



Regulations for Agility Trials

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Chapter 1: Regulations for Agility Trials

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of AKC agility trials is to afford owners the opportunity to demonstrate a dog's willingness to work with its handler under a variety of conditions. The program begins with basic entry-level agility, and progresses to more complex levels that require dogs to demonstrate higher levels of training and interaction with their handlers.

Agility results in a better rounded, conditioned dog, provides good basic training for search and rescue dogs, demonstrates good training and citizenship and has excellent spectator appeal.

Agility trials are sporting events and all participants should be guided by the principles of good sportsmanship both in and outside the trial course.

Section 2. Agility Trials Defined. A member agility trial is a trial at which qualifying scores toward titles are awarded, given by a club or association, which is a member of the American Kennel Club.

A licensed agility trial is a trial at which qualifying scores toward titles are awarded, given by a club or association which is not a member of the American Kennel Club, but which has been licensed by the American Kennel Club to hold the trial.

Sanctioned agility trials are informal events at which dogs may participate but not for AKC titles, held by a club or association by obtaining the sanction of the American Kennel Club. Generally, sanctioned events are held by clubs to qualify for approval to hold licensed or member club events.

Agility trials may not be held closer than 100 miles in distance on the same date, and there may not be two all-breed agility trials on the same day in the same location. Single breed specialties sharing a location may apply for an exception to the "same day" restriction. Individual dogs are still subject to the requirements of Chapter 2, Section 1.

Section 3. Eligibility of Dogs. All dogs twelve (12) months of age or older that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited Registration are eligible to participate. Wherever the word "dog" is used in these regulations it includes both sexes.

Agility trials are open to all registrable breeds except that a specialty club may opt to hold an agility trial for its breed only. Premium lists for such events must indicate that the event is a single breed specialty and entries are restricted to that specific breed.

Dogs of an AKC-registrable breed that have been granted an Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) may participate providing their ILP number has been listed on the entry form (refer to Chapter 2 of the Registration and Discipline Rules for the listing of registrable breeds that may participate). Dogs of a registrable breed with an acceptable foreign registration number are eligible to participate subject to Chapter 11, Section 1, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.

Dogs eligible for entry in the Miscellaneous Class at dog shows and dogs of [Foundation Stock Service recorded breeds](#) that meet the [eligibility requirements for competition](#), are eligible to participate provided their AKC identification number appears on the entry form. (underlined portion effective January 1, 2004)

Dogs disfigured as the result of accident or injury but otherwise qualified shall be eligible provided that the disfigurement does not interfere with functional movement. Dogs should be physically sound. Dogs that are blind or deaf shall not be eligible. Blind means without useful vision, and deaf means without useful hearing. No dog shall compete if it is taped or bandaged or in any way has anything attached to it for medical purposes.

Spayed bitches and neutered males are eligible to participate.

Bitches in season shall not be eligible to participate. Entry fees for bitches in season may be refunded at the club's option. The premium list must state whether refunds will be issued for bitches in season.

No dog may participate in more than one Standard Class and one Jumpers With Weaves Class per day. If eligible, dogs may participate in additional non-regular classes.

Section 4. Eligibility to Hold Agility Trials. The Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club may, at its discretion, grant permission to clubs or associations to hold agility trials that shall be governed by such Rules and Regulations as from time to time shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Making Application. A club or association that meets the requirements of the American Kennel Club that wishes to hold a trial at which qualifying scores toward titles may be earned must make application to the American Kennel Club on the form provided for permission to hold the trial. An application fee must accompany each application.

A club may be approved to hold up to eight licensed or member events in a calendar year. A club can be approved to hold separate trials

on consecutive days, but will not be approved to hold more than one trial on any single day. Each day is considered a separate trial.

Applications for licensed or member trials must be received by the American Kennel Club at least TWENTY-FOUR (24) weeks before the closing date for entries of the event.

A club that meets the requirements of the American Kennel Club may be approved to hold a sanctioned 'A' or 'B' agility trial (commonly known as Sanctioned Matches) by applying on a form provided by the American Kennel Club and paying an application fee. Applications for sanctioned agility trials must be filed with AKC at least six weeks prior to the date of the event.

All of these Regulations shall govern AKC-sanctioned 'A' or 'B' agility trials except those which specifically state that they apply to licensed and member trials.

Section 6. Agility Trial Secretary and Agility Trial Chairman. A club holding a trial must name an Agility Trial Secretary and an Agility Trial Chairman. The Chairman must be a member of the club.

The premium list for all licensed or member trials shall designate the Agility Trial Secretary as receiving entries.

Trial Secretaries and Chairmen shall be ineligible to judge at the event in which they are acting in these official capacities. Trial Secretaries and Chairmen may show at agility trials where they perform these duties.

Section 7. Appointment of Agility Trial Committee. A club that has been granted AKC permission to hold a trial or match must appoint an Agility Trial Committee, which will have complete responsibility for planning and conducting the event. The Committee shall be comprised of at least five club members (including the Chairman), and shall ensure the safe, efficient, and orderly conduct of the event. The Committee must have on hand, on the day of the trial, sufficient assistance and equipment, and must ensure that the area is free of dangerous materials or conditions.

The Committee is responsible for compliance with all of these Regulations, except those coming under the sole jurisdiction of the judges, and has the authority to decide all matters not under the jurisdiction of the judges. A majority of the Committee must be present on the grounds during a licensed or member trial. In the event of absence of Committee members, the Chairman or an officiating officer shall appoint sufficient members to ensure compliance with this Section.

The Committee must also be familiar with Chapter 5 of the AKC Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline and AKC's Guide for Event Committees in Dealing with Misconduct.

Section 8. Stewards, Timers, Scribes. The host club must provide a minimum of two scorekeepers, two or more ring stewards, a scribe, a gate steward, and a timer per ring. An additional 4-6 stewards should be scheduled per ring to help in various other tasks necessary to expedite the trial.

A scribe is required to record the scores as instructed by the judge. The judge is responsible for the accuracy of the scores insofar as knowing which dogs qualify and which dogs do not qualify.

Stewards, timers and scribes may compete in the trial if it does not conflict with the completion of their assignments. A person may not time or scribe in a jump height class in which they are directly competing.

Section 9. Premium Lists. A premium list must be provided for sanctioned 'A', licensed, and member trials. The premium list shall be printed (any printing or copying process is acceptable), and shall state whether the event is "sanctioned" or "licensed by the American Kennel Club" or held by an "AKC member club." Premium lists shall measure not less than 5 ½ x 8 ½ inches or more than 8 ½ x 11 inches.

The following information shall be included in the premium list for a licensed or member trial: Name of club holding the event, the exact location and date of the event, name and address of the Agility Trial Chairman, names of the Agility Trial Committee members (minimum of five including Chairman), time judging shall commence, entry fees, classes offered, names and addresses of judges including their assignments, name, address, and phone number of the Trial Secretary, date and closing time of entries, a listing of the club officers with addresses, and an official AKC entry form. Premium lists shall also specify whether ribbons or rosettes will be offered, whether trophies will be awarded, and contain an outline of the conditions of any non-regular classes that may be offered. Premium lists must also contain whether or not obstacle familiarization will be offered, whether refunds will be awarded for bitches in season, list entry limits (if any), include the method for accepting entries to a limited entry trial (first received or random draw), location where entries will be taken, indicate the ring size and surface to be used and also state additional information as required elsewhere in these Regulations.

At least four copies of the premium list must be sent to AKC, Attention: Agility Department, at the time that they are mailed to prospective entrants. Refer to the Agility Procedural Manual for additional information.

Section 10. Risk. Owners or handlers entering dogs in a trial do so at their own risk and agree to assume responsibility for any damage caused by them, or by their dogs. They also agree to abide by the Rules of the American Kennel Club and these Regulations.

Section 11. Closing of Entries, Entry Limitations, Running Order, and Judging Limitations.

To be acceptable, an entry must:

- Be submitted with required entry fee
Be on an Official American Kennel Club entry form
- Be received by his duly authorized agent

- Name of show/trial giving club
- Date of show/trial
- Breed
- Variety, if any
- Sex
- Name of class(es) entered
- Full/Registered name of dog
- Name of owner(s)/co-owner(s)
- Address of owner

Include one of the following:

- AKC registration number, or
- AKC litter number, or
- ILP number, or
- Foreign registration number and country for an unregistered imported dog, or
- Identification number issued by AKC

The following may be included, if known:

- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Name of breeder(s)
- Name of sire
- Name of dam

Each entry in a licensed or member club trial must be made on an official American Kennel Club entry form. Each entry form must be completed in full and must be signed by the owner or his agent duly authorized to make the entry. The information given on the form must be that which applies to the entered dog.

A trial-giving club may impose a numerical limit on entries in any or all trial classes. If entry limits are used it is recommended that a "total entry limit" be used, stating a total number of runs allowed per judge and for the entire trial. If entries are limited the numerical limitation(s) must be stated on the cover of the premium list.

Entries must be received prior to the closing date and time published. Entries for any agility trial may be accepted until the official closing date and time even though the advertised limit has been reached.

A club may choose either of the following methods for accepting entries to a limited entry agility trial.

"First Received" - Clubs should set a date and time that entries will first be accepted, after which time entries shall be listed in order of receipt. The closing date for the trial shall not be less than fourteen (14) days prior to the trial.

"Random Draw" - Clubs must set an "opening period" which shall not be less than a seven (7) day period (14 days recommended). The opening period shall have a start time and date, and finish time and date. Entries received prior to a published date and time that entries would first be accepted shall be considered invalid entries, and be returned as expeditiously as possible.

To ensure a successfully run trial at clubs who choose the "Random Draw" entry method, the show giving club may at its option guarantee an entry spot in the trial for dogs of "Show Workers" who have agreed to work at the trial. The maximum number of dogs gaining entry in this manner shall be as follows:

30 dogs for 1st ring
 25 additional dogs for each additional ring if rings are to be run simultaneously. Dogs gaining entry in this manner are part of the total entry limit listed in the premium list.

All other entries received during the opening period shall be treated equally without regard to date received or any other criteria. A random drawing of all entries received during the opening period shall be held within 48 hours after the "opening period" has ended, to determine which dogs will participate in the trial.

If the advertised limit has not been reached the remainder of the entry limit shall be filled by entries received after the "opening period" but before the final closing date based on a "first received" premise.

Entries for a maximum of ten (10) dogs are allowed in each envelope submitted to the Trial Secretary for random draw. Envelopes containing entries for more than the ten (10) dog maximum shall be treated as an invalid entry and shall be "Returned to the Sender". Envelopes exceeding the 10 maximum entries shall be treated as an invalid entry and shall be returned to the sender.

The drawing shall be held in a public place and open to all interested persons. The results of the draw shall be made available to the people present at the draw. In conducting the drawing for entries, the Trial Secretary shall avoid any method that raises any questions as to its randomness and impartiality.

The Trial Secretary will conduct the draw on the date, hour and at the location specified for such in the premium list. Envelopes shall be drawn at random and entries contained within each envelope shall gain entry to the trial up to the entry limits specified in the premium list. One drawing shall be held for all consecutive trials under the same secretary.

If an envelope is drawn that contains entries that would exceed the entry limit, then there shall be a random draw of the individual entries contained therein to fill the specified entry limit of the trial. The entry limits as listed in the premium shall not be exceeded.

When the advertised limit of entries has been drawn, all remaining entries shall be drawn for a position on the alternate's list.

The final closing date shall not be less than fourteen (14) days prior to the trial and must be a minimum of ten (10) days after the random draw to allow for proper notification of exhibitors.

In either entry method, the club may contact exhibitors to notify them of their entry status prior to the closing date. The club at its option may hold an alternate list up until the closing date. Entries exceeding the advertised limits shall be returned within seven (7) days of the closing date.

Following the closing date the Trial Secretary shall promptly contact all entrants and advise them of their status. Running order within a class shall be determined by a random drawing of entries in each class/height division, following the closing of entries. Multiple entries handled by the same person should be separated when possible.

A judging schedule and the results of the random drawing of running order with assigned running order numbers shall be sent to handlers as soon as possible after entries have closed and at a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the event. Trial Secretaries shall include the following phrase on the notification: "Preliminary running order contingent on move-up entries not yet received." Exhibitors shall be provided armbands or stickers indicating their dog's running order number for that trial.

Dogs may be run in an order different from the order drawn (within a class) when, in the opinion of the judges or the Committee, such will result in a reasonable and desirable saving of time.

Section 12. Move-ups. Move-ups prior to a set of trials: Dogs shall be moved up to a higher class at the request of the owner, as a result of qualifying for an agility title, provided that the request is made to the Trial Secretary not later than noon on the Monday preceding the set of trials for trials starting on a Thursday-Sunday. For trials that start on Monday-Wednesday, move-ups preceding the set of trials shall be accepted if received by the Trial Secretary no later than seven (7) days prior to the trial (i.e., for a Tuesday trial move-up requests must be made prior to noon on the previous Tuesday). It is recommended that catalogs be printed with all dogs listed in the proper class that they are actually running in, having accounted for move-ups.

Day-to-Day Move-ups: Move-ups from day-to-day at a set of back-to-back agility trials shall be at the discretion of the club. The request for moving up must be made to the Trial Secretary not later than the day preceding the event. The club shall state clearly in its premium list whether move-ups will be allowed "day-today."

All move-up entries are subject to availability of the class and payment of any difference in entry fee. Refer to Chapters 6 and 7 for additional move-up requirements.

When a dog is moved up in the official catalog after the catalog has been printed, it is only necessary to input the following information:

1. In the class where the dog was moved from, indicate which class the dog has moved to (i.e., Moved to Open 24").
2. In the class where the dog has moved to, indicate the dog's running order number and from what class it has moved from (i.e., Moved from Nov B 24").

Note: all base information (i.e., registered name, AKC number, etc.) need only be listed in the class the dog was originally entered in. The dog's score should be recorded and scored in the class that it has moved to.

Individual judging limits shall be 300 dogs maximum per day without regard to class level or type (Standard, JWW, or non-regular classes). These judging limits may be exceeded only when the club as listed above has accepted move-ups.

Dogs having attained their first AKC Agility Title (Std or JWW) must be moved to the Nov B Class (Std or JWW) for all trials for which entries have not closed. Once a trial has closed its entries, a dog cannot be moved from Novice A to Novice B. If entries have already closed on the date the dog obtained its title, the dog shall remain in the class in which it was originally entered or be moved up in level (i.e., Novice to Open) at the request of the owner; subject to the moveup criteria.

Section 13. Declining Entries. A Trial Committee may decline any entries or may remove any dog from its event for cause, but in each such instance shall file good and sufficient reasons for doing so with the American Kennel Club.

A dog that in the opinion of the judge attacks any person in the ring, shall be disqualified.

The judge will excuse a dog that attacks another dog in the ring or if the judge witnesses a dog attack another dog while entering or exiting the ring.

The owner of any dog, which has been excused on two occasions for attacking another dog, will be notified that the dog is no longer eligible to be shown in Agility classes.

Section 14. Ribbons and Rosettes. A club holding a licensed or member trial shall offer a ribbon or rosette to each dog that receives a qualifying score, and to dogs placing first through fourth in each height division of each class.

Each qualifying score ribbon or rosette shall be dark green in color, at least two inches wide and approximately eight inches long and shall bear on the face a facsimile of the seal of the American Kennel Club, the words "Agility Trial," "Qualifying Score," and the name of the trial-giving club.

Ribbons or rosettes must also contain the name of the class, date and location of the event, all of which may appear on the face or the back tab or label.

Placement ribbons or rosettes shall conform to the foregoing requirements except that they shall state First, Second, Third, or Fourth Place in place of "qualifying score," and shall be the following colors:

First PlaceBlue
Second Place.....Red
Third Place.....Yellow
Fourth PlaceWhite

At a licensed or member trial, placement ribbons shall not be awarded to any dog that does not acquire a qualifying score.

If qualifying or placement ribbons or rosettes are awarded at sanctioned trials, they must not conform to the requirements specified above, but shall be the following colors:

First PlaceRose
Second Place.....Brown
Third Place.....Light Green
Fourth PlaceGray
Qualifying.....Green with pink edges

Section 15. Catalogs. A club holding a licensed or member club agility trial must prepare an official catalog once entries have been closed and drawn. The catalog must list the dogs in the order drawn in each class along with the full AKC registered name, AKC registration number, breed, date of birth, sex, and name of owner (and handler, if different from owner). Additionally, the catalog shall list the owners and their addresses.

The catalog must state the name of the trial-giving club, the date and location of the event, and whether the event is "licensed by the American Kennel Club," or held by an "AKC member club." The catalog shall measure not less than 5 ½ x 8 ½ inches, and not exceed 8 ½ x 11 inches. The following certifications must appear in the catalog:

Judge's Certification

I certify that _____ dogs received Qualifying scores in Std Class and _____ dogs received Qualifying scores in JWW Class in this event and that the above information identifying these dogs was entered prior to my/our signing this page.

Judge's Signature

Agility Trial Secretary's Certification

I certify that the Judge(s) has verified the above information and signed this page. Number of dogs entered in Std Class _____ number of dogs entered JWW Class _____. Total participating in Std Class _____. Total participating in JWW Class _____. Total # of Qualifying scores _____.

Trial Secretary's Signature

Following completion of judging, the Agility Trial Secretary shall mark the official catalog with the word "Qualifying" next to the names of all dogs that received Qualifying scores. The Judge(s) shall then certify the accuracy of the marked awards, and both Agility Trial Secretary and the Judge(s) shall complete their appropriate certifications. Separate certifications (both Judge(s) and Trial Secretary's) for each Judge of Record, are required in the catalog.

Section 16. Scorekeeping Requirements. The following information shall be recorded in the official catalog submitted to the AKC.

- At the beginning of each class the course yardage and standard course time for each jump height shall be recorded.
- Record next to each dog listed "Qualified," "NQ," "Absent," or "Disqualified."
____If "Qualified" the dog's score and actual running time (to the 100th of a second) shall also be recorded. Additionally, if the dog places 1st through 4th in its height class the placement shall be recorded and circled next to the dog's information in the left-hand column.
____If "NQ," "Absent," or "Disqualified" nothing else is recorded in the catalog. Any dog disqualified must be reported on the proper form to the AKC Records Department and included in the show report to the Agility Director.

Scores should be posted for exhibitors at the trial site with dog's actual running times to the 100th of a second (even for "NQ"s). The club must make the following information available for each height class; the course yardage and Standard Course Time, and for each participant their score (if qualifying), actual running time and placement (if first through fourth).

Section 17. Recording Fees. At every licensed or member club trial, a recording fee of \$3.00 shall be required for the first entry of each dog. (Each day is a separate trial).

Section 18. Submission of Records.

ber club trial, the Trial Secretary shall forward to the American Kennel Club an official marked catalog containing the names and other identifying information for all entries t be signed and certified by the judge(s) and the Trial Secretary, and sent to the AKC with a complete Trial Secretary's report, and recording fees. Also within seven days, the Trial Secretary the Agility Director.

A club holding a licensed or member trial shall provide the judge(s) with a marked catalog and shall retain a marked catalog for their records as well as all entry forms for at least one (1) year. The judge must be provided their copy of the marked catalog prior to leaving the show site.

Section 19. Cancellation of Awards. If an ineligible dog has been entered and run in a licensed or member trial, or if the person or persons named as owner or owners on the entry form are not the person or persons who actually owned the dog at the time entries closed, or if the dog is run in a class in which it is not entered or not eligible for, or if its entry form is deemed invalid by the American Kennel Club under the Rules and Regulations, all resulting awards shall be canceled by the American Kennel Club.

If an award is canceled by the American Kennel Club, the entrant of the dog shall return all prizes to the Secretary of the trial-giving club within 10 days of receipt of notice from the American Kennel Club of said cancellation.

Section 20. Approval of Judges. The American Kennel Club must approve Judges officiating at licensed or member trials. A club may submit for approval the name of any licensed Agility Judge to judge at their event. Licensed Agility Judges are required to remain current regarding new regulations and policies by attending a Continuing Education Clinic every three years.

Section 21. Judges' Responsibilities. Judges are responsible for making agility trials meaningful and reasonably challenging, and for judging in accord with these regulations and the Agility Judges Guidelines.

Judges are responsible for inspecting the course area and checking the equipment before starting the trial.

A judge may excuse a dog on any level if in his or her opinion the dog cannot be controlled. A judge may also excuse any dog which he or she considers unfit to participate.

The judges must promptly excuse any handler who willfully interferes with another dog or handler, or who abuses their dog, or in any way displays conduct prejudicial to the sport of purebred dogs and the American Kennel Club. The Judge must report such incidents to the Trial Committee for further action under Chapter 5 of The Registration and Discipline Rules and the Guide for Event Committees in Dealing with Misconduct.

Judges cannot compete in the event where they are judging.

No judge may judge a dog at a licensed or member club trial if he or she or any member of his or her family owns or co-owns the dog. The word "family" shall include a spouse, a sibling, a parent or a child, (whether natural or adopted), or a household member of the judge in question, but shall not extend to other blood or legal relationships.

A judge may not accept an assignment that is within 30 days and 200 miles of a previously accepted assignment. This requirement does not pertain to sanctioned trials or breed specialties where only one breed is exhibiting.

Judges shall not review videotape for determination or explanation of a dog's score. However videotape may be used in case of a stopwatch malfunction to determine a dog's time.

Master Agility Champion Title. To obtain the MASTER AGILITY CHAMPION title (MACH), a dog must exhibit superior performance on the Agility course. Speed and consistency are the two major qualities denoting "superior performance" and therefore they are the basis for the MASTER AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP program.

In order to acquire the MASTER AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP title, a dog must achieve a minimum of 750 championship points and 20 double qualifying scores obtained from the Excellent B Standard Agility class and the Excellent B Jumpers With Weaves class.

Championship Points (CP's)

750 CP's required minimum

1 (CP) point is awarded for each full second under standard course time. (No partial points are awarded.)

Dogs earn points from the Ex B Agility Class and/or the Ex B Jumpers With Weaves Class.

Placement Multiplier

Dogs placing first in their class double their championship points.

Dogs placing 2nd in their class receive 1-1/2 time their standard championship points. (All fractions of points are rounded down.)

Double Qualify (2Q's)

20 (2Q's) required minimum

Dogs qualifying with scores of 100 in both the Ex B Agility Class and the Ex B Jumpers With Weaves Class on the same day.

Qualifying in both the Ex B Agility Class and the Ex B Jumpers With Weaves Class on the same day equals 1 (2Q).

Requirements General Scoring. Only scores of 100 (clear rounds) obtained in the Excellent B Classes will count towards a dog's Master Agility Championship requirements.

A dog does not have to obtain the Master Excellent title (MX) or the Master Excellent Jumpers With Weaves title (MXJ) prior to achieving scores that will count towards their Master Agility Championship title (MACH). A dog need not be in both "B" classes in order to start accruing CP's. Any score of 100 (clear round) obtained in the Excellent B classes will count towards both the dog's Championship requirements, and the dog's MX titling requirements.

Titles: The MACH title initials will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the quantity of times the dog has met the requirements of the MACH title as defined above, e.g., 1500 CP's and 40 2Q's = MACH2.

Section 3. Height Divisions, Wickets, Measurement. Dogs may only be entered in one jump height division per day for all classes. The following jump height divisions shall be used in all trial classes:

8 Inches: For dogs 10 inches and under at the withers.

12 Inches: For dogs 14 inches and under at the withers.

16 Inches: For dogs 18 inches and under at the withers.

20 Inches: For dogs 22 inches and under at the withers.

24 Inches: For dogs over 22 inches at the withers.

Owners are responsible for entering the proper height divisions. Handlers may opt to enter in a higher height division for all titling classes, but not in a division lower than their proper height division. If the dogs height at the withers exceeds the maximum allowed for the jump height which the dog has entered, the dog shall be moved up into the proper jump height if the dog was measured prior to their run. **In no case may a dog be moved down in height based on a judge's measurement at a trial.** Dogs that run in a height division lower than their proper division will be eliminated. Judges reserve the right to measure any dog they believe might belong in a different division, and any dog whose entry in a given division might be questioned. Exception: Owners/Handlers that have in their possession (on the show grounds) a permanent or valid temporary Jump Height Card for the dog in question, issued by the AKC Agility Dept., are exempt from being measured and the judge shall accept the measurement that is listed on the Jump Height Card. Starting January 1, 2001, all dogs that do not have a permanent or valid temporary Jump Height Card issued by the AKC shall be measured by a judge of record prior to competing.

Adjustable or fixed wickets may be used to measure dogs for competition at trials. Only the approved measuring device by the AKC shall be used to determine a dog's height for their Jump Height Card.

Section 4. Jump Height Card.

All dogs competing in Agility must present a valid official Jump Height Card.

For dogs two years and older, Owners/Handlers must present a permanent height card at check-in or be measured prior to competing.

For dogs under two years of age, the Owner/Handler must present a temporary height card at check-in or be measured prior to competing.

Dogs that do not have a Jump Height Card, will be measured by a Judge of record for that trial and will only be effective for that set of trials, excluding the dogs jumping in the 24-inch height division.

If an AKC Field Representative or a Volunteer Measuring Official (VMO) is present, all dogs must be measured for a Jump Height Card.

If a dog is measured by an AKC Field Representative or Volunteer Measuring Official (VMO) and is now eligible to jump in lower height class, the measurement is only effective for any trials that have not reached their closing date.

Each dog is allowed one re-measurement per lifetime if the dog is past their second birthday. Prior to the second birthday, a dog may have one additional measurement after the initial official measuring. In both cases, the measurement official is to be told the re-measurement is a "challenge" measurement.

Misrepresentation of a dog, including altering information on a Jump Height Card, is grounds for misconduct. Exhibitors should carry the original

record, prior to running at each trial. The Judge's measurement will be valid for this trial (or weekend) only. For the Judge's planning purposes, the Trial Secretary should provide the Judge with a list of dogs that will require measuring. If a measurement is necessary, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to have their dog(s) measured prior to running.

Chapter 3: Obstacle Specifications and Performance Requirements

Section 1. Obstacle and Jump Specifications.

given for a dimension, a tolerance of 4.0 percent is implied. Tolerances do not apply when a range is specified.

Section 2. Obstacle Performance. The correct performance of each obstacle is listed immediately following the specifications for the

1. A Frame: The A Frame is constructed from two panels, the top surface of which is constructed from wood or a wood-
The panels are 35 to 49 inches wide, and their length is within 2 inches of 9 feet. Panels shall be of
and bonded to the height of the frame gaps large enough to fit a dog
foot 6 inches. The top surface is painted and has a rough, non-ternating layers of sand and flat latex paint are
recommended). Slats are placed across the width of the panels to provide footing. They are 3/8" to 1/2" thick and 3/4" to 1 1/2" wide, and
they extend to within 1/4" of the panel sides. Slat edges shall be
recommended. The centers of the slats are placed at 12- inch tolerance, and no slat is within 4 inches of the top of a
42 inches of both panels with a 1/4" tolerance. The color of the zones must contrast
with the rest of the panel, but may not be white, black or brown. Bright yellow contact zones are recommended.

Performance: er in the direction designated by the judge and they must touch the
contact zone on the down side only, with any part of one foot prior to exiting the obstacle.

2. Dog Walk: which are made from wood or a wood-

connected so as to eliminate gaps large enough to fit a dog's foot or toe. Within a 2-
inches above the ground when using 8- foot sections. The top surfaces of all sections are
described for the A- slip surfaces. (Alternating layers of sand a
inches of both ramps with a 1/4- g the color specification described for the A-

Dogs must ascend one of the ramps, touching the "up" contact zone with any part of one foot, cross the center section,
and descend the other ramp in the direction designated by the judge. T
prior to exiting the obstacle.

3. Seesaw: The Seesaw consists of a plank (or panel) supported near the center by a base that acts as a fulcrum. The plank is 12 inches
-inch tolera
pivot point. The plank is balanced so that it hits the ground in less than 3 seconds when a 3-
raised end. The height of the Seesaw measured to the top of the board at the pivot is 24 inches plus or minus 2 inches. The top surface of
-slip surface. (Alternating layers of sand and flat, latex paint are recommended.) Sl
conform to those described for the Dog Walk are optional. Contact zones, 42 inches long, are painted on each end of the plank with a 1/4
-Frame.

Performance: k touching the "up" contact zone with any part of one foot and cause the plank to pivot. At least
one paw must touch the "down" contact zone after the plank has touched the ground and prior to exiting the obstacle with all four (4)

The top of the Pause Table is a 36 inch square, plus or minus 2 inches, with a non-
The vertical edge of the top of the table top must be 3" or greater in height and it is recommended that the table edge be of a color in
-inch and 12 inch
divisions, 16 inches for dogs in the 16 inch and 20- -inch division.

Pe Dogs must pause on the table for five consecutive seconds in either a sit or a down position, as specified by the judge prior
to the beginning of the class.

5. Open Tunnel: of being formed into curved shapes. The two
openings are round with a height and width of 24 inches plus or minus 2 inches. Its length is 10 to 20 feet and it is secured in position to
erneath the tunnel shall be more than 1-
supports when used in locations other than the beginning and end of the tunnel shall not have a rigid upright (i.e., steel/wood) that is
capable of fitting between the ribs thus possibly project

the tunnel is double lined, dark interiors such as dark blue, dark brown, dark green, dark red/burgundy, and dark purple shall not be

Dogs enter the end specified by the judge and exit the other end.

6. Closed Tunnel: The Closed Tunnel consists of a rigid entrance section to which a chute is attached. The entrance section is 24 t
inches long, with the opening either 24 inches in diameter or 24 inches in width and height, with a 2-
opening shall be cushioned to prevent dogs from scraping their back when entering. The bottom inside surface of this section must have a
-slip surface, which may be provided by attaching a non slip material. If the entrance section is cylindrical, the non-
extend to a height of at least 6 inches. The entrance section is either so heavy that dogs cannot move it when passing through the chute;

-like, water resistant

material, such as ripstop nylon or pack cloth. It has only two openings, one of which is attached to the end of the entrance section, and one through which dogs exit the tunnel. The circumference of the chute flares from the circumference of the opening section to 96 inches at the exit. The length of the chute is such that the overall length of the Closed Tunnel is 12 to 15 feet.

At the judge's discretion, the length of the fabric chute may be reduced to six feet in length in severe weather conditions. Severe weather includes rain, sleet and snow, but does not include dew, or windy conditions.

Performance: Dogs must enter the rigid entrance section and exit through the fabric chute.

7. Weave Poles: The Weave Poles consist of 6 to 12 poles that are mounted to a base (individual, stick-in-the ground poles may be used on an emergency basis). The weaves shall have a fixed base with a rigid upright, to support the pole, no greater than 4 inches high as measured from the ground to the top of the rigid support. The base may be no higher than 3/4 inch and no wider than 3-1/2 inches. The base should be secured, so that the weave poles do not move from their location on the course. The poles are 1 to 1-1/4 inches in diameter and at least 36 inches in height, and they are uniformly spaced at intervals of 20 to 24 inches (22 inches is recommended). The pole shall be made out of Schedule 40 PVC or another material that provides an equal amount of flex when set in the fixed base. Poles must be striped with a contrasting color so as to be visible to the dog. At a minimum, stripes must be placed at approximately 10 inches and 20 inches from the ground. Alternately, poles that flex at the base (spring type designs) are not recommended, but may only be used if they do not pose any safety or performance concerns. Safety concerns include; springs that can catch a dog's hair and poles that flex too much causing the pole to spring back and strike the dog. Performance concerns include; poles where dogs can "plow" the poles without a discernable weaving motion, and poles that do not return to an upright position by themselves after a dog has gone through them. Furthermore, a pole that can be bent to the ground is not acceptable.

Performance: Dogs must enter the Weave Poles by passing between poles #1 and #2 from right to left. They must then pass from left to right through poles #2 and #3 and continue this weaving sequence until they pass between the last two poles. If the sequence is broken, the dog must restart the correct sequence, either at or anywhere before the location of the error.

8. Bar Jumps: Bar Jumps consist of bars that are supported by bar supports that are mounted to uprights. The supports must be positioned so that the tops of the bars can be set within 1/4 inch of the five different jump heights (8, 12, 16, 20, and 24 inches). An additional position for a bar placed 2 to 6 inches above the ground is also required. Unless a jump is specified as a One Bar Jump by the judge, all jumps shall have at least two bars. In the Novice classes, the lower bar shall be placed at about 1/2 the height of the top bar. In all other classes lower bar placement shall be determined by the judge.

The bars must be either cylindrical with 1 1/4 to 1 3/4 inch diameters, or square with 1 1/4 to 1 3/4 inch sides. Constructed from wood or plastic, they must be 4 to 5 feet long and striped for visibility. (Bars cut from PVC shall be Schedule 40.) The bottom of the bar sits on top of the bar supports such that the bar is easily displaced. If rectangular bars are used, the top of the support must be flat and no wider than the bar it is supporting. If cylindrical bars are used, the supports may be no wider than the bar, and they should have a lip that is no more than 1/8 inch higher than the support, although lips up to 1/4 inch are allowed. Bolts used as bar supports are allowed if they comply with all other provisions of this section and if bars can be made displaceable from both directions. Bars "held" in place by Velcro™, magnets, etc. are not allowed. The inside of the uprights must be at least 32 inches tall, and the upright must be 1 to 48 inches wide. (An inside height of 42 inches and a minimum width of 3 1/2 inches are recommended for visibility. Widths less than 30 inches are recommended to facilitate handler movement on the course.)

Performance: Dogs must jump over the top bar, without displacing it, in the direction indicated by the judge.

9. Panel Jump: The Panel Jump uses up to six cross-boards to give the illusion of a solid wall from the jump height to the ground. Specifications for the board supports and uprights are the same as for the Bar Jump. The cross-boards are 4 to 5 feet long, 3 to 4 inches wide, and no thicker than 1 inch. The top board for all jump height classes shall be a maximum of 4. high. Panels are to be supported 1 1/4 to 1 3/4 inches below the top of the board so as to be easily displaceable.

The support ends for the panels are recommended to be rounded like a jump bar fitting into a jump cup. This will help keep the panels on the uprights in windy conditions. Flat plank ends on flat supports are discouraged.

Performance: Dogs must jump over the top bar, without displacing it, in the direction indicated by the judge.

10. Double Bar Jump: The Double Bar Jump consists of two parallel bars positioned at the jump heights specified for the Bar Jump. It may be built as a special jump or assembled from two Bar Jumps. The distance between the centers of the bars is one-half the jump height (within a 1/2 inch tolerance), as follows:

Division	Distance Between Center to Center of Bars (Inches)
8 Inches	4 Inches
12 Inches	6 Inches
16 Inches	8 Inches
20 Inches	10 Inches
24 Inches	12 Inches

In addition, two more horizontal bars are placed approximately below the top bars, at about half the height of the top bar, with the back bar higher than the front. Alternately, the bottom bars may be placed one under each horizontal bar and crossed to the ground creating an "X". All other specifications are the same as for the Bar Jump.

Performance: Dogs must jump over the top bars, without displacing either one, in the direction indicated by the judge.

11. Triple Bar Jump: The Triple Bar Jump consists of a series of three ascending bars. The horizontal distance between adjacent bars is

one-half the jump height, while the vertical distance is one-quarter the jump height. The table below lists the heights of the tops of the bars and the horizontal distance between the centers of the bars. Tolerances on these values are ¼ inch for the heights and ½ inch for the horizontal distances.

Division	Bar Heights (Inches)	Horizontal Distance Between Center to Center of Bars
8 Inches	4,6,8	4
12 Inches	6,9,12	6
16 Inches	8,12,16	8
20 Inches	10,15,20	10
24 Inches	12,18,24	12

Performance: Dogs must jump over all the bars without displacing any, in the direction that starts with the lowest bar.

12. Tire Jump: The Tire Jump consists of a tire (or a circular object that resembles a tire) suspended from a rectangular frame. The inner diameter of the tire is 24 inches plus or minus an inch, and the wall is 3 to 8 inches thick. There must be at least 8 inches between the outside of the tire and the sides of the frame, and the frame must be tall enough to accommodate the tire at the five different jump heights, as specified for the Bar Jump. The uprights of the frame shall be secured to the base and the base weighted or secured properly to the running surface so as to discourage tipping. The jump height is measured from the ground to the bottom of the tire opening.

The tire shall not be displaceable off the frame. The tire shall have a minimum depth of 2 inches and must be made of a flexible material, such as rubber or plastic to allow some give if hit by the dog.

Performance: Dogs must jump through the tire opening in the direction specified by the judge without knocking the tire/frame over.

13. Broad Jump: The Broad Jump is composed of either four 8-inch sections or five 6-inch sections, and four corner markers. The actual width of the 8-inch sections is 7 to 8 inches, and the width of the 6-inch sections is 5 to 7 inches. The sections are constructed from a top piece and two side pieces. The length of the sections are between 4 and 5 feet long, and they may be of different lengths. To improve visibility, either the center of the sections or both ends must be marked with a color-contrasting band that is at least 3 inches wide. The sections are of varying height, and they shall be arranged in ascending order.

Each section of a broad Jump is at least 1/2 inch higher than the previous one, and the height of the front edge of a section is at least 1/2 inch lower than the back edge. No portion of any section may be lower than 3-1/2 inches or higher than 8-1/2 inches.

The length of the jump is twice the jump height of the division. Consequently, not all the sections are used in the lower height divisions. In those cases, the jump must be assembled with the lowest sections. The length of the jump (within 1 inch) and the number of sections to be used for the different divisions are as follows:

Division	Length (Inches)	No. of 6" Sections	No. of 8" Sections
8 Inch	16	2	2
12 Inch	24	3	3
16 Inch	32	4	3
20 Inch	40	5	4
24 Inch	48	5	4

The corner markers are at least 1-inch wide and 36 inches high, and they may be decorated to improve visibility. They are either attached to the sides of the first and last sections, or they are freestanding and placed as close as possible to those positions. (Freestanding is recommended.)

Performance: Dogs must jump all sections without visibly moving or stepping on top of any broad jump board, entering between the marker poles placed near the front section and exiting between the poles placed near the back section. Touches and ticks of the leading edge of the first board and the trailing edge of the last board that do not visibly move the board shall not be faulted. When an ascending arrangement is used, the lowest section is the front, but when a hogback arrangement is used, the judge specifies the front. Touching or knocking over the corner markers is not faulted as long as the dog goes between them.

14. Other Jumps: Other jumps are permitted. Their uprights and bar supports must conform to the specifications for the Bar Jump, as do the jump heights. The top cross-piece over which the dogs jump must have a top edge that is flat for 4 to 5 feet, be no thicker than 1-3/4 inches, and it must be supported on the bar supports so as to be easily displaceable. At least one more crosspiece must be used, as specified for the Bar Jump.

Performance: Dogs must jump over the top crosspiece, without displacing it, in the direction indicated by the judge.

Chapter 4: General Course and Trial Requirements

Section 1. Course Size and Suitability and Facilities. The agility trial committee and officials of the club or association holding the trial are responsible for providing the ring material, facilities, paperwork, measuring wickets or devices, and agility equipment which meet the requirements of these regulations. The area available for an agility trial should provide adequate space for crating and warm-up areas, in addition to the minimum course area requirements. The minimum useable course area must be 5,000 square feet for Novice, 6,500 square feet for Open, and 8,000 square feet for Excellent. Items that affect useable course space are columns, protrusions, bad/faulty surface, low ceilings and overhangs, etc. While the previous square footage areas are the minimum sizes, a 100' x 120' ring is ideal for agility. There should be consultation between the judge(s) and the Trial Committee on site selection and suitability of the site for the type of equipment to be used. Winged jumps and 12-foot plank Dog Walks will necessitate larger areas than the minimum recommendations.

The course area should be moderately level and clear, and a minimum of 60' wide. Judges have the option to request a change of venue, or to cancel the event if conditions pose a hazard or danger and cannot be modified or corrected.

Section 2. Surfaces, Matting. Courses must be set up on non-slip surfaces, whether indoors or outdoors (packed dirt, grass, carpeting and padded matting are acceptable surfaces). If a course is run on concrete, the area must be fully matted or padded.

Section 3. Course Requirements. All courses must have clearly designated start and finish lines and all obstacles/jumps must be clearly and sequentially numbered. The course layout for each class must be conspicuously posted at least one-half hour before the start of the class.

Course designs must comply with the current edition of the course design standards and be submitted for approval to the AKC Agility Dept.

Section 4. Obstacle and Jump Positions. Obstacles should generally stand alone. In Novice, the entrances should never be adjacent to one another, but entrances can be adjacent in Open and Excellent classes.

It is recommended that there be a minimum of 15 feet to 18 feet between obstacles, with a minimum of 18 feet to a jump, 21 feet to a spread jump, and a maximum of 30 feet between any two obstacles in sequence as measured along the anticipated path of a 20 inch high jumping dog. Spread jumps (Triple bar, Double Bar and Broad Jump) shall not be the first obstacle on the course and if set up in sequence there shall be a minimum of 21 feet between the two spread jumps. To prevent the course from becoming spread out and too long, 25 feet to 30 feet spacing should be used only in special cases.

Contact obstacles such as the A-Frame, Dog Walk, and Seesaw shall not be set up in sequence, or as the first or last obstacle on a course.

Section 5. Approach Angles. Approach angles are determined based on the anticipated path of a 20 inch high jumping dog through the obstacles. Approach angles to obstacles shall not exceed the following, with additional consideration for safety, based on the obstacle being approached and the running surface.

-All Novice Classes Generally not exceeding 90 degrees, but must not exceed two times at 135 degrees.

-All Open Classes Generally not exceeding 135 degrees, but must not exceed two times at 180 degrees.

-All Excellent Classes Generally not exceeding 180 degrees, but must not exceed two times at 270 degrees.

Section 6. Preparing a Ring for Agility. The judge is allowed to send a diagram showing the positions of the contact obstacles prior to the date of the trial to facilitate course building. Additionally the judge may identify a list of other obstacles that may be grouped together (bunched) in different areas of the ring. The judge shall not send a copy of the course; neither shall they set any part of a course for the next day beyond the limits of what is stated above.

Section 7. Course Distances, Times. Course distances are determined by the judges based on the course as set and approved by the AKC Agility Department. When measuring course distance, the judge shall use a 12-inch dog's typical path for the 8- inch, 12-inch and 16-inch height divisions and a 20-inch dog's typical path for the 20-inch and 24-inch height divisions.

Section 8. Walk-through, Equipment Familiarization, Warm-ups. Handlers are permitted to walk the course, without a dog, prior to the start of the class to plan their strategy. The walk-through is restricted to handlers entered in that class.

In the Novice Class, handlers may be given the opportunity to walk dogs over the contact obstacles only, prior to the start of the class at a time determined by the Trial Committee.

This equipment familiarization period is not mandatory and if offered must be so specified in the premium list. At the handler's option, the dog may be on or off lead. Slip leads may not be on dogs while performing the obstacles and if the dog is wearing a collar, the collar shall be of a type that is approved to be on a dog when running Agility as stated in these regulations. The dog may attempt each contact obstacle one time only. The handler may touch their dogs, however no food, toys or other training aids are allowed in the ring. The Trial Committee is responsible for administering equipment familiarization.

Warm-up jumps are recommended, but only one jump per warm-up area will be permitted. The warm-up jump shall be placed off to the side and not on the course. No other practice equipment is allowed on the grounds.

Section 9. Collars. At the handler's option, dogs may run a course with or without a collar. The only collars allowed when running a course are flat buckle or rolled leather collars, but there shall be no attachments hanging or otherwise allowed on the collar. This shall not preclude painted or stitched designs or information on the collar. Dogs may be brought to the start line on slip leads, choke chains, or other collars that are permitted on the trial grounds. Pinch/prong and electrical collars (dummy or not) and special training collars are not allowed anywhere on the trial grounds. When an Agility Trial is held on the same show grounds as other AKC venues (such as obedience and conformation), collar regulations of the other venues if more restrictive than agility shall take precedence.

Section 10. Leashes. Handlers shall be allowed to bring their dog to the start line on leash. Handlers shall comply with the judges instructions for being ready to start their run, having their dog off leash and under control in a timely manner. Dogs shall not be faulted for the act of playing tug on

the leash, nor for going to or picking up a leash laid in the ring (usually laid after the last obstacle or near the ring exit).

Dogs shall be on leash at all times when on the show grounds except in the ring and at the warm-up jump area.

Section 11. Hair Tie Back Policy. Any dog whose hair over its eyes interferes with its vision, or whose hair on its ears interferes with the safe performance of the obstacles, may have the hair tied back with rubber bands.

Section 12. Handling Aids. Food and toys are not permitted in the course area and handlers are not permitted to use or have in their possession while running the course, whistles, stopwatches, leashes, fanny packs or other handling/training aids.

Section 13. Handler's Position. Dogs can be worked on any side (left, right, front or behind) and at any distance in any class however; course layout (e.g., against a ring, gate, or wall) may restrict the handler's position.

Section 14. Starting and Completion. A dog's time starts whenever any part of the dog crosses the clearly marked start line. Judging the performance of the dog shall not start until they have crossed the start line. A dog's time stops whenever any part of the dog crosses the finish line when the dog is in the closing sequence. The dog shall be under reasonable control when exiting the ring and not be allowed to run loose "off leash" around the trial site.

Section 15. Training on Show Grounds. No agility obstacle training is allowed on the show grounds except for the use of the warm-up jump. No training is allowed on the trial equipment the day before the trial, during the trial and for a minimum of two (2) hours after the trial (on the last day of any set of trials).

Chapter 5: General Scoring Criteria

Section 1. Maximum Score, Qualifying Score. The maximum attainable score in any class is 100 points. In order to earn a qualifying score a dog must pass with the minimum allowable score or better, and not receive any non-qualifying deductions. Reference Chapters 6 and 7 for minimum allowable score per class level.

Section 2. Placements, Tied Scores. Dogs must have a qualifying score to be eligible for a placement. The four highest scores shall be awarded first through fourth placements, respectively, with tied scores decided by the fastest time. (Time shall be measured and recorded to the nearest 1/100th of a second.)

In case of a tie in both the score and time, a run-off will be held on the course of record or a course of lower skill level. The winner of the run-off based on score then time shall be awarded the higher placement.

Section 3. Course Time Deductions. Course time deductions are made as follows:

Novice:

1-point deduction for every second over course time rounding down to whole numbers.

Open:

2-point deduction for every second over course time rounding down to whole numbers.

Excellent:

3-point deduction for every second over course time rounding down to whole numbers.

Time is called at 1-1/2 course time, and the dog must be excused.

Section 4. Faults. The following penalties apply in all classes where applicable:

a. Refusals and Run-outs.

Refusals: It is considered a Refusal when a dog starts toward an obstacle and ceases forward motion, or starts toward an obstacle and turns back on his path. However, the dog shall not be faulted for a Refusal on the approach if, in the judge's opinion, the dog has not seen the obstacle. A dog is not considered to be on or in an obstacle until they are on it or in it with all 4 paws, thus being subject to Refusals until they are totally on or in an obstacle. Conversely a dog has not exited an obstacle until it has left the obstacle with all 4 paws.

Weaves: A Refusal has occurred at each incorrect entry to weave poles and each time a pole is missed while weaving.

A Refusal is scored as a 5-point deduction.

Run-outs: A dog that passes the plane of the next correct obstacle, regardless of whether the dog saw or was approaching that obstacle, will be scored as a Runout. Run-out planes are defined as the point at which they can no longer attempt or complete a particular obstacle without turning back.

Run-outs are scored and signaled the same as Refusals.

b. Wrong Course. A wrong course occurs when a dog engages any part of an obstacle that is not the next one in sequence or the next obstacle in the sequence in the wrong direction. A dog is considered to have engaged an obstacle if they touch it with one paw or if they cross the plane of the obstacle by jumping over, going under or crossing through it. (Exception: A dog going under the A-Frame, Dog Walk, or Seesaw is not considered to have committed a wrong course penalty, neither is a dog that runs across or jumps the flat of the fabric on the Closed Tunnel.) Also, back weaving is faulted as a wrong course when the dog has crossed the line of the Weave Poles 3 times in a weaving motion in the wrong direction.

A wrong course is scored as a 5-point deduction per occurrence. An occurrence is defined as one deduction until the dog has returned to and engaged the correct obstacle, regardless of how many wrong obstacles are taken.

c. Pause Table Faults:

- Leaving the table prior to completing the prescribed sit or down position for 5 consecutive seconds. A 5-point deduction per occurrence and the dog must come back and finish the table with the 5-second count started anew.
- A dog that breaks the sit or down position but does not leave the table incurs no penalty fault other than the time it takes to restart the 5-second count from the beginning once the dog has reassumed the correct position.
- Anticipating the count (i.e.: a dog is released or releases itself immediately before or during the judge's command of "Go"). A 5-point deduction is incurred and the dog should not return to the table.

d. Outside Assistance. Interference or outside assistance that aids or is intended to aid the performance of a singular dog or handler. Faults shall be at the Judge's discretion from a 5-point deduction to elimination.

e. Failure to Control. Dogs are to be under the handler's control when leaving the ring (either on leash or under verbal control), in close proximity to the handler and responsive to the handler's commands. For safety purposes the handler shall place the dog on leash as soon as possible upon completing the course. At the discretion of the judge, failure to control the dog upon exiting shall result in a deduction of 5 points to elimination. Each 5-point penalty assessed shall be recorded as a refusal.

Section 5. Mandatory Elimination (NQ). The following individual faults call for Mandatory Elimination which shall be marked as an "F" on the

scribe sheet resulting in a non-qualifying score (NQ). The dog/handler may continue their run except as may be noted elsewhere in these regulations:

1. Handler or dog knocking down any obstacle or jump. Handler jumps over, goes under, or steps on top of any obstacle. (If excessive the judge may excuse the handler for their own safety.)
2. Displacing the top bar(s) or panel of a jump.
3. Failure to clear the span of the Broad Jump.
4. Missing a contact zone (except missing the upside of the A-Frame is not faulted).
5. Seesaw fly-offs.
6. Leaving the table and engaging another obstacle prior to completion of the 5 second count.
7. Failure to complete all obstacles that are part of the course as described in Chapter 3.
8. Running the wrong course (out of sequence and not correcting the run before crossing the finish line).
9. Handler touching obstacle.
10. Contact between the handler and the dog that aids the performance of the dog.
11. Any contact of dog and handler at the Pause Table, Weave Poles, and contact obstacles.
12. Handler continuously or conspicuously leads the dog through the course (excessive handling).
13. Exceeding the Refusal maximum for a given class.
14. Exceeding the wrong course maximum for a given class.

Section 6. Mandatory Excusals. Handlers can be excused by the judge at any time for inappropriate actions including, but not limited to those listed below.

The following faults call for mandatory excusal. The scribe sheet shall be marked "E" and the dog and handler are excused from the ring.

1. Excessive handling, harsh commands, or corrections.
2. Unsportsmanlike conduct.
3. A dog that leaves the course area and discontinues working.
4. A dog that discontinues working the course and is unresponsive or out of control.
5. Exceeding the maximum course time.
6. Dogs fouling the ring at any time during the official run (but not during equipment familiarization).
7. Four Paw Rule. If a dog commits all four feet on any portion of a contact obstacle and fails to negotiate that obstacle, the judge shall instruct the handler to move the dog on to the next obstacle. If the handler re-attempts the obstacle, the dog shall be excused.
8. Inappropriate collar on dog discovered after the dog had started their run.
9. A handler that runs the course with handling aids.
10. Training in the ring including corrections, purposefully touching the dog in order to get it to perform an obstacle or petting the dog on the Pause Table or contact obstacles to reinforce a behavior.
11. Dogs biting handler, beyond playful nipping.
12. Exceeding the fault limit of the class. Fault limits may be applied only if both the judge and trial chairman agree that it is in the best interest of the trial to do so. If applied the fault limit shall be either three (3) or four (4) separate faults that would normally result in a score of less than 85. When a dog has reached the established fault limit the dog shall be excused from the ring and the handler should endeavor to exit the ring in the most expedient manner possible.
13. Failure to comply with judge's verbal instructions.

Fault limits are allowed only in the Excellent A and B Standard and Excellent A and B JWW classes.

Chapter 6: Standard Agility Classes

Section 1. Criteria. The following criteria applies to the Standard Agility classes:

- Novice A and B Agility
- Open Agility
- Excellent A Agility
- Excellent B Agility

Section 2. Novice A and B Agility Class. The focus of the Novice Class shall be obstacle performance with minimal handling.

Performance Standards:

- __ Minimum allowable score required to qualify = 85.
- __ Additional non-qualifying faults (beyond those listed in Chapter 5, Sections 5 and 6).
 - More than 2 Refusal/Run-outs
 - More than 2 Wrong Courses
 - More than 2 Table Faults
- __ Refusals and Run-outs during the performance of the Weave Poles will not be faulted.

Standard Course Time:

- __ 2 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table.
- __ Time Penalties = 1 fault for every full second over Standard Course Time.

Minimum Obstacle Requirements:

- __ Quantity = 13-15
- __ Obstacles, required and not allowed - refer to chart at the end of this chapter.

Section 3. Open Agility Class. The focus of the Open Agility Class is on enhanced obstacle performance with more handling required.

Performance Standards:

- __ Minimum allowable score required to qualify = 85.
- __ Additional non-qualifying faults (beyond those listed in Chapter 5, Sections 5 and 6)
 - More than 1 Refusal/Run-out
 - More than 1 Wrong Course
 - More than 1 Table Fault

Standard Course Time:

- __ 8-inch and 12-inch Divisions: 2.25 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table.
- __ 16-inch Division: 2.35 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table.
- __ 20-inch and 24-inch Divisions: 2.5 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table.
- __ Time Penalties = 2 faults for every full second over Standard Course Time.

Minimum Obstacle Requirements:

- __ Quantity = 16-18
- __ Obstacles required, allowed, and not allowed - refer to chart at end of this chapter.

Section 4. Excellent A Agility Class. The focus of the Excellent A Class is to provide an opportunity for dogs and handlers to demonstrate their superior skills in agility.

Performance Standards:

- __ Minimum allowable score required to qualify = 85.
- __ Additional non-qualifying faults (beyond those listed in Chapter 5, Sections 5 and 6)
 - Any Refusal/Run-out
 - Any Wrong Course
 - Any Table Fault

Standard Course Time:

- __ 8-inch and 12-inch Divisions: 2.5 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table.
- __ 16-inch Division: 2.75 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table.
- __ 20-inch and 24-inch Divisions: 3 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table.
- __ Time penalties = 3 faults for every full second over Standard Course Time.
- __ Course time limits. The following is the greatest allowable Standard Course Time allowed for this class based on jump height.
 - 8-inch and 12-inch Divisions = 78 seconds
 - 16-inch Division = 71 seconds
 - 20-inch and 24-inch Divisions = 68 seconds

Minimum Obstacle Requirements:

- __ Quantity = 18-20
- __ Obstacles required, allowed, not allowed - refer to chart at the end of this chapter.

Section 5. Excellent B Agility Class. The focus of the Excellent B Class is to provide an opportunity for dogs and handlers to demonstrate their superior skills in agility.

Performance Standards:

- __ Minimum allowable score required to qualify = 85. (Effective 1-1-2003 the minimum qualifying score will be 100) (Note that a score of 100 is required to obtain MACH points and 2Q's.)
- __ Additional non-qualifying faults (beyond those listed in Chapter 5, Sections 5 and 6)
 - Any course faults

Standard Course Time:

- __ 8-inch and 12-inch Divisions: 2.5 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table.
- __ 16-inch Division: 2.75 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table.
- __ 20-inch and 24-inch Divisions: 3 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table.
- __ Time penalties = 3 faults for every full second over Standard Course Time.
- __ Course time limits. The following is the greatest allowable Standard Course Time allowed for this class based on jump height.
 - 8-inch and 12-inch Divisions = 78 seconds
 - 16-inch Division = 71 seconds
 - 20-inch and 24-inch Divisions = 68 seconds

Minimum Obstacle Requirements:

__Quantity = 18-20

__Obstacles required, allowed, not allowed - refer to chart at the end of this chapter.

Obstacles	Class		
	Nov. Std.	Open Std.*	Ex. Std.*
Dog Walk	R (1)	R (1)	R (1)
A-Frame	R (1)	R (1)	R (1)
See-Saw	R (1)	R (1)	R (1)
Pause Table	R (1)	R (1)	R (1)
Weave Poles (1 set of poles only with quantities as listed, taken 1 time)	R (1) 6 poles	R (1) 6-12 poles	R (1) 9-12 poles
Open Tunnel	R Max (3)	R Max (3)	R Max (3)
Closed Tunnel	R Max (2)	R Max (2)	R Max (2)
Bar Jump	R	R	R
Double Bar Jump	R (1)	A (1)*	A (1)*
Panel Jump	R	R	R
Tire Jump	R	R	R
Broad Jump	R (1)	A (1)*	A (1)*
Triple Bar Jump	N	A (1)*	A (1)*
One Bar Jump	N	A	R
Qty of Obstacles	13-15	16-18	18-20
*A minimum of two and a maximum of three spreads must be used and two different types of spread jumps must be used on the course.			

R = Required Obstacle

A = Allowed Obstacle

N = Not Allowed

() = Indicates the maximum number of times that this type of obstacle can be taken in the class. If not listed specifically otherwise, the quantity is unlimited.

Chapter 7: Jumpers With Weaves Class

Section 1. Purpose. This agility class is intended to be a fun yet competitive way to demonstrate a working relationship between dog and handler. In this class, dogs are not slowed down by the careful performance and control required by the contact obstacles and Pause Table. Dog/handler teams can therefore race through a course composed primarily of jumps demonstrating a dog's speed and jumping ability.

The following criteria applies to the Jumpers With Weaves Agility Classes:

Novice A and B Jumpers With Weaves
Open Jumpers With Weaves
Excellent A Jumpers With Weaves
Excellent B Jumpers With Weaves

Section 2. Novice A and B Jumpers With Weaves Class.

Performance Standards:

- Minimum allowable score to qualify = 85
- Additional non-qualifying faults (beyond those listed in Chapter 5, Sections 5 and 6)
 - More than 2 Refusals
 - Any Wrong Course
- Refusals and run-outs will not be faulted regarding the performance of the Weave Poles in this class.

Standard Course Time:

- 8-inch and 12-inch Divisions = 2.5 yards per second
- 16-inch Division = 2.75 yards per second
- 20-inch and 24-inch Divisions = 3.0 yards per second
- Time penalties = 1 fault for every full second over Standard Course Time.

Minimum Obstacle Requirements:

- Quantity = 13-15
- Obstacles required, allowed, and not allowed- refer to the chart at the end of this chapter.

Section 3. Open Jumpers With Weaves Class.

Performance Standards:

- Minimum allowable score to qualify = 85.
- Additional non-qualifying faults (beyond those listed in Chapter 5, Sections 5 and 6)
 - More than 1 Refusal
 - Any Wrong Course

Standard Course Time:

- 8-inch and 12-inch Divisions = 3.0 yards per second.
- 16-inch Division = 3.25 yards per second.
- 20-inch and 24-inch Divisions = 3.5 yards per second.
- Time penalties = 2 faults for every full second over standard course time.

Minimum Obstacle Requirements:

- Quantity = 16-18
- Obstacles required, allowed, and not allowed- refer to chart at the end of this chapter.

Section 4. Excellent A Jumpers With Weaves Class.

Performance Standards:

- Minimum allowable score to qualify = 85.
- Additional non-qualifying faults (beyond those listed in Chapter 5, Sections 5 and 6)
- Any course faults (other than time faults listed below).

Standard Course Time:

- 8-inch and 12-inch Divisions = 3.25 yards per second.
- 16-inch Division = 3.5 yards per second.
- 20-inch and 24-inch Divisions = 3.75 yards per second.
- Time penalties = 3 faults for every full second over standard course time.
- Course Time Limits. The following is the greatest allowable standard course time allowed for this class based on jump height.
 - 8-inch and 12-inch Divisions = 52 seconds.
 - 16-inch Divisions = 50 seconds.
 - 20-inch and 24-inch Divisions = 48 seconds.

Minimum Obstacle Requirements:

- Quantity = 18-20
- Obstacles required, allowed, and not allowed- refer to the chart at the end of this chapter.

Section 5. Excellent B Jumpers With Weaves Class.

Performance Standards:

- Minimum allowable score to qualify = 100
- Additional non-qualifying faults (beyond those listed in Chapter 5, Sections 5 and 6)
- Any course fault including any time fault.

Standard Course Time:

- 8-inch and 12-inch Divisions = 3.25 yards per second.
- 16-inch Division = 3.5 yards per second.
- 20-inch and 24-inch Divisions = 3.75 yards per second.
- Time penalties = 3 faults for every full second over standard course time.
- Course Time Limits. The following is the greatest allowable standard course time allowed for this class based on jump height.
 - 8-inch and 12-inch Divisions = 52 seconds.
 - 16-inch Divisions = 50 seconds.

-20-inch and 24-inch Divisions = 48 seconds.
 Minimum Obstacle Requirements:
 ___ Quantity = 18-20
 ___ Obstacles required, allowed, and not allowed- refer to the chart at the end of this chapter.

Obstacles	Class		
	Nov. JWW	Open JWW*	Ex. JWW
Dog Walk	N	N	N
A-Frame	N	N	N
See-Saw	N	N	N
Pause Table	N	N	N
Weave Poles (1 set of poles only with quantities as listed, taken 1 time)	R (1) 6 poles	R (1) 6-12 poles	R (1) 9-12 poles
Open Tunnel	A (3)	A (3)	A (3)
Closed Tunnel	A (2)	A (2)	A (2)
Bar Jump	R	R	R
Double Bar Jump	R (1)	R (1)	R (1)
Panel Jump	A	A	A
Tire/Window Jump	A	A	A
Broad Jump	A (1)	A (1)*	A (1)
Triple Bar Jump	N	A (1)*	R (1)
One Bar Jump	N	A	R
Qty of Obstacles	13-15	16-18	18-20

*In all Open Classes either the Broad Jump or Triple Bar Jump shall be used.

R = Required Obstacle
 A = Allowed Obstacle
 N = Not Allowed

() = Indicates the maximum number of times that this type of obstacle can be taken in the class. If not listed specifically otherwise, the quantity is unlimited.

Chapter 8: Preferred Agility Classes Standard and Jumpers With Weaves

Section 1. Purpose.

These classes afford an opportunity for a greater variety of dogs, and their handlers to participate in the sport of agility. Owners/Handlers have the choice of entering the Preferred Classes with its modified standards as listed in this chapter, over those standards listed in Chapters 5, 6 and 7.

Section 2. Standards.

The Preferred Classes are subject to all standards as listed in the Regulations for Agility Trials, except as modified in this chapter.

Section 3. Eligibility.

The Preferred Classes are open to any dog eligible to enter an agility trial as defined in Chapter 1, Section 3. The same Regulations apply for divisions A and B as those described for the regular titling classes.

The owner may choose to enter the Preferred Standard Agility Class and Preferred Jumpers With Weaves Class in lieu of entering the Regular Standard Agility Class and the Regular Jumpers With Weaves Class at any trial. The dog must be entered only in Preferred Classes or in Regular Classes, with no crossover between them being allowed at the same set of trials.

Owners/dogs are allowed to switch back and forth between the Preferred Classes and the Regular Classes, but not at the same set of trials.

Section 4. Classes.

The Preferred Classes and associated titles are:

Preferred Standard Agility Classes

Novice Agility Preferred - NAP

Open Agility Preferred - OAP

Agility Excellent "A" Preferred- AXP

Master Agility Excellent "B" Preferred - MXP

Preferred Jumpers With Weaves Classes

Novice Jumpers With Weaves Preferred - NJP

Open Jumpers With Weaves Preferred - OJP

Excellent Jumpers With Weaves "A" Preferred - AJP

Master Excellent Jumpers With Weaves "B" Preferred - MJP

A club holding an agility trial **must** offer all of the Preferred Classes and Preferred Class levels equivalent to the Regular Classes and Regular Class levels offered at the trial. It is highly recommended that the Preferred Classes be run concurrently with the Regular Classes using the same course as the Regular Classes to minimize exhibitor walkthroughs, judge s briefings, and jump height changes.

All dogs entering the Preferred Classes for the first time **must** enter the Novice level in both the Preferred Standard Agility Class and the Preferred Jumpers With Weaves Class regardless of their previous title level in the Regular Classes (Standard and JWW). There is no grandfathering of titles from the Regular Classes to the Preferred Classes or from the Preferred Classes to the Regular Classes. These classes are separate titling programs and in both cases the dogs **must** start at the Novice level.

- Dogs may be entered in only one (1) Preferred Standard Agility class and one (1) Preferred Jumpers With Weaves Class per day.
- A dog may continue to compete at each level until they achieve a qualifying score at the next higher level.
- The Preferred Standard Agility Class and the Preferred JWW Class are separate titling programs and a dog may advance faster in one than the other (A dog that has achieved its NJP is eligible for and may enter the Open Jumpers With Weaves Preferred Class. The same dog must also achieve three (3) qualifying scores in the Standard Novice Agility Preferred Class before being eligible to move-up to the Standard Open Agility Preferred Class).

In order to acquire a Preferred Agility title, a dog must earn the following number of qualifying scores per Preferred Class level, under at least two (2) different judges. (See Chart of Qualifying Scores.)

QUALIFYING SCORES

In order to acquire a Preferred Agility title, a dog must earn the following number of qualifying scores per Preferred Class level under at least two (2) different judges.

Preferred Standard Agility Class	Qualifying Scores Required	Preferred JWW Class	Qualifying Scores Required	Scores Obtained From
NAP	3	NJP	3	Novice Preferred
OAP	3	OJP	3	Open Preferred
AXP	3	AJP	3	Ex. A Preferred
MXP	10	MJP	10	Ex. B Preferred

Section 5. Recognized Achievement.

The highest level of achievement in the Preferred Classes is the Master Agility Excellent Preferred (MXP) and the Master Excellent Jumpers With Weaves Preferred (MJP). Recognizing consistency and longevity, for the Preferred Classes only, the AKC will record and add to any dog's title, the number 2 for achieving 20 qualifying scores in the Master Excellent Preferred Classes. There is no limit to this achievement for example; a dog with 30 MXP qualifying scores, and 40 MJP qualifying scores would have the titles of MXP3 and MJP4.

Section 6. Height Divisions.

The following jump height divisions shall be used in all Preferred classes:

4 Inches: For dogs 10 inches and under at the withers.

8 Inches: For dogs 14 inches and under at the withers.

12 Inches: For dogs 18 inches and under at the withers.

16 Inches: For dogs 22 inches and under at the withers.

20 Inches: For dogs over 22 inches at the withers.

Section 7. Obstacle Specifications and Performance Requirements.

Refer to Chapter 3, Section 3 except as changed below:

Pause Table: The Pause Table shall be set at 8 inches for the 4, 8, and 12-inch jump heights, and 16 inches for the 16 and 20 inch jump heights.

Bar Jumps: Bar Jumps are to be set at 4, 8, 12, 16, and 20 inches. For 4 inch jumping dogs a second (lower) bar is not required, but if provided, it should be placed under the top bar or directly adjacent to a ground bar that is directly under the top bar.

Double Bar Jump: Set the Double Bar Jump at 4 inches high and 4 inches wide for the 4-inch jump height class.

Triple Bar Jump: The Triple Bar Jump for the 4-inch jump height class is to be set with the first bar on the ground approximately 4 inches in front of the back bar, which should be placed at 4 inches high. For 4-inch jumping dogs this jump will be set typically using two bars only. Dogs must clearly jump both bars for successful performance.

The Broad Jump: The Broad Jump shall be set as one board (the lowest) for the 4-inch jumping dogs.

Tire Jump: The Tire shall be set at 4 inches or as close as possible given the construction of the tire.

Section 8. Scoring Criteria.

The scoring for the Preferred Classes shall be equal to that of its equivalent level in the Regular Classes, as listed in Chapters 6 and 7, with the exception of the Standard Course Times.

Standard Agility Preferred Classes

Novice Agility Preferred (NAP)

= Novice A and B Agility (NA)

Open Agility Preferred (OAP)

= Open Agility Class (OA)

Agility Excellent "A" Preferred Class (AXP)

= Excellent A Agility Class (AX)

Master Agility Excellent "B" Preferred Class (MXP)

= Excellent B Agility Class (MX)

Jumpers With Weaves Preferred Classes

Novice Jumpers With Weaves Preferred (NJP)

= Novice A and B JWW (NAJ)

Open Jumpers With Weaves Preferred (OJP)

= Open JWW (OAJ)

Excellent "A" Jumpers With Weaves Preferred (AJP)

= Excellent A JWW (AXJ)

Master Excellent "B" Jumpers With Weaves Preferred (MJP)

= Excellent B JWW (MXJ)

Course Times: The Standard Course Times (SCT s) for the Preferred Classes will be the same as the Standard Course Times for the Regular Classes, as listed in Chapters 6 and 7, plus five (5) additional seconds as shown in the chart below.

Regular Class Jump Height	Preferred Class Jump Height	Course Distance Based On	SCT s Based On Regular Classes (Chapters 6 and 7)	Added Time For Preferred Classes Std & JWW
24"	20"	20" Jumping Dog	20" and 24" Division SCT s	Plus 5 Seconds
20"	16"	20" Jumping Dog	20" and 24" Division SCT s	Plus 5 Seconds
16"	12"	12" Jumping Dog	16" Division SCT s	Plus 5 Seconds
12"	8"	12" Jumping Dog	8" and 12" Division SCT s	Plus 5 Seconds
8"	4"	12" Jumping Dog	8" and 12" Division SCT s	Plus 5 Seconds

Example: An Open Standard Agility course that is 160 yards long for the 20 and 24-inch Regular Class would have a SCT of (64 seconds plus 5 seconds for the table) = 69 seconds, based on Chapter 6, Section 3.

In the Open Agility Preferred Class the course yardage for the 16 and 20-inch class would also be 160 yards with a SCT of (69 seconds based on the Regular Class + 5 seconds) = 74 seconds.

Chapter 9: Non-Regular Agility Classes

Section 1. International Sweepstakes Class.

Purpose: The International Sweepstakes Class (ISC) is a non-regular class providing a dog and handler an opportunity to demonstrate their advanced training and handling skills on various international style Standard and Jumpers With Weaves courses. The rules for this class are generally based on international rules.

The variety in International Agility course designs is very diverse, so handlers should be prepared to meet the "Challenge of the Day" when competing in the ISC class. The total challenge level may be easier, more difficult, or simply different from what is currently allowed in the Excellent Class. Course designs will vary widely thus testing different skills on different days.

Eligibility of Dogs: This class is open only to dogs that are eligible to compete in both the Excellent Standard Class and the Excellent Jumpers With Weaves Class.

Eligibility to Hold the ISC Class: Upon approval from the American Kennel Club, one ISC class per day is allowed to be held in conjunction with an AKC approved Agility Trial.

The ISC class shall follow either the criteria for the Standard ISC class or the Jumpers With Weaves ISC class at the discretion of the Club. It is recommended that if the ISC class is offered on two consecutive days, the club offer Standard ISC one day and JWW ISC the other day.

Ribbons, Rosettes and Awards: It is recommended that non-regular class ribbons, rosettes and other awards (including any monetary awards) if offered, shall be awarded to the first through fourth placements as defined under scoring.

Recording Fees: None at this time.

ISC Records: The ISC class shall be printed as the last class in the catalog. A completed ISC class record including complete list of dogs entered, course distances, standard course times, scores and placements, shall be mailed separately to the Agility Director.

Jump Heights: The ISC Class shall be split into three (3) separate categories; Mini Agility for dogs measuring 13-3/4" and/or less at the withers, Midi Agility for dogs measuring 16-7/8" at the withers and/or less, and Maxi Agility for dogs measuring greater than 16-7/8" at the withers. As indicated in the equipment specifications for the ISC Class, dogs entered in Mini Agility jump 14" in height, dogs entered in Midi Agility jump 18" in height, dogs entered in Maxi Agility jump 26" in height. Exceptions and/or ranges exist at some jumps, see "Obstacle Specifications."

Judges: Only fully approved agility judges (non-provisional) will be approved to judge any ISC class. All judges shall submit course designs for review and approval four (4) weeks prior to the show.

Obstacle specifications: (All specifications and performance requirements shall be as printed in Chapter 3, unless modified herein.)

A-Frame	The A-Frame shall be in compliance with the 9'-0" panel specification. The apex of the A-Frame shall be set at 5'-6" for Mini and Midi dogs. The apex of the A-Frame shall be set at 6'-3" for Maxi dogs. Performance: The dog must touch the upside contact zone as well as the downside with any part of one foot.
Dog Walk	The dog walk shall be in compliance with the 12' plank specifications. The contact zones on the upside and downside shall be 36" in length.
Seesaw	The contact zones on the upside and downside shall be 36" in length.
Contacts in General	For altering contact zones for the ISC class-recommend placing a clearly visible line using duct tape with the upside of the duct tape at 36" from the end of the board.
Pause Table	Top set at 12" for Mini dogs, 16" for Midi dogs and 24" for Maxi dogs. Performance: The table count is a cumulative five (5) second count instead of a consecutive five (5) second count. The table position may be either the sit, down or stand position (where the dog is required to maintain the position for the five (5) second count). When the position is "stand" the count starts once the dog is standing and has stopped in place, with three or four feet in contact with the table. Significant movements will interrupt the judge s five (5) second count. The judge resumes counting once the dog has stopped again.
All Jumps including Bar Jumps, One Bar Jumps, Panel Jumps	The top bar or panel shall be set at 14" for Mini dogs, 18" for Midi dogs and 26" for Maxi dogs. Effective until July 1, 2003: If a club's equipment makes it impossible to set bars at the heights listed, bars may be set up to 2" lower.
Double Bar Jump	AKC standard with parallel top bars set at 12"-14" for Mini dogs, 16"-18" for Midi dogs and 24"-26" for Maxi dogs.
Triple Bar Jump	AKC standard triple bar jump set with top bar at 12"-14" for Mini dogs, 16"-18" for Midi dogs and 24"-26" for Maxi dogs. The bottom two bars should be spaced evenly and ascending to height listed above. Total width of spread measured centerline of bar to centerline of bar should be approximately that of the standard AKC triple bar jump for 12", 16" and 24" height classes.
Broad Jump	Jump length set at 16" to 20"for Mini dogs (2 boards used), 28"to 36" for Midi dogs (3 to 4 boards used) and 48" to 54" (4 to 5 boards used) for Maxi dogs.
Viaduct Jump	The Viaduct Jump is basically opaque like Jump a panel jump with uprights on each end that are a minimum of 36" tall. Cut into the opaque surface are half-round-like

	<p>openings that a dog can see through. Size of the open half rounds will depend on the total height of the jump but shall not generally exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ of the total surface area.</p> <p>The top of the viaduct shall be set at 12"-14" for Mini dogs, 16"-18" for Midi dogs and 24"-26" for Maxi dogs.</p>
Ascending Spread Jump	<p>An Ascending Spread Jump is two bar jumps placed together to form a spread. The bars are placed in ascending order with the back bar set at 12" to 14" for Mini dogs, 16" to 18" for Midi dogs and 24" to 26" for Maxi dogs. The front bar shall be set at approximately 4" lower for Mini and Midi dogs and 6" lower for Maxi dogs. The distance between the two bars of the spread shall be approximately 10" to 12" for Mini dogs, 12"-16" for Midi dogs and 16"-22" for Maxi dogs.</p> <p>Performance: Shall be the same as the Double Bar Jump.</p>
(New Obstacle) Tire Jump	<p>The AKC standard tire jump shall be used with the height set at 12" for Mini dogs, 16" for Midi dogs and 24" for Maxi dogs as measured from the ground to the bottom of the tire opening.</p>

Course and Trial Requirements: The recommended course size for the ISC class is 10,000-12,000 square feet. The minimum course size for the ISC class shall be 8,000 square feet with no side shorter than 60'.

Equipment Requirements:

Standard ISC Class:

18-20 Total Obstacles Required

Required Obstacles	Quantity Restrictions and Notes
Dog Walk, A-Frame and Seesaw	A minimum of two (2) contact obstacles must be used. Must have at least two (2) different contact obstacles in the course. Maximum number of contact obstacles that can be taken on a course = four (4). No contact can be taken more than twice.
Spread Jump	A minimum of one (1) and a maximum of three (3) Spread Jumps are to be used on the course. (The Broad Jump, Double Bar Jump, Triple Bar Jump and Ascending Double Bar Jump are considered "Spread Jumps.")
Open Tunnel	Total number of times a dog can perform an open tunnel = three (3). (i.e., One (1) open tunnel taken three (3) times, three (3) tunnels taken once each, etc.)
Closed Tunnel	Total number of times a dog can perform a closed tunnel = two (2). (i.e., One (1) closed tunnel taken two (2) times or two (2) closed tunnels each taken once.)
Tire Jump	No quantity restrictions.
10-12 Set of Weave Poles	Two (2) maximum (same set may be taken twice in course design).
One Bar Jump	No quantity restrictions

Optional Obstacles	Quantity Restrictions and Notes
Pause Table	One (1) maximum
Panel Jump	No quantity restrictions
Viaduct Jump	Two (2) times maximum
Other Bar Jumps	No quantity restrictions

Jumpers ISC Class:

18-20 Total Obstacles Required

Required Obstacles	Quantity Restrictions and Notes
10-12 Set of Weave Poles	Two (2) maximum (same set may be taken twice in course design).
Spread Jump	A minimum of one (1) and a maximum of three (3) Spread Jumps are to be used on the course. (The Broad Jump, Double Bar Jump, Triple Bar Jump and Ascending Double Bar Jump are considered "Spread Jumps")
One Bar Jump	No quantity restrictions

Optional Obstacles	Quantity Restrictions and Notes
Open Tunnel	Total number of times a dog can perform an open tunnel = Three (3). (i.e., One (1) open

	tunnel taken three (3) times, three (3) tunnels taken once each, etc.)
Closed Tunnel	Two (2) maximum (i.e., One (1) closed tunnel taken two (2) times or two (2) closed tunnels each taken once.)
Tire Jump	No quantity restrictions
Panel Jump	No quantity restrictions
Viaduct Jump	Two (2) times maximum
Other Bar Jumps	No quantity restrictions

Course Distances and Times: The standard course times are at the sole discretion of the judge, but shall generally follow these guidelines:

Mini Standard ISC Class	2.75 yards per second to 3.50 yards per second
Midi Standard ISC Class	3.00 yards per second to 3.75 yards per second
Maxi Standard ISC Class	3.50 yards per second to 4.25 yards per second

Mini Jumpers ISC Class	3.50 yards per second to 4.00 yards per second
Midi Jumpers ISC Class	3.75 yards per second to 4.25 yards per second
Maxi Jumpers ISC Class	4.00 yards per second to 4.50 yards per second

Notes:

- Five (5) seconds shall be added to the standard course time for the Standard ISC classes if the table is used.
- The flexibility in standard course times reflects the degree of difficulty (flow) on the course, equipment to be performed, (i.e., Two (2) to four (4) contacts allowed, one (1) to two (2) sets of weave poles allowed, etc.) ring surface, and weather conditions.
- Course shall be measured once for Mini and Midi class (along a 14" jumping dog's path) and once for Maxi class (along a 26" jumping dog's path) using an efficient course path.
- Spacing of obstacles shall generally comply with "AKC Course Design Guidelines."
- In order to reflect the international challenge level in the Mini, Midi and Maxi agility classes, it is recommended that the judge designate a section or two of the course to reduce the spacing between obstacles from the Maxi Class to Midi/Mini Class (which can have the same course spacing).

Scoring

Score: Dogs start with a score of zero to which faults are added for infractions.

Placements, Tied Scores: All ISC class placements are based on faults then time, whereas the dog with the fewest faults wins. In cases where dogs have the same number of faults, the dog with the lowest (fastest) course time prevails. Placements are given out separately to dogs in the Mini, Midi and Maxi categories. A tie with two (2) dogs having the same score and time will require a run-off.

Example: (SCT 55 seconds)

	Dog's Time	Time Fault	Course Fault	Total	Placement
Dog #1	53.25	0	0	0	2
Dog #2	49.25	0	E	E	-
Dog #3	56.25	1	0	1	3
Dog #4	49.75	0	5	5	4
Dog #5	53.05	0	0	0	1

(Dogs with faults can place. Eliminated dogs cannot place.)

Course Time Penalties: One (1) fault for each full second over the standard course time (SCT).

Maximum course time: Shall be equal to 1-1/2 times the standard course time (SCT).

Standard Faults: (incurring a five (5) point penalty) include:

- A displaced bar, plank or displaceable surface that the dog was to jump over.
- Missed contact zones (including the upside zone of the A-Frame).
- Seesaw fly-off
- Leaving the table prior to completion of the five (5) second count. (This penalty can be assessed one time only.) Dog must complete the table before going on.
- Anticipation of the table count. (A dog leaving between the word "One" and the word "Go.") Dog proceeds with remainder of course.

- Missed weave pole once entered correctly. (This penalty can be assessed one time only per set of weave poles.) However, missed poles must be reattempted and completed.
 - Visibly moving or stepping on top of the Broad Jump.
 - **Refusal Faults:** (incurring a five (5) point penalty) include:
 - Refusals at any obstacle.
 - Run-outs at any obstacle.
 - Dog exiting a contact obstacle prior to starting its descent on that obstacle. If dog exits obstacle before descent, dog must re-attempt and complete obstacle. Starting descent is defined as crossing the apex of the AFrame; placing one (1) paw on the downside board of the dog walk; seesaw board has pivoted past the horizontal plane. (The "four paw rule" is not applicable in this class.)
 - Failure to enter the weave poles properly.
 - **Elimination Faults:**
 - Three (3) refusals and/or run-outs on a course.
 - Dog running the wrong course, including touching the wrong obstacle with one (1) paw.
 - Dog/handler contact that aids the performance of the dog.
 - Handler contact with equipment if it aids or was intended to aid the performance of the dog.
 - Outside assistance to the handler/dog in the ring that aided the performance.
 - Failure to complete all obstacles on the course. Completing an obstacle is defined as:
 - Jumping over jumps and through tires, in the proper direction.
 - Starting descent on a contact obstacle.
 - Going through the tunnels in the proper direction.
 - Pausing as directed at the Pause Table for five (5) seconds, (in the position directed by the judge).
 - Weaving all weave poles after proper entry.
- **Excusals:** as listed in Chapter 5, Section 6, and:
 - Exceeding fault limit (if applied). Based on class size and judging schedules, fault limits may be applied at the discretion of the judge and club. Recommended criteria for applying fault limits:
 - 20 faults is the minimum number of faults designated as the fault limit.
 - Dogs be excused after their second elimination penalty. (i.e., Second wrong course, one (1) wrong course + three (3) refusals, etc.)
 - If fault limits are used, then "time faults + course faults" in excess of the fault limit chosen shall equal an "E."