

***Schedule of
Premier Agility Show
Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th September 2023
with
Crufts Large Novice ABC Agility Stakes (Special)
Crufts Intermediate Novice ABC Agility Stakes (Special)
and
Crufts Novice Cup Dog Agility Stakes
for Large and Intermediate Dogs***

(held under Kennel Club Rules & Regulations H & H(1) and licensed by the Kennel Club Limited)

at Playing Fields, Old Road, Dundrum, Co Down BT33 0NH

**Show Opens 7.15am - Judges Briefing 07.45am - Judging Commences 8.00am
The show will close half an hour after all judging has been completed.**

The Officers and Committee members of the society / or the licensee holding the licence are deemed responsible for organising and conducting the show safely and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Kennel Club and agree to abide by and adopt any decision of the Board or any authority to whom the Board may delegate its powers subject to the conditions of Regulation H31. In so doing those appointed as officers and committee members, or the licensee, accept that they are jointly and severally responsible for the organisation of the show and that this is a binding undertaking.

Show Secretary: Maria Haage, downdistrictdtc@gmail.com Tel: 07760760301
Show Manager Saturday: Jillian Davies
Show Manager Sunday: Cherene Stitt

Entries close: 16th August 2023

Enter online only at www.agilityshows.online

Entry fees: £3.50 per class.



Honorary Veterinary Surgeons:

Castle Veterinary Group, Castlewellan, tel: (028) 4377 8302.

Equipment: Aluminium rubber coated contact equipment will be used.

Catering facilities will be available at the show.

There will be no camping at the show with the exception for Officials and Stewards.

If a competitor, or anyone in their household, has Covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 they must follow Government advice and should consider whether it is appropriate that they attend the event.

Schedule of Classes

Awards won after 22 August 2023 cannot be counted in determining the grade at which a dog may compete at this show.

Dogs may be entered in a maximum of 4 classes each day including Special classes.

Premier Show Schedule of Classes and Running Order for Saturday 16th September 2023

RING 1 Judge: Hannah Grantham

Agility	Grade	Large	Intermediate	Medium	Small	Judge
Combined	3-7	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Hannah Grantham
Combined	1-5	(Special) Class 5 Crufts Large Qualifier Novice ABC Agility Stakes	(Special) Class 6 Crufts Intermediate Qualifier Novice ABC Agility Stakes			Hannah Grantham
Combined	1-2	Class 7	Class 8	Class 9	Class 10	Hannah Grantham
Combined	5-7	Class 11	Class 12	Class 13	Class 14	Hannah Grantham
Combined	1-4	Class 15	Class 16	Class 17	Class 18	Hannah Grantham

RING 2 Judge: Dan Hodson

Jumping	Grade	Large	Intermediate	Medium	Small	Judge
Combined	1-3	Class 22	Class 21	Class 20	Class 19	Dan Hodson
Combined	6-7	Class 26	Class 25	Class 24	Class 23	Dan Hodson
Combined	1-5	Class 30	Class 29	Class 28	Class 27	Dan Hodson
Combined	4-7	Class 34	Class 33	Class 32	Class 31	Dan Hodson

Premier Show Schedule of Classes and Running Order for Sunday 17th September 2023

RING 1 Judge:

Agility	Grade	Large	Intermediate	Medium	Small	Judge
Combined	1-5	Class 35	Class 36	Class 37	Class 38	Dan Hodson
Combined	3-5	Class 39 Crufts Novice Cup Dog Agility Stakes for Large Dogs	Class 40 Crufts Novice Cup Dog Agility Stakes for Intermediate Dogs			Dan Hodson
Combined	6-7	Class 41	Class 42	Class 43	Class 44	Dan Hodson
Combined	1-4	Class 45	Class 46	Class 47	Class 48	Dan Hodson
Combined	5-7	Class 49	Class 50	Class 51	Class 52	Dan Hodson

RING 2 Judge:

Jumping	Grade	Large	Intermediate	Medium	Small	Judge
Combined	1-2	Class 56	Class 55	Class 54	Class 53	Hannah Grantham
Combined	6-7	Class 60	Class 59	Class 58	Class 57	Hannah Grantham
Combined	1-3	Class 64	Class 63	Class 62	Class 61	Hannah Grantham
Combined	4-7	Class 68	Class 67	Class 66	Class 65	Hannah Grantham
Combined	3-5			Class 70	Class 69	Hannah Grantham

All Classes: Rosettes to 4th place in classes of 20 or more
Rosettes to 3rd place in classes of less than 20

All ring cards are to be downloaded from www.agilityshows.online

ELIGIBILITY FOR CLASSES

In the following definitions of classes, 1st prizes or other prize wins are those gained in standard classes at any Kennel Club licensed championship agility, premier agility, open agility or limited agility shows (ie special classes and invitational events excepted). Only a first place with a clear round competed within the course time set by the judge will count towards grade progression.

Standard classes may be scheduled for agility shows, as agility classes or jumping classes. All standard classes must contain the weaving poles obstacle. Standard Agility classes must contain the following elements: 'A' Ramp, dog walk and see-saw. With this proviso classes are defined as follows:-

A maximum of four standard classes may be scheduled for any dog on an individual day of competition. Any number of special classes may be scheduled.

Class Structure

A class may be either held as a graded class or a combined class. A graded class may be scheduled for a maximum of three consecutive grades with separate results and awards for each grade. A combined class may be scheduled for more than one consecutive grade with one overall set of results.

Progression

Progression from each grade will be determined by the eligibility for the class as referenced in H(1)(A)11. Results from Combined Classes will only count towards progression from the dog's current grade.

To count for progression wins must be gained in standard classes at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows.

Only a first place with a clear round completed within the course time set by the judge will count towards grade progression.

Competitors will be allowed to walk the course set at Small, Medium, Intermediate or Large height without their dog(s) before the class begins. The jumps will be set at the height of the next class to run. All handlers will walk the course at the same height.

Points Progression

At the handler's discretion a dog may progress up to Grade 4 by winning 100 points at each Grade, using the Agility Warrant points scheme, (Regulation K3.c refers). A minimum of 50 points must be gained in agility (not jumping) classes in the relevant grade. If this method of progression is selected, the handler must ensure the Show Secretary signs the dog's Agility Record Book at the first show entered at the higher grade. There is no time limit on this progression; however, once a dog has progressed it cannot return to a previous grade.

Progression on points must be done prior to the closing date of entries. It is not possible to change a grade on points once the entries have closed.

STANDARD CLASSES

Only first prizes and points gained in standard classes at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows may be used for progression through the classes. (A dog is only eligible for one grade). In defining the eligibility of the owner or handler for Grade 1, the two wins and points progression referred to in the definition apply only to one dog and not an accumulation of dogs.

Grade 1	Open to owners, handlers or dogs which have not gained a minimum of two first places at Grade 1 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, at least one of which must have been gained in an agility (not jumping) class. N.B Owners, handlers or dogs previously qualified out of Grade 1 are not eligible for this class.
Grade 2	Open to dogs which are not eligible for Grade 1 or have elected to progress on points from Grade 1 and are not eligible for Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7.
Grade 3	Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of two first places at Grade 2 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, one of which must have been gained in an agility (not jumping) class, or have elected to progress on points from Grade 2 and are not eligible for Grades 2, 4, 5, 6 or 7.
Grade 4	Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of three first places at Grade 3 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, two of which must have been gained in agility (not jumping classes), or have elected to progress on points from Grade 3 and are not eligible for Grades 2, 3, 5, 6 or 7
Grade 5	Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of four first places at Grade 4 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, two of which must have been gained in agility (not jumping) classes, and are not eligible for Grades 2, 3, 4, 6 or 7
Grade 6	Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of four first places at Grade 5 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, two of which must have been gained in agility (not jumping) classes, and are not eligible for Grades 2, 3, 4, 5 or 7.
Grade 7	Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of five first places at Grade 6 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, three of which must have been gained in agility (not jumping) classes, and are not eligible for Grades 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6.

SPECIAL CLASSES

Societies may schedule classes other than those defined above as "Special classes". The eligibility for "Special" classes must be defined by the Society and included in the schedule. The word "Special" must be included in the title of the class. Where special classes are classified for older and/or inexperienced dogs, the height of the hurdles, the A-ramp, and the dog walk, and the length of the long jump, may be reduced below the dimensions specified in these regulations, in which case such dimensions must be included in the class definition in the show schedule.

Marking for special classes may deviate from marking for standard classes, but must be specified in the schedule. Wins, places and clear rounds in special classes will not count towards agility warrant points or grade progression at Kennel Club shows.

THE CRUFTS QUALIFIERS

Crufts Large Novice ABC Agility Stakes (Special)

Eligibility

This competition is a special agility competition open to all dogs excluding Border Collies, Working Sheepdogs and any of their crosses. In the event of any dispute regarding the parentage of a dog competing in the ABC Agility competition, any concerns should be recorded in the Incident Book and reported to the Kennel Club.

Those dogs eligible to compete in competition for large dogs are those measuring over 50cm at the withers.

Dogs should be eligible to compete at Grade 1 - 5 at the time of qualifying for the semi-final. Any subsequent wins gained by the dog will not alter its eligibility to compete in the semi-final or final.

Competition Rules

The competition will be held under Kennel Club rules and regulations for Agility and any handler entering the competition will be deemed to have agreed to abide by these rules and regulations. Standard rules will apply and all equipment used shall be of a standard size for that height category.

The semi-final will consist of one round of agility competition and one round of jumping competition; the top 8 dogs qualifying for Crufts will be those with the least combined faults in the fastest combined time calculated over the two rounds of the semi-final. If there is equality of faults and time, the agility round will take precedence.

The final will consist of one round of jumping and one round of agility competition. The winning partnership will be those with the least combined faults in the fastest combined time calculated over the two rounds of the final. If there is equality of faults and time, the agility round will take precedence.

Qualifying

There will be 10 qualifying shows throughout the year. The first 10 placed dogs in each heat will have the following points awarded:

1st place = 10 points, 2nd place = 9 points etc. down to 10th place = 1 point. Qualifying points will be awarded down to 10th even if the show does not award class places down to 10th.

If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the final, reserves will be taken from dog/s with the highest number of points from the heats which have/has not qualified.

The top fifteen dogs, with the most points, will be invited to a semi-final at Discover Dogs 2023. There will be a charge per dog. Discover Dogs will be held alongside The London International Horse Show at London, ExCel in December. Car parking will not be provided by The Kennel Club.

The first eight highest placed dogs at the semi-final will be invited to compete in the finals to be held at Crufts Dog Show, NEC Birmingham in March 2024.

Crufts Intermediate Novice ABC Agility Stakes (Special)

Eligibility

This competition is a special agility competition open to all dogs excluding Border Collies, Working Sheepdogs and any of their crosses. In the event of any dispute regarding the parentage of a dog competing in the ABC Agility competition, any concerns should be recorded in the Incident Book and reported to the Kennel Club.

Those dogs eligible to compete in competition for intermediate dogs are those measuring over 43cm and measuring 50cm or under at the withers.

Dogs should be eligible to compete at Grade 1 - 5 at the time of qualifying for the semi-final. Any subsequent wins gained by the dog will not alter its eligibility to compete in the semi-final or final.

Competition Rules

The competition will be held under Kennel Club rules and regulations for Agility and any handler entering the competition will be deemed to have agreed to abide by these rules and regulations. Standard rules will apply and all equipment used shall be of a standard size for that height category.

The semi-final will consist of one round of agility competition and one round of jumping competition; the top 8 dogs qualifying for Crufts will be those with the least combined faults in the fastest combined time calculated over the two rounds of the semi-final. If there is equality of faults and time, the agility round will take precedence.

The final will consist of one round of jumping and one round of agility competition. The winning partnership will be those with the least combined faults in the fastest combined time calculated over the two rounds of the final. If there is equality of faults and time, the agility round will take precedence.

Qualifying

There will be 10 qualifying shows throughout the year. The first 10 placed dogs in each heat will have the following points awarded:

1st place = 10 points, 2nd place = 9 points etc. down to 10th place = 1 point. Qualifying points will be awarded down to 10th even if the show does not award class places down to 10th.

If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the final, reserves will be taken from dog/s with the highest number of points from the heats which have/has not qualified.

The top fifteen dogs, with the most points, will be invited to a semi-final at Discover Dogs 2023. There will be a charge per dog. Discover Dogs will be held alongside The London International Horse Show at London, ExCel in December. Car parking will not be provided by The Kennel Club.

The first eight highest placed dogs at the semi-final will be invited to compete in the finals to be held at Crufts Dog Show, NEC Birmingham in March 2024.

Crufts Novice Cup Dog Agility Stakes

This is a combined 3-5 class. Dogs should be eligible to enter a Grade 3, 4 or 5 class at the time of qualifying for the semi-final. Any subsequent wins gained by the dog will not alter its eligibility to compete in the semi-final or final.

There will be up to 14 separate heats for large, intermediate, medium and small height dogs at Kennel Club licensed shows throughout the country, plus an additional heat at the International Agility Festival.

Competitors may enter more than one dog in a heat. Competitors may qualify more than one dog for the semi-final at the International Agility Festival, however only the competitor's highest placed dog at the semi-final will qualify for the Crufts Grand Final.

Once a dog has qualified for the semi-final, further heats may be entered for competition although any placings in these heats will not affect the dog's eligibility for the semi-final.

Qualifying

The first 2 previously unqualified dogs from each heat will go forward to the semi-final at the Kennel Club International Agility Festival. If the heat is split then 2 dogs will be taken from each part. There will also be a Novice Cup heat at the Kennel Club International Agility Festival, where the first 5 previously unqualified placed dogs (from each part if the class is split) will also go forward to the semi-final.

If a competitor does not take up the invitation to compete in the semi-final, the invitation will be rolled down to the next applicable dog from the relevant heat. No reserves will be invited after the running orders for the semi-final have been generated.

The top 6 large dogs, 6 intermediate, 6 medium dogs and 6 small dogs from the semi-final round of The Kennel Club Novice Cup will be invited to compete in the final at Crufts 2024.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Dogs entered at Kennel Club licensed agility shows must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B, or else registration or transfer of registration must have been applied for. The registration number/ authority to compete (ATC) number will be required for each entry.
2. All dogs registered and resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club Authority to Compete (ATC) number before entry to the show/event can be made. All overseas entries without a Kennel Club Registration number or an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the exhibitor/competitor.
3. The entry fee is £3.50 per class. There is no fee for NFC dogs.
4. Internet entries will be accepted by www.agilityshows.online. Only internet entries will be accepted, no postal entries.
5. The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
6. Only dogs of 18 calendar months of age and over on the day of competition are eligible for competition at Kennel Club licensed Agility shows.
7. A dog must not compete more than once in a class, including special classes.
8. Not for competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged four calendar months and over. Dogs must be Kennel Club registered with their details recorded on the Agility Shows Only website. A competition entry form will be available at the show for completion by non-competitors attending with a dog.
9. No bitch in season is allowed to compete at Limited, Open, Premier or Championship Agility Shows. However, bitches in season can compete at quarter finals, semi-finals and finals of Kennel Club Prestige Events, except in events held under YKC rules.
10. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competitions is forbidden.
11. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the boundaries of the Show.
12. Dogs must not wear any type of slip, half-slip collar or lead when under test. A single flat, close fitting, leather or webbing collar is permitted, providing the only attachment is a plain identification panel as an integral part of the collar ie not attached by a ring.
13. Should a judge be unable to fulfil the appointment to judge, the Committee reserves the right to appoint another judge.
14. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the judges or judge.
15. Kennel Club standard marking regulations apply for all standard classes.
16. The height of hurdles, dog walk and A-Frame, and/or length of long jump will be set as specified by the Kennel Club for standard classes.
17. The height limit for dogs is:
 - a. Large Dog classes – For dogs measuring over 500mm at the withers
 - b. Intermediate Dog classes – For dogs measuring over 430mm and measuring 500mm or under at the withers
 - c. Medium Dog Classes – For dogs measuring over 350mm and measuring 430mm or under at the withers
 - d. Small Dog Classes – For dogs measuring 350mm or under at the withers.
18. Judges at an Agility show may not enter for competition a dog which is recorded in their ownership, or part ownership, or handle a dog at the Show at which they are judging. Dogs may be disqualified if proved to have been handled in the class by the scheduled judge's spouse or immediate family, or resident at the same address as the scheduled judge.
19. Removal of dogs from Competition:

Following discussion between the show management and/or a veterinary surgeon, a dog shall be prevented from competing and/or removed from the Show if it is:

 - a. A bitch which is in season (apart from a dog competing in quarter finals, semi-finals and finals of Kennel Club Prestige Events, other than events held under YKC rules).
 - b. suffering from any infectious or contagious diseases
 - c. interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent
 - d. of such a temperament, or is so much out of control as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal
 - e. likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing.

The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the competition/show Incident Book and submitted to the Kennel Club.

20. Dog Agility is a competitive and physically strenuous activity. It is the responsibility of the owner/handler to ensure their dog is 'fit for function' and that they themselves are fit to take part. By signing the entry form you confirm that to the best of your knowledge your dog is fit and able to take part in Agility classes on the day of the show.
21. In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including 25 days before the start of the competition shall be counted when entering any class, ie, 22nd August 2023. For these purposes a competition shall be defined as all classes covered within the same schedule. In the event that a dog becomes eligible for the next grade at a particular show, after the entry for that show has been sent, it is the competitor's responsibility to notify the show secretary at least 14 days before the date of the show. The dog will then be moved into the appropriate class(es) for the next grade. The dog must be moved into the corresponding number of classes as were entered at the lower grade. If there are fewer or no classes available for the next grade the competitor should be offered a refund of the relevant entry fees.
22. Should circumstances dictate, the Club, in consultation with the judges, may alter the arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them will be reported to the Kennel Club.
23. In the event that the show is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the society will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. If the show processor has the provisions to do so, competitors will be refunded in the manner in which they had entered the show, but in any event the society will refund fees within 3 months of the show date to all those who had entered and requested a refund within 1 month of the show date.
24. Except for mobility aids, nothing shall be carried in the hand while the dog is under test and food shall not be given to a dog whilst in the ring. Competitors are prohibited from wearing bags or leads whilst under test.
25. Should the judge deem a re-run is required, any result and/or faults gained in the previous run must be discounted.
26. Online entries only accepted via www.agilityshows.online
27. Competition of Dogs Suffering from Contagious or Infectious Disease – No dogs suffering from infectious or contagious disease or having been exposed to such disease during the period of 21 days prior to the Competition may compete. Competitors infringing the Regulation will be liable to be fined and /or dealt with under Kennel Club Rule A11.
28. It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order. Competitors must run as close to their running order as possible. Failure to do so may be reported to the Kennel Club.
29. Animals in Event

No animal, other than those officially entered, shall be brought into the precincts of the event during its continuance, except dogs registered to assist the disabled, or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes or by permission of the Board.

However, at the discretion of the show society, a dog brought to the show by a spectator may be admitted into the precincts of the dog show, with the proviso that those in charge of the dog sign a declaration confirming the dog is free from disease and that the dog will be kept under proper control at all times.
30. A pay on the day class will be held if time permits. A practice ring may be available to dogs entered for competition at the show, if space allows.
31. This ring must be supervised by a responsible adult with agility knowledge.
32. Welfare of Dogs

A competitor whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club Licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars, is not permitted at any Agility show licensed by the Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue and within the precincts of the show.
33. Children under the age of 11 are the responsibility of a Parent or Guardian and must be supervised at all times, including when competing.

INSTRUCTIONS BY CLUB OFFICIALS

Within the show grounds, you must follow the instructions of the show officials and ring parties at all times. Please be courteous to them. They are working hard to keep the show running smoothly. If you do not follow their instructions, you may be asked to leave, and your entry fees forfeited.

FIRST AID

The first aid box and defibrillator will be located in the Secretary's tent.

The first aider on duty will be Jayne Merrell.

DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS

Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog.

If your dog is found to be at risk, forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

PLEASE DON'T LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR