

Premium List

AKC 2024 AGILITY WORLD TEAM TRYOUTS

Saturday, Sunday & Monday, April 27-29, 2024

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One ring, indoors on artificial turf

Entries open Wednesday, February 14th, 2024 at 8 a.m. ET

Entries close Tuesday, April 9th, 2024 at 4 p.m. ET

(We suggest you send your entries in as soon as the qualifications are met as we need time to verify all scores. Entries can also be sent before qualifications are met.)

Online Entry Only This Year

Entry fee is \$155

Junior handlers pay \$77.50

Enter online by credit card:

Click the following link to Enter This Event Online:

<https://akc.jotform.com/240139214665858>

- Complete all sections of the form, including the payment info at the end
- Repeat for each dog being entered

FEO (For Exhibition Only) is not being offered this year. There will be exceptions made in specific cases though where the dog meets all the basic requirements (eg: FCI pedigree, not cropped/ docked, etc.) and was entered in good faith. Those exceptions will be handled on an individual basis and require approval of Nancy Gyes and Carrie DeYoung.

By entering this event, exhibitors agree to adhere to all guest rules set forth by Purina Farms. You may read them at:

<https://www.purina.com/about-purina/purina-farms/purina-event-center>
Select "Guest Rules" link at bottom.

Trial Committee

AKC Director of Agility	Carrie DeYoung
AKC Agility Rep	Sheyla Gutierrez
AKC Executive Staff	Steve Herwig
AWC Team Coach	Nancy Gyes
AWC Ass't Team Coach	John Nyes
WTT Secretary	Toni Osojnicki
osojn001@alumni,umn.edu	651-491-6897

Judges

Zsofi Biro.....	Hungary
Esa Muotka.....	Finland

HOTEL & CAMPGROUND INFORMATION

Purina Farms has a list of hotels that accept dogs at:

<https://www.purina.com/about-purina/purina-farms/purina-event-center>

Select "Local Pet-friendly Lodging List" link

ACCOMMODATIONS - Make your Reservations Early!!!

Hotels that accept dogs are quickly becoming a rarity. Please behave responsibly! Clean up after your dog, bring sheets to cover the furniture, do not groom or bathe your dog inside, do not leave your dog(s) unattended in the room, and please be respectful of other guests who do not have to be up at 6 a.m.

Policies can change. Please verify that dogs are still being accepted when making reservations and CHECK PET FEES!

Note: The AKC does not have any agreements with these hotels, they are listed as a courtesy based on information that they allow pets.

The Wildwood Hotel, 2801 Fountain Pl., Wildwood, MO 63040 636-733-9100
www.thewildwoodhotel.com (15 miles)

Comfort Inn, 1320 Thornton St., Pacific, MO 63069 636-257-4600
(I-44, Exit 257, 6 miles)

Holiday Inn at Six Flags, I-44 at Allenton, Eureka, MO 63025 636-938-6661
(I-44, Exit 261, 10 miles)

America's Best Inn, 1725 West Fifth St., Eureka, MO 63025 636-549-3384
(I-44, Exit 261, 10 miles)

Eureka Super 8, 1744 West Fifth St., Eureka, MO 63025 636-938-4368
(I-44, Exit 261, 10 miles)

Quality Inn, 1400 West Osage St., Pacific, MO 636069 636-257-8400
(I-44, Exit 257, 6 miles)

RV Hookups

RV parking and hookups are available onsite at Purina Farms.

All reservations must be made through Purina Farms.

The RV area closest to the building has full hookups for \$50 per night in row A, \$45 per night in row B and \$40 per night in row C or D.

Electric only sites are a bit further away for \$25 per night.

Check in is no earlier than Friday, April 26th.

Check out is no later than 10 am on Tuesday, April 30th

The link to the reservation form is on the AKC WTT website:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/agility/events/usa-world-agility-team/>

24 Hour Emergency Clinics

Veterinary Specialty Services

1021 Howard George Dr, Manchester, MO 63021

636-227-6100

30 minute drive from Purina Farms

Pacific Animal Hospital

(10 mins away, call first to make sure available)

450 Flier Drive

Pacific, Missouri, 63069

636-257-2100

pacificvets.com

Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 7:00am – 6:00pm

Tuesday, Friday 7:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday 7:00am – Noon

Sunday Closed

SITE INFORMATION

This trial is being held at Purina Farms Event Center. There is plenty of parking. We will be running in one ring, crating will be in a separate room.

As always, everyone must pick up after their dogs and have them on leash while on the show premises. ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT WHEN IN THE RING OR IN THE DESIGNATED WARM UP AREA.

There is more information available at:

. <https://www.purina.com/about-purina/purina-farms/purina-event-center>

Outside food and beverage is not allowed. Violators will be reported to the AKC.

For 2024 the American Kennel Club (AKC) will field a team of 16 dogs to compete at the FCI Agility World Championships (AWC) – which will be held in Opglabbeek, Belgium on October 1-6, 2024.

- Three dog/handler teams from each height division will win a spot on the team at WTT. The remaining team member(s) and alternates for each height will be chosen by the Coach and Team Leader based upon scores from WTT as well as Major ISC classes, all classes at AKC Nationals, and the team's competition results at regular competitions. All information provided to the Coach will be considered in choosing the remaining team.
- It is not a requirement to attend AKC Nationals or to enter ISC at Nationals or to enter 24 inches for large dogs at that event.
- These dogs will be sponsored by the AKC.
- Handlers may run multiple dogs in the same or different heights at WTT, but if one handler wins two spots in the same height – one dog will be designated the alternate.
- A "Candidate" is the owner or co-owner handler that intends to compete for a position on the 2024 AKC Agility World Team.
- A "Team" shall be considered, for purpose of these rules, to be an owner/handler or a co-owner/handler and a dog which meets requirements for height and pedigree.

Basic Eligibility for all candidates entering World Team Tryouts

- Any Candidate younger than 18 years of age at WTT must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at their own expense (e.g.: air, hotel & ground travel) at the WTT competition and international competitions as well as team practices, should the minor become an AKC International AWC Team member.
- The Candidate showing the dog at WTT will be the only handler allowed to compete with the dog at the AWC.
- The handler of the dog at WTT must be the handler who showed the dog to gain its minimum scores or ISC win.
- All WTT competitors will be required to sign a Consent and Release Form related to any images/photos/etc. taken.
- Candidates must be US residents for one year.
- Candidate must be willing to travel with the team to the AWC
- Team members must attend the two Team USA practices (expected to be June 21-23 and an August weekend tbd) and arrive in the host country by Sunday night prior to the event and attend all the practices in Europe prior to the AWC.
- Dogs must have a three-generation pedigree showing three generations of purebred lineage. (This is a requirement of the FCI Agility World Championships, not the AKC.)
- The FCI requires that every dog have an AKC registration number and acceptable FCI recognized pedigree.
- **Cropped and/or docked dogs are NOT allowed to compete in Belgium this year.**
- **Drug Testing at the AWC: Dogs can be tested at any time during the event. We don't have specifics for this year yet, but it's possible your dog cannot be on almost any kind of drug during the event, not including flea and tick or heartworm meds. Some drugs have a washout period of just 7 days, others have up to a 6 month washout time period. Some drugs which might seem innocuous may not be allowed. Examples include: steroid drugs like cheque drops, seizure-prevention and thyroid meds and anti-inflammatory or pain meds. If your dog is on a daily medication or has an underlying condition that might require these meds, please contact the team coach to discuss them before entering the WTT.**
- Candidate must be willing to acquire any documentation required by the local government(s).
- 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.
- Candidates must be in good standing with the American Kennel Club. Any Candidate who has been the subject of a disciplinary action, either suspended or reprimanded, during the WTT qualifying period and up to and including the WTT themselves will not be allowed to compete at World Team Tryouts (WTT). Any handler who suspended or reprimanded after earning a spot on either team, and before the competition, may also be subject to sanction up to and including removal from the team by the Team Coach and AKC Director of Agility.
- Dogs entered at AKC World Team Tryouts are subject to the regulations regarding aggression set forth in the Regulations for Agility Trials and Agility Course Test (ACT). Dogs selected for the team must not display any inappropriate or aggressive behavior to humans or other dogs at World Team Tryouts, Team practices, the Agility World Championship event or while traveling to/from practices. Any dog displaying aggressive behavior as determined by the Team Coach and Agility Director after becoming a team member may be removed from the team, not allowed to participate at the Agility World Championship and may not be allowed to enter the AKC World Team Tryouts again.
- Candidates must demonstrate extreme **Good Sportsmanship**: This includes when participating in any agility event as a competitor, observer or commenting on any

social media platform. The AKC Director of Agility and World Team Coach may refuse entry to WTT to any handler who demonstrates verbal or physical abuse to a dog or fellow competitor or acts abusive or challenging to an agility judge for any time period up to and including WTT.

- Candidates are representatives of the agility program in the United States and are also representing those companies which sponsor agility in the United States.
- Candidates for the World Team are expected to keep complete records of their competition history (including Q rates) from March 28, 2023 until March 27, 2024 and make them available to the coach ON REQUEST from this time forward.

HEIGHT DIVISIONS

Small – jump 12 inches -	for dogs 13-3/4” and under at the shoulder (35 cm is the FCI cutoff)	FCI Jump Height 25-30 cm
Medium -jump 16 inches -	for dogs 16-7/8” and under at the shoulder (43 cm is the FCI cutoff)	FCI Jump Height 35-40 cm
Intermediate -jump 20 inches -	for dogs 18-7/8” and under at the shoulder (48 cm is the FCI cutoff)	FCI Jump Height 45-50 cm
Large – jump 24 inches -	for dogs over 18-7/8” at the shoulder (greater than 48 cm)	FCI Jump Height 55-60 cm

All small, medium, intermediate and large dogs competing at Tryouts will be measured by the Agility Director or one of the Field Reps in attendance. Due to stricter measuring procedures at international agility competitions, dogs within 1” of the cutoff should be prepared to also be measured by the WTT judge(s) and/or Coach. Dogs measuring over will run FEO (for exhibition only) unless qualified at the higher height (height only matters for ISC legs used to qualify). Borderline dogs should qualify at the higher height but enter the lower height. Dogs who have “measured in” at the EO or AWC in prior years do not need to be measured at WTT. An official FCI wicket using 35, 43 and 48 cm will be used at Tryouts to determine dog’s height.

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 engage 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Dogs cannot be left overnight at the trial site

Intent to Enter World Team Tryouts (WTT)

If you are planning on attending 2024 WTT and whether you have all your requirements at this time or not, please send an email asking to be placed on the list of AKC 2024 World Team Candidates immediately to Toni Osojnicki, osojn001@umn.edu. The email will need to contain the following information:

- Handler’s name and email
- Dog’s call name, breed and jump height (small, medium, intermediate or large)

Candidates will be sent information regarding the World Team process, including any current details about WTT, via a Facebook group (AKC/USA Agility World Team Tryouts 2024).

SCORE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry to the WTT for the purpose of trying out for the AWC team may be obtained if the following scores are achieved. Scores meeting the criteria below must be obtained between March 28, 2023 and March 27, 2024 at standard AKC licensed or member agility trials. All scores and times must come from the regular AKC Master Level titling classes, Premier Classes and/or ISC as explained in this document.

The handler of the dog at WTT must be the handler who showed the dog to gain its minimum score requirements.

Requirements:

All dogs must earn 4 standard and 4 JWW legs. All scores must be clean rounds – scores of 100 or 0 in the case of ISC classes. You can use any combination of the following three options for earning these scores.

There are several exceptions to the 4 std/4 JWW leg requirements – all listed as Exceptions below.

Option 1:

You may use qualifying scores at your normal AKC jump height or at your FCI height if they meet the following minimum YPS.

1) Standard class scores of 100 and a minimum rate of speed of:

- 3.70 yards per second (YPS) – small dogs
- 3.80 yards per second (YPS) – medium dogs
- 4.00 yards per second (YPS) – intermediate dogs
- 4.00 yards per second (YPS) – large dogs

2) JWW class scores of 100 and a minimum rate of speed of:

- 4.90 yards per second (YPS) – small dogs
- 5.00 yards per second (YPS) – medium dogs
- 5.40 yards per second (YPS) – intermediate dogs
- 5.40 yards per second (YPS) – large dogs

Note: To compute the YPS, take the yardage for your dog's jump height and divide it by the dog's actual running time. In the standard class, do not alter the dog's actual time for the table count (this is already factored in).

Example: Yardage = 182 yards.

Dog's actual time = 53.69 seconds

YPS = 3.39

All times and YPS's listed shall be rounded to the 2nd decimal place.

Option 2 - Premier Class Scores:

Scores of 100 from the Premier Standard and Premier JWW classes may be used to fulfill the minimum requirements of 4 Std/4 JWW legs – no minimum YPS needed as long as they meet standard course time (SCT). These legs can be earned at your normal AKC jump height or at your FCI height. Dogs can earn Premier Class qualifying legs without having any other AKC agility titles..

Option 3 - International Sweepstakes Class (ISC Class) Scores:

"Clean run" scores from the ISC Standard A2 or A3 and ISC JWW A2 or A3 classes may be used to fulfill the minimum requirements of 4 Std/4 JWW legs. A "clean run" in ISC consists of a run without time or course faults. These legs must be earned at your FCI height. All ISC class scores can be used – including but not limited to the Regional World Team Qualifier Events listed in a separate document. These can be earned at stand alone ISC events or regular AKC trials that offer ISC.

Exception 1 - ISC Combined Class Winners

Combined scores from ISC Jumpers and Standard classes at the Regional World Team Qualifier Events will be used to award the Combined ISC Class Award. To be eligible for the Combined ISC Class Award the team must have a minimum of one clean ISC run and a run that has a maximum of 5 course faults (no time faults allowed) for those scores to be used to compute the Combined Score. The Combined Class winner from the 12, 16, 20 and 24 inch heights are invited to attend Team Tryouts. They do not need to fulfill the requirement of the 4/4 scores. The team must also send in all the required information with the fees and the entry form and meet all the other basic eligibility noted in this document (including an approved pedigree). The handler at WTT must be the same handler that won the combined award.

Exception 2 - European Open Team Tryouts (EOTT) Class and Overall Winners

The winner of any class at the EOTT in December 2023 is invited to attend World Team Tryouts. In addition, any dog that wins a team spot at the EOTT is invited to attend World Team Tryouts (this does not include EO Team members added after EOTT). 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 this document (including an approved pedigree). The handler at WTT must be the same handler that handled at EOTT.

Exception 3 - World Team Tryouts (WTT) 2023 Class and Overall Winners

The winner of any class at the WTT in 2023 is invited to attend World Team Tryouts. In addition, the dog that placed 1st cumulatively based on faults then time in each height at the WTT 2023 is invited to attend World Team Tryouts. 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 this document (including an approved pedigree). The handler at WTT must be the same handler that handled at WTT 2023.

Exception 4 - AWC 2023 Team Members

Any dogs and handlers (including alternates) that were on the AKC Agility Team 2023 are invited to attend World Team Tryouts 2024. 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 this document (including an approved pedigree). The handler at WTT must be the same handler that handled at the AWC.

SCORE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (con't)

Exception 5 - AKC Nationals ISC Class Winners

The winner of the AKC Nationals ISC class in March 2024 from the 12, 16, 20 and 24 inch height is invited to attend World Team Tryouts. 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 this document (including an approved pedigree). The handler at WTT must be the same handler that won the ISC class.

Exception 6 - European Open Junior Competitors

Juniors that competed at the 2023 EOJ but have aged out of the 2024 EOJ are invited to attend World Team Tryouts. They do not need to fulfill the requirement of the 4/4 scores. The team must also send in all the required information with the fees and the entry form and meet all the other basic eligibility noted in this document (including an approved pedigree). The dog and handler at WTT must be the same dog and handler that attended 2023 EOJ.

Junior Competitors

Junior handlers will have a discounted entry fee (50%). They must meet the score requirements listed above.

For Exhibition Only (FEO)

We will not be allowing FEO entries this year. There will be exceptions made in specific cases though where the dog meets all the basic requirements (eg: FCI pedigree, not cropped/docked, etc.) and were entered in good faith. Those exceptions will be handled on an individual basis and require approval of Nancy Gyes and Carrie DeYoung. FEO dogs will run at the end of their height.

White Dogs

White dogs walk and run the course before walk-throughs to help the judges and exhibitors get a feel for the course. We will have two white dogs at each height. White dogs do not need to meet the requirements of scores or titles. They do not pay an entry fee, but must be pre-approved.

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AWARDS

Rosettes: will be given for 1st-3rd places in each individual round in each jump height.

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

Certificates: will be given to those dogs earning a “bye” into WTT 2025.

These include the winners of any class at the WTT 2024, the dogs that placed 1st cumulatively based on faults then time in each height at the WTT 2024 and the dogs that won Team spots at WTT 2024.

COVID INFORMATION

- Mask policy and any other COVID requirements at WTT will be based on CDC recommendations, state & local rules, Purina Farms requirements and AKC recommendations in place at the time of the event.
- All handlers named to the team will need to meet all requirements for the final location and any intermediary flight stops.

Tryouts Rules

The rules for the 2024 Team Tryouts competition will be based upon the FCI rules which will be in effect at the 2024 AWC. These rules could include jump and A-frame height changes, course and equipment judging methods, and/or rules on handler eligibility. AKC Tryouts rules will be adjusted to reflect any and all FCI rule changes which directly affect the 2024 AWC.

AWC TEAM SCORING

Three spots per jump height will be guaranteed on the team based on their performance at these Tryouts.

- There will be four rounds total over two days and every dog will run every round – two JWW and two standard runs.
- Standard course time (SCT) for each round will be set based on an average of the 2 fastest non-E rounds plus 10%.
- Time faults will be calculated as the actual number of seconds over the calculated SCT to three decimal places.
- Dogs placing in the top 10 (for large dogs) or top 5 (for small, medium and intermediate dogs) in any round get placement points (10 points for 1st place, 9 points for 2nd place, etc. for large dogs, 5 points for 1st place, 4 points for 2nd place, etc. for small, medium and intermediate dogs). Dogs must have 5 course faults or less and no time faults to get points for that round.
- All AWC Team spots will come from top placements points earned in rounds 1, 2, 3 & 4 of competition.
- AWC Team spot #1 will come from top placements points earned in all 4 rounds competition. AWC Team spot #2 will be the dog earning the second highest placement points in all rounds. AWC Team spot #3 will be the dog earning the third highest placement points in all rounds.
- If there is a tie in points, the dog that placed highest in the standard round(s) wins the spot. If there is still a tie, the dog with the most 1st places wins – if needed, the dog with the most 2nd places wins, etc. If still tied, the dogs with the highest number of seconds under SCT from placing rounds wins.
- AWC Team spot #4 will be chosen by the Coach and Team management after the WTT.

RUNNING ORDERS

- The running order for round 1 will be decided ahead of time using a random number generator.
- The running order for round 2 will be the reverse of round 1.
- The running order for rounds 3 & 4 will be based on the cumulative results of the previous rounds.

TENTATIVE TRIAL SCHEDULE

Saturday 1:00 pm-7:00 pm CT

- 1:00 pm - The trial site will be available to exhibitors for set-up and check-in.
- **2:00 pm - General briefing for exhibitors at Purina Farms (to be live-streamed by 4LeggedFlix for those that won't be there)**
- 3:00 pm – Round 1 – Small & Medium
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Sunday 7:00 am-6:00 pm CT

- We will start running at 8 am
- Run Rounds 1 (Intermediate & Large), 2 (all heights) and 3 (Medium & Small)
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Monday 7:00 am-6:00 pm CT

- We will start running at 8 am
- Run Rounds 3 (Large & Intermediate) and 4 (all heights)
- Estimated finish time is 4:30 pm (depending on number of entries)