDS 1 - 4 (Combined Score Award for each height)

- 1st - 4th place Rosette

ROUNDS 1 - 2 (TEAM EVENT!)

- 1st - 4th place Team per height Rosette for each Team Member (3 or 4 Dogs)

All awards presented at this event will not be replaced in the case of a lost or stolen.

HUMAN EMERGENCY SERVICES

FIRE - AMBULANCE - POLICE - DIAL 911

UPDATED INFORMATION POSTED ON INTERNATIONAL SWEEPSTAKES CHAMPIONSHIP WEB PAGE

Please check the AKC International Sweepstakes Championship web page for updated information as it becomes available regarding:

- Directions to Show Site
- Day of Show Parking
- RV Overnight Parking Reservations
- Souvenir Merchandise
- Veterinarian On-Call
- Videographer and Photographer

<http://www.akc.org/isch>

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.

ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

The American Kennel Club and the Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. Horse Complex will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items left at the show site. **A 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 not be on retractable leads or long-lines while inside any building.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

If your family and/or friends would like to volunteer to work in the rings at this year's AKC International Sweepstakes Championship, please complete the online interest form found at: www.akccompanionevents.com/fisch

EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN TIMES

Date	Check-In Time	Location
Friday, October 11, 2024	Check confirmation letter for times	Exhibitor Check-In Area at the Trial Site
Saturday, October 12, 2024	Check confirmation letter for times	Check confirmation letter

DOG JUMP HEIGHT MEASURING TIMES

All dogs without height cards will be measured on the following schedule **ONLY**. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be present for measuring at these times.

Friday, October 11, 2024	Check confirmation letter for times	Exhibitor Check-In Area at the Trial Site
Saturday, October 12, 2024	Check confirmation letter for times	Trial Site Information Booth

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

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

DOGS PARTICIPATING. This is an open event with no pre-qualification requirements, limited to 350 dogs. Dogs must be registered with the American Kennel Club. 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 International Sweepstakes Championship 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 any building except for the ADA-approved devices.

ENTRY FORMS: No phone, fax, or hand-delivered entries will be accepted. First Class, USPS Priority Mail, UPS/FEDEX 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 if a duplicate entry is submitted 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, October 12, 2024**. 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.

CANCELLATION NOTICES of entries must be received by **Monday, September 16, 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 all buildings.

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.