



**AGILITY REGULATIONS
OF THE
Open Junior Agility Championships
2024**



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A. Our Aim

To provide a world-class event for young agility handlers. To help improve and develop the understanding and skill set to compete at a high-level event.

Handler Age Categories

OJAC is an Open Junior event where all juniors under the age of 19 are able to compete. The age groups are split into two different brackets 5 – 12 years and 13-18 years of age.

If an age group has less than 20 competitors or dogs entered – All height classes within that single age category will be combined and will compete against each other for one overall result.

Each event has specific rules and regulations for the specific class and can be seen in the class information and scoring in this document.

Jump Height Categories

Name	Dogs Measurement	Jump Height
Small	Dogs measuring under 35cm	300cm
Medium	Dogs measuring between 35cm and 43cm	400cm
Intermediate	Dogs measuring between 43cm and 50cm	500cm
Large	Dogs measuring over 43cm	600cm

Note: Dogs can only enter one height category.

Courses

A course is built with a variety of obstacles; the way they are placed determines the degree of difficulty and speed. The dog must complete the course within a pre-determined time and the obstacles must be negotiated in the correct order.

Equipment requirements for each class

Equipment List	Biathlon Agility	Biathlon Jumping	Speed Jump Off	Agility Team Relay	Jumping Team Relay
A frame	√	×	×	√	×
Dog Walk	√	×	×	×	×
Seesaw	√	×	×	×	×
12 weaves	√	√	×	√	√
Tyre	√	√	×	×	×
Pipe Tunnel	√	√	√	√	√
Long Jump	√	√	×	√	√
Jumps	√	√	√	√	√
Wall	√	√	×	×	√

Collecting Ring & Entry to the Completion Ring

Stage 1	Check in table/board	Present yourself to the table so we know you are running.
Stage 2	Warm up	This will allow you time to warm your dog up.
Stage 3	Drop off table	You must leave any toys/ foot / bags /etc.
Stage 4	Tunnel entry	You are next to run, and will be escorted to the start line.
Stage 5	Good Luck	You're on the start line.

Obstacle Information

<u>Jump Height</u>	<u>Long Jump</u>	<u>Spread Jump Depth</u>	<u>Tyre at centre.</u>
300	500mm (2 boards)	280mm	450mm
400	800mm (3 boards)	370mm	550mm
500	1000mm (4 boards)	500mm	650mm
600	1200mm (5 boards)	560mm	750mm

Course Design

The design of the course is left entirely to the Judge's inventiveness.
Each course, with the exception of the Team relay event, MUST start and finish with a single jump.
The distance between two consecutive obstacles must range between a minimum of 5m and a maximum of 8m.
The handler should be able to pass each obstacle on both sides successfully
There should be sufficient space at the start and finish obstacle.

Judging

5 Faults should be issued when

Knocking a bar down.	5 Faults
Missing a down contact.	5 Faults
Incorrect Weave process during the obstacle.	5 Faults
Knocking a brick out the wall.	5 Faults
Knocking an element of the long jump down.	5 Faults
Leaving the seesaw before it has made contact with the ground.	5 Faults
Dislodging the tyre from the original shape.	5 faults

5 faults for a refusal should be issued when

A dog shows any of the behaviour shown in the diagram on the final page.	5R Faults
Runs past the contact line of the up contact on the contact equipment.	5R Faults
Does not pass the tipping point on the seesaw.	5R Faults
Does not pass the apex of the A-frame.	5R Faults
Does not pass the apex on the "upward plank on the dog walk.	5R Faults
Misses the weave pole entry.	5R Faults
Runs past the active refusal line of a piece of equipment.	5R Faults
Runs past or under the first jump.	5R Faults
Runs past or under the last jump.	5R Faults
Runs past any jump on course.	5R Faults
Enters a tunnel, and exits the same side.	5R Faults

a) Other Faults

Baton Change failure	20 Faults
If another team member's dog runs into the course area during another member's run.	200 Team Faults
If a dog or handler leaves the competition ring before the entire team have finished their test.	200 Team Faults

<u>Elimination</u>
Unseemly behaviour towards the Judge.
Harsh handling of the dog.
Three refusals.
Taking or touching obstacles out of sequence.
Forgetting to take an obstacle.
Taking an obstacle in the wrong direction.
Handler negotiates an obstacle himself, jumps or passes under the obstacle.
A handler who starts past the refusal plane of the first jump and sends the dog around the jump to begin.
A handler who gains an advantage by touching his dog.
A handler who gains an advantage touching an obstacle.
If a handler destroys an obstacle so the dog cannot complete it correctly.
Handler holds something in his hand while under test.
Dog wearing a collar with any loose or low hanging components
Stopping on the course because the handler retires (unless instructed by the Judge).
Dog fouls in the ring after stage 4 of entry procedure.
Dog deemed out of control for more than 5 seconds. (Judge's discretion)
Dog leaving the ring at any time while under the test.
A handler that has a toy in their hand past stage 3 of the entry procedure.
If a dog leaves the ring, the competitor will proceed to the finish of the course and retrieve the dog safely, however neither the handler nor the dog may re-enter the ring and continue the round.

Team Relay Clarification Rules.

All dogs must enter and exit the competition ring on a lead failure to do so will result in 200 team faults.
All dogs and handlers must remain in the competition ring until the last dog has been placed on a lead failure to do so will result in 200 team faults.
NO toys are allowed in the competition ring past stage 3 of the entry procedure.
The baton must remain in the hand of one of the team members until the last dog has completed the final obstacle of the course – failure to do so will result in 20 baton faults for the team.

Unexpected problems with equipment or while under test.

Under circumstances beyond the handler's control – the Judge can stop the handler and when the issue is resolved the Judge will restart the dog from the beginning of the course.

All faults incurred before the dog was stopped will still apply. Up to that point no other faults will be given. However, the handler still has to negotiate the course to the best of his/her ability; i.e. must make a good attempt.

Additional faults will be incurred only after the point at which the dog was originally stopped.

All breeds including mixed breeds are eligible; a dog must be over at least 18 months old to compete – Bitches in season MAY compete but that handler must provide their own mat for the dog to sit on at the start.

<u>Dogs Ineligible to Enter:</u>
Pregnant bitches
Dogs that are apparently ill or hurt
Doped dogs

Classes and Competitions

Tests will be judged according to the OJAC rules and regulations.

Only dogs that have been entered in the show will be able to run.

Open Speed Jump Off

This test is an open class, and all heights & age categories will compete against each other.

The Speed Jump off will consist of two jumping courses consisting of only jumps and pipe tunnels.

Each heat is a completely different competition and results are NOT combined.

SCORING

Faults will be converted into seconds for example – 5 Faults = 5 seconds.

Open Biathlon

There will be a separate competition for each jump height. The Biathlon event will consist of a Jumping round followed by an Agility round. The combined results of the two classes determine the Individual Biathlon Champion. One champion will be declared in each jump height.

Scoring is cumulative; least faults wins with time as tie breaker only, in all aspects of the Biathlon. Time will be measured to 1/1000th of a second.

In the event of a tie in any class, the tied dogs will compete in a run-off for this award; however, only the score from each dog's first run will be used to calculate the Biathlon results.

In the event of a tie for the Open Biathlon Champion, the scores from the Agility round will determine the winner. If there is still a tie, the dogs will compete in a run-off on the Agility course.

SCORING

Scoring is cumulative; least faults win with time as tie breaker only. Elimination = 200 faults

If an age group has less than 20 competitors or dogs entered – All height classes within that single age category will be combined and will compete against each other for one overall result.

2 x Team Relay Test (Agility Relay & Jumping Relay)

- A team must consist of 4 dogs (of any height)
- Dogs of any different heights can be mixed within the team. Small and Medium dogs will run over small height jumps and standard & large dogs will run over standard height jumps, meaning the team could consist of all dogs running at small height or all dogs running large height or a variety of dog heights.
- Teams will be competing against each other in one competition
- Handlers may enter more than one team
- Dogs may only compete in one team; handlers may run a MAXIMUM of two dogs in 1 team and would have a running order of 1 & 3 or 2 & 4 or 1 & 4 (to give the handler time to change over dogs).
- Box / changeover area - 1 additional adult will be allowed in the changeover box during the teams run
- The course will consist of two separate sections one set at small and one set at standard, the agility relay course will consist of an A frame and weaves that both sides (small and standard) will have to complete.

SCORING

- Scoring is cumulative of all team members; least faults wins with time as tie breaker only.
- Course eliminations will result in 200 team faults
- Dropping or a missed baton change will result in 20 faults added to the team's score.
- A dog and handler can only be eliminated on course once, however a reasonable effort to finish the course must be made or a whole team disqualification will be issued.

The overall team Champions will be the team with the least cumulative faults after both rounds.

Baton Rules:

- All dogs must enter and exit the competition ring on a lead.
- The Judge shall designate an area for a baton exchange between handlers. The next dog and handler to run for the team will wait in this area for their turn to run.
- The baton exchange must happen with both handlers and their dogs within or behind the boundaries of the designated exchange box.
- The baton must exchange hands without being dropped or thrown before the next handler and dog to run can move out of the exchange area to begin their course.
- The baton must remain in the hand of one of the team members until the final dog has completed the course.
- The handler waiting in the exchange area can hold or restrain his or her dog in anyway, providing it is not deemed abusive or harsh by the Judge.

- Dogs may be placed on leads before and after their runs while other team members are running. However, a lead must not be on the dog at the time of the baton exchange.
- A full team disqualification will be incurred if another team member's dog runs into the course area during other members runs.
- At the discretion of the Judge, they may appoint someone to judge the exchange box. If a Box Judge is appointed, they will be deemed as an event class Judge and therefore must comply with all judging rules.
- Dropping or a missed baton change will result in 20 faults added to the team.
- 1 (one) Adult / Team leader may also be present in the exchange box to assist while the team is under test.
- All dogs and handlers must remain in the competition ring until the last dog has been placed on a lead. Failure to do so will result in a team fault of 500 faults being added to the team.

OJAC Social Media Clause

•OJAC recognises that the internet provides unique opportunities to participate in interactive discussions and to share information using a wide variety of social media. However, competitors' use of social media can pose risks to OJACs reputation and its judges, sponsors, venues, affiliates and volunteers.

When entering any event run by OJAC, Competitors must not...

- Make any statements that could directly or indirectly damage OJAC's name;
- Make any statements that could directly or indirectly damage a judges, sponsors or volunteers name.
- Use the OJAC logos, brand names, slogans or other trademarks in a negative way
- Directly criticize OJAC or its ethics publicly.
- OJAC reserves the right to monitor, intercept and review social media postings and activities to ensure that its Rules are being complied with, and for its legitimate business purposes.
- Failure to comply with this social media clause may see the competitor removed from the event, prize money withdrawn (If available) and have future entries to OJAC or British Agility events refused.