



**AGILITY REGULATIONS
OF THE
Open Junior Agility Championships
2020**

OJAC



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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.

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

Juniors wishing to try out for the England World Agility Open Championships Junior Team must be Under 19 years old on the Friday of the World Agility Open Championships in May 2020.

Jump Height Categories

Name	Dogs Measurement	Jump Height
Small	Dogs measuring under 35cm	300cm
Medium	Dogs measuring between 35cm and 43cm	400cm
Standard	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	25 Faults
If another team member's dog runs into the course area during another member's run.	500 Team Faults
If a dog or handler leaves the competition ring before the entire team have finished their test.	500 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 500 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 500 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 25 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

<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.

The top five dogs and handlers from each of the Speed Jump-Off heats will be invited to take part in the British Junior Agility Championships Final.

SCORING

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

A dog that is eliminated in a single heat can NOT be placed or qualify for the Final from that heat.

If, by chance, the total faults (course + time faults) are exactly the same the Judge can run-off the equally placed dogs.

Open Biathlon Test

This class is a qualification event for the (WAO) World Agility Open Junior World Championships.

Please note to be eligible for the WAO Team - Juniors must be under 19 years of age on the Friday of the WAO competition weekend that year. Handlers may still enter the Biathlon event even if they do not wish to try out for the WAO Team.

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 will determine the Open Biathlon Champion. One Champion will be declared in each jump height.

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

Based on the scores of the Jumping round:

In the event of a tie in any class, the dogs involved 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, then the dogs will compete in a run-off on the Agility course.

SCORING

Scoring is cumulative; the competitor with the least number of faults wins with only the time as the tie breaker. Elimination in any Biathlon class is 50 faults, plus dogs that are eliminated will be given a course time of 50 seconds, regardless of the standard course time.

The maximum course faults a dog can accumulate are 50, whether by elimination or other combined course faults.

In the case of dogs finishing in a tie, the dog with the least number of faults on the course should be favoured. The time will be taken into consideration only when the total faults are the same.

If, by chance, the total faults (course + time faults) are exactly the same the Judge can run-off the equally placed dogs.

2 x Team RELAY TESTS (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. (See sample Course on page 8 of rule booklet)

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- 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 500 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 25 baton faults for the team.

SCORING

- Scoring is cumulative of all team members; the least number of faults wins with only the time as the tie breaker.
- Course eliminations will result in 100 team faults .
- Dropping or a missed baton change will result in 25 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.

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 another members run.
- 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 25 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.

Leading Handler.

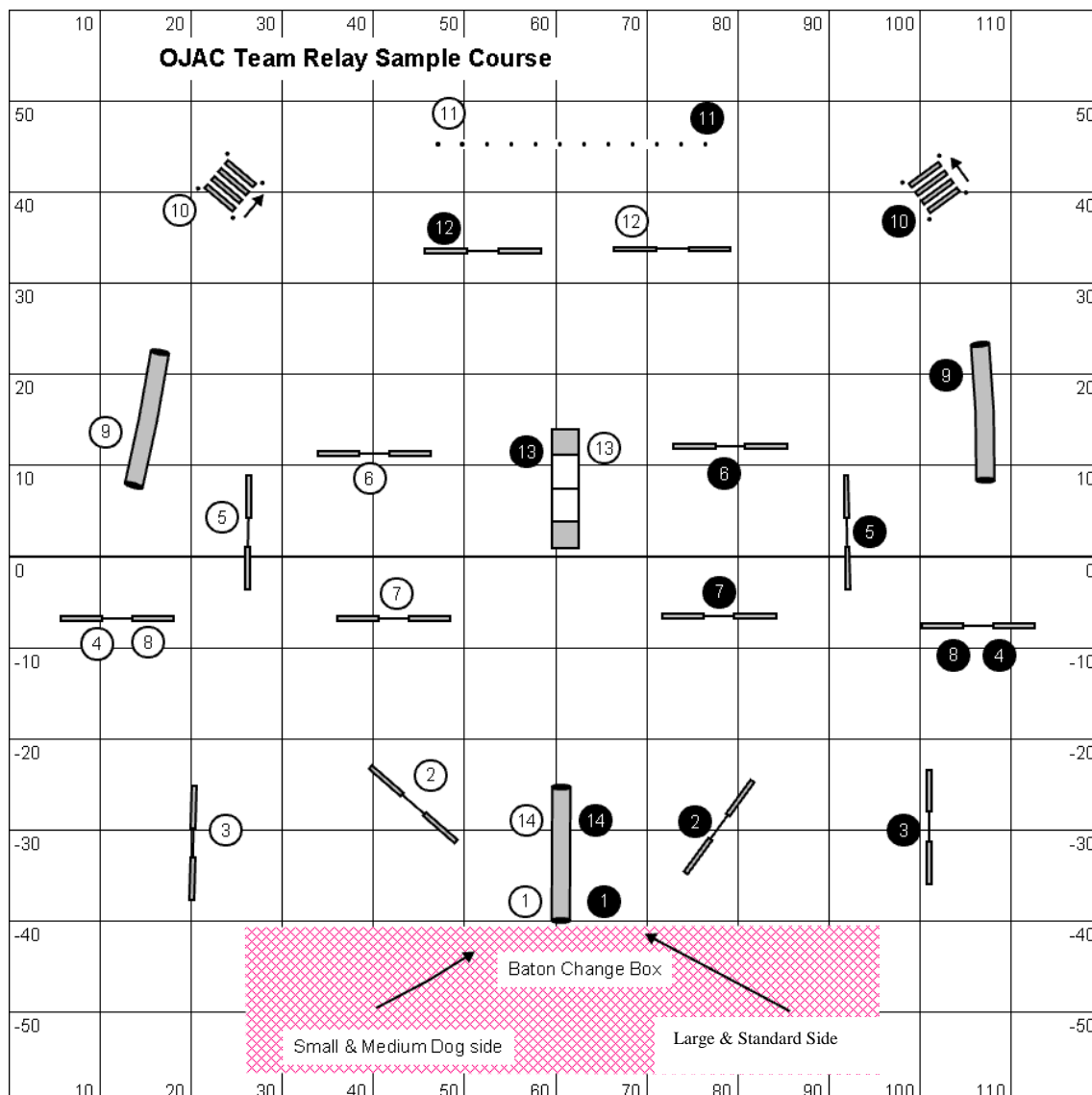
2020 will see the introduction of the Leading Handler of the Event Award.

Although the Biathlon and Speed Jump off classes are open classes with all handler age groups competing against each other the Leading Handler Award will allow participants to compete against their own age group.

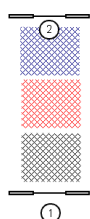
Taking the top 20 placements in each class from the 2 x Open Speed Jump-Off classes and the 2 x Biathlon classes, handlers will score points from placing 1st – 20th in these classes.

An accumulation over the 4 rounds will determine the Leading Handler of the Event in both age groups listed below.

- Leading Handler of the event Under 13 years old.
- Leading Handler of the event 13 – 19 years old.



Refusal Clarification



Execution Third / Final Third
Refusal Calls.
 - Head turns away from obstacle
 - Any deviation on line
 - Dog Spins
 - Dog turn away from obstacle
 - Dog stops
 - Handler moves the dog away from the approach of the next obstacle.

Active Third / 2nd third
Refusal Calls.
 - Any deviation on line
 - Dog Spins
 - Dog turn away from jump
 - Dog stops
 - Handler moves the dog away from the approach of the next obstacle.

Completion Third
 No Refusal can be given in this area