

**AGILITY TEAM GB**

**2026 TEAM QUALIFICATION**



**Agility Team GB – OPEN TO ALL**

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## Introduction

The Agility Team GB Selection Process is designed to incorporate dogs and handlers that have reached a high level of performance in Kennel Club (KC) Premier and Championship shows during the previous 12 months. It is designed to be an “Open for All” selection, providing that partnerships have achieved, or are close to reaching, a level that will enable them to be competitive at international events.

### List of Abbreviations.

- AWC – Agility World Championship.
- JAO – Junior Agility Open Championship.
- OSC – Open Show Case.
- TO1 – Try Out Weekend 1.
- EO – European Open.
- JOT – Junior Agility Open Try Out.
- PSQ – Pre-selection Qualifier.
- TO2 –Try Out Weekend 2.

## Key Dates

Event	Dates
Qualification Period	1 April 2025 – 1 November 2025
Open Showcase for EO & AWC (OSC)	31 January 2026 (if entry pertains, this may extend to 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2026)
Junior Pre-Selection Qualifier (PSQ) incorporating Junior Open Showcase (JOSC)	1 February 2026
Try Out Weekend 1 (TO 1)	14 & 15 February 2026
Try Out Weekend 2 (TO 2)	14 & 15 March 2026
JAO Try Out (JOT)	21 & 22 March 2026
Teams Announced	Before 7 April 2026
Team Day (EO & AWC)	25 April 2026
Team Day (JAO)	26 April 2026
EO Team Day	25 May 2026
JAO Camp	26 – 28 May 2026
JAO (Germany)	9 – 12 July 2026
EO (France)	23 - 26 July 2026
AWC Team Day	31 August 2026
AWC - Finland	22 – 27 September 2026
2025 JAO Team Training Day & Debrief	18 October 2026. T.B.C.
JAO, EO & AWC Debrief (Venue TBC)	25 October 2026

## Judges and Course Designers

### Open Show Case (OSC). 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

Event Judge: **Natalie Webb.**

Jumping Course Designer: Jordi Boix Baro

Agility Course Designer: Gabriel Arriagada Osses

### Junior Open Show Case (JOSC) and Junior Pre-Selection Qualifier. 1 February 2026.

Event Judge: **Lee Gibson.**

Jumping Course Designer: Marcel Schlühr (Design request; U15 Individual Jumping)

Agility 1 Course Designer: Anna Schönenberger (Design request; U15 Individual Agility)

Agility 2 Course Designer: Christl Faltner (Design request; U19 Individual Agility)

### Try Out Weekend 1 (TO 1). 14 – 15 February 2026.

Event Judge: **Jason Bartram.**

Day 1 Jumping Course Designer: Cédric Bargoin

Day 1 Agility Course Designer: David Desoubrie

Day 1 Final Course Designer: Greg Derrett (Based on EO Team Relay Finals & Eric Courant)

Day 2 Jumping Course Design: Greg Derrett (Based on Reetta Pirttikoski)

Day 2 Agility Course Design: Michael Lazeroms

### Try Out Weekend 2 (TO 2). 14 – 15 March 2026.

Event Judge: **Jason Bartram.**

Day 1 Jumping Course Designer: Gabriel Arriagada Osses

Day 1 Agility Course Designer: Jordi Boix Baro

Day 1 Final Course Designer: Angelika Brandl

Day 2 Jumping Course Design: Marleen Haeneefstingels

Day 2 Agility Course Design: Marko Mäkelä

### JAO Try Out (JOT). 21 & 22 March 2026

Event Judge: **Lee Gibson.**

Jumping 1 Course Designer: Anna Schönenberger (Design request; JAO Team)

Agility 1 Course Designer: Marcel Schlühr (Design request; JAO Team)

Jumping 2 Course Designer: Christl Faltner (Design request; U19 Individual Jumping)

Agility 2 Course Designer: Jörg Zenner (Design request; U19 Individual Agility)

The above is subject to change and a finalised list of designers will be posted on the official Agility Team GB Facebook pages once confirmed.

## Selection Summary

### Eligibility for Try Out Process 2026

**ALL dogs in ALL heights** trying out for Agility Team GB must have **obtained an official FCI Championship measure** or have received an **Agility Team GB Height Classification** from Agility Team GB **the day before the Open Showcase**. (January 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026.)

All handlers should, therefore, aim to get their dogs classified in the summer of 2025.

**EO/AWC** – Achieve at least one of the following between April 1<sup>st</sup> 2025, and November 1<sup>st</sup> 2025

- Championship Certificate (CC) Winner achieved in the equivalent KC height to dogs FCI height category.
- An IQ Class winner achieved in the dog's FCI height category.
- An IQ Top Two Overall placement achieved in the dog's FCI height category.
- 2025 AWC or EO Team member who competed, or was a travelling reserve, at the 2025 EO or AWC.
- 2025 JAO Team member who competed, or was a travelling reserve, at the 2025 JAO who is no longer eligible for JAO 2026 due to age.

To be eligible to attend the Agility Team GB Try Out process in 2026, **ALL partnerships MUST compete** (run both classes) **at a minimum of two (2) International Qualifiers** during the qualification dates.

In addition, the Agility Team GB Management may select dogs who have not met the above criteria to join the process due to extenuating circumstances as determined by the management team or from results obtained at the Open Showcase 2026.

See Appendix 2 for Try Out Process eligibility.

### **Juniors**

- 2008 or later date of birth.
- Young Kennel Club Member.

Who has achieved at least one of the following:

- Qualified for the Young Kennel Club Agility Dog of the Year Semi-Finalist 2026.
- 2025 Junior or Adult Team member who competed at the 2025 JAO, EO or AWC, or was a travelling reserve.
- Junior Open Showcase 2026 Results

**A parent guide with further information about the Junior Agility Open event can be found on the Agility Crew Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2803458159979536>**

In addition, the Agility Team GB Management may select dogs who have not met the above criteria to join the process due to extenuating circumstances as determined by the management team.

See Appendix 3 for Junior PSQ eligibility.

The Agility Team GB Management reserve the right to invite additional dogs and handlers to enter the Try Out Process or the Junior PSQ.

## **How to qualify to represent Agility Team GB**

### **EO & AWC Team**

Two, two-day events (TO1 & TO2) with win on spots available for both the individual and team events at the European Open and Agility World Championships.

### **Junior Team**

The PSQ will have two or three runs used to collect results data for team selections. The JOT is a two-day event with win on spots available for both the individual and team events at the Junior Open Agility World Championships.

### **If you do not win your way onto the team....**

After the win on spots detailed throughout this document have been determined, all other places at the events and the makeup of the individual teams will be decided by the management team.

They will consider,

- The results from the selection process.
- The results from International Qualifiers.
- Previous national & international experience and results.
- Requirements of specific selection (selecting a partnership specifically for team, individual or both).
- The Age category of handler (JAO Team)
- Dynamics within the teams.
- Composition of other teams (EO & AWC).
- Handlers perceived commitment to International Agility Championships & handlers conduct, attitude and behaviour on previous years' teams.
- Development of partnerships.

**Handlers entering this process acknowledge they CAN win on to any event. If they do not achieve this, they recognise that all other selections are opinion-based and made by the management team & do not need to be justified.**

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**The Royal Kennel Club licenses all GB Tryout events and are subject to its rules and regulations. However, FCI Agility rules will be used for agility equipment Specifications, course design and judging.**

**The remainder of this document concerns the specific events and detailed rules that will be used throughout the 2026 Agility Team GB Selection.**

## **Win on Spot Criteria 2026**

The following criteria will be used throughout the entire process.

### **EO & AWC**

<b>Type of Win On</b>	<b>Fault Criteria</b>	<b>Time Faults</b>
Class Win On	Zero Faults allowed	Zero Time Faults allowed
Combined Win On	Zero Faults allowed	Zero Time Faults allowed

<b>Height</b>	<b>Jumping Class</b>	<b>Agility Class</b>
Small	6mps	5.85mps
Medium	6mps	5.85mps
Intermediate	6mps	5.85mps
Large	6mps	5.85mps

Note. The MPS used is the average MPS over the four heights from the third place dogs at the 2025 European Open individual qualification classes.

### **JUNIOR**

<b>Type of Win On</b>	<b>Fault Criteria</b>	<b>Time Faults</b>	<b>MPS criteria</b>
Class Win On	Zero Faults allowed	Zero Time Faults allowed	4.9mps
Combined Win On	Maximum of 5 faults	Zero Time Faults allowed	4.9mps

## **Docked Dogs & Other restrictions in 2026**

### **EO & AWC & JAO.**

Germany, France and Finland allow docked dogs to compete, provided they have a certificate from a veterinarian and the home Kennel Club states in writing that these dogs can compete at Kennel Club licensed events. If your dog is docked and you do not have a veterinary certificate, you should not enter this event.

Brachycephalic dogs and Dogs with shaved whiskers are forbidden to compete in Germany, and therefore, these dogs should not enter the Junior Tryout.

Finland (AWC) has strict doping regulations for dogs. If your dog is on any medication, please check the following links to ensure you are eligible to compete.

The Finnish Kennel Club's Anti-Doping Guidelines

<https://www.kennelliitto.fi/en/forms/guidelines-collection-and-analysis-doping-samples>

Medication Guidelines and withdrawal periods

<https://www.kennelliitto.fi/en/forms/medication-guidelines-and-withdrawal-periods>

## **EO & AWC Open Show Case**

The objective of this event is to offer young and emerging partnerships the chance to qualify to enter the 2026 Team GB selection process.

### **Eligibility**

Open to Kennel Club Grades 1-7, specifically for handlers who believe their dog is **ready to represent Agility Team GB in 2026**. To help us offer this opportunity, we request that you only enter if you think your partnership has the potential to compete internationally in 2026. Dogs that have already accepted an invite to the 2026 selection process are ineligible to enter the OSC. Handlers who enter dogs that are not eligible to compete at this event will not receive a refund and will be unable to compete.

The OSC will include competitors wishing to compete in the EO and AWC international teams.

The OSC is Open to ALL dogs who have not qualified through the above channels for the 2026 Try Out process. Dogs must have obtained an **official FCI Championship** measure or have received an **Agility Team GB Height Classification** from Agility Team GB by the day before the OSC event. (29 or 30 January 2026.) Dogs must enter their correct FCI height category.

Due to the OSC being **“Open to ALL”** we are unable to predict the number of dogs entering. Therefore, please note that the format below is subject to change if entry dictates. **All** handlers may be required to **compete on both days** (30 & 31 January 2026) and should therefore **keep these days free**. The measuring date may also vary depending on the format and will be on 29 or 30 January 2026. By entering the OSC, handlers acknowledge that if they have NOT obtained an official FCI Championship measure or have NOT received an Agility Team GB Height Classification from Agility Team GB, they must attend the measuring session held the day before the OSC. Dogs needing a measure should therefore **keep 29 and 30 January free**. The exact format will be published no later than 14 days after the entry closing date.

If a dog does not have an official FCI Championship measure or an Agility Team GB Height Classification, they will be allocated a time slot the day before the OSC begins for an assessment. Dogs that require a classification but are unable to attend the measuring session will be withdrawn from the event and not eligible for a refund. All competitors are advised to read the height classification section below.

This event consists of a jumping and an agility round, run under strict FCI rules and regulations unless otherwise stated in this document. Results in the OSC make up one event and are not split into EO and AWC eligibility.

- If entry dictates a two-day event for the OSC, a jumping run will take place on day one and an agility run on day two. Please note that both runs may occur on one day if entry numbers allow.
- Least faults win, with time used only as a tiebreaker in all aspects of this event.
- Course time is 115% of the class winner's time in each height.
- Jumping running order is a random draw.
- Running order for the agility round will be in reverse order of the jumping round results.
- Eliminations in the individual classes and a double elimination in the combined results will not be placed.

- In the event there is a tie among the qualifying places, a run-off will be required for the individual class result. For the combined result, the agility round score will determine the winner. If there is still a tie, a run-off on the agility course will take place.
- For a tie affecting running orders in the agility rounds, a coin toss will decide the place.

### **Progression from the OSC to the Selection Process.**

To gain a **Win on Spot**, partnerships must meet one of the following requirements,

- The dog's date of birth must be after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022
- Provide evidence that the partnership was unable to compete from April through September 2025. (i.e. a veterinary letter or a doctor's letter)
- Partnerships must have competed at a minimum of two International Qualifiers (run both classes) in 2025.

(Please note that if partnerships do not meet one of the above criteria, they may still enter the OSC and progress to the Try Out process through the management's selection.)

### **In each height (Total 4 partnerships)**

- Winner in each individual class (2 partnerships)
- Top 2 in combined results (2 partnerships)

(Results must meet the above win on spot criteria)

### **Selection**

The management team reserve the right to invite additional partnerships that compete in this event to progress to the next stages of the Try-Outs. Consideration will favour dogs who were unable to attend the International Qualifiers.

### **OSC General Information**

If a dog gains more than 1 win on spot, the progression spot will **not roll down** to the next placed partnership.

Handlers may progress with multiple dogs from the OSC.

The entry fee for the OSC will be £27 per dog.

See Appendix 4 for the OSC overview

### **EO & AWC Try Out Process.**

Entry fee for the Try Out Process will be £85 per dog.

All dogs, in ALL HEIGHTS, that qualify to enter the process, must have obtained an official FCI Championship measure or have received an Agility Team GB Height Classification from Agility Team GB before competing in the Try Out Process. All dogs that require a Height Classification will be allocated a time slot the day before the OSC. There will be no availability to gain a height classification after the OSC height classification session. It is strongly recommended that all dogs receive a GB height classification in



2025. Dogs that have not received a GB height classification by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 will be removed from the process and will not be eligible for a refund.

Partnerships will compete on all 4 days, in all runs, regardless of eligibility for EO or AWC qualification.

Handlers can state on their entry if they only want to compete at either the EO or AWC. A partnership with a pedigree dog doesn't need to seek qualification for both; however, the Management Team will consider the results from all 4 days of the Selection Process regarding all selection decisions. Handlers, therefore, acknowledge that not running in all available runs could have an adverse effect on a partnership's chance of selection for one or both events.

Both Try Out Weekends consist of a "Team Format" day and an "Individual Format" day. Selection decisions will consider these different formats. Both weekends will run under strict FCI rules and regulations unless otherwise stated in this document. Each day is a separate result and each height is a separate event.

### **Try Out Weekend 1. (TO1)**

#### **EO Team Format Day, Day 1.**

A jumping and an agility round, with the combined results used for qualification to a final. The results from the final earn automatic places on the EO team.

- The results of a jumping and an agility run are combined.
- Course time is 115% of the class winner's time in each height.
- A random draw will be used for the running orders in both classes.
- Any dog that scores 0 faults from the combined results will progress to compete in the Final.
- All dogs that score 0.001 faults or more will run the final course but Not for Competition (NFC). The purpose of the run is to obtain data for use in selection decisions.
- The final will be run on a course designed in the layout of an EO team relay, with finalists all running the same section of the course.
- Least faults win with time used as a tiebreaker in the final.
- The running order in the relay will be based on the reverse order of their combined score.
- A 10-second countdown will be used to start the clock. Time is stopped as the dog crosses the finish line.
- Dogs that begin before the time has started will be eliminated. Handlers may lead out into the course, prior to the time starting if they wish.
- Eliminations in the final will not be placed.
- In the event of a tie for a win on spot, the agility round result will be used, followed by the jumping result (least faults win with time used as a tiebreaker). If there is still a tie, the dogs will run off on the final course.

The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> placed partnerships from this final, in each height, qualify to represent Team GB at the EO in both the individual and team events.

The win on spot must meet the criteria set out earlier in this document in all three runs. If a win on place does not meet these minimum criteria, the Team Management will then select the spot.

See Appendix 5 for the TO1, day 1 format summary.

### **AWC Individual Format Day – Day 2.**

A jumping round and an agility round with the results combined. The results from the combined results earn automatic places on the AWC squad.

- The results of a jumping and an agility round are combined.
- The least faults win with time as a tie breaker in all aspects of this event.
- Course time is 106% of the class winner's time in each height.
- Jumping running order is a random draw.
- Running order for the agility round will be in reverse order of the jumping round results.
- In the event of a tie for the win on spot, the agility round score will be used. If there is still a tie, a run-off on the agility course will take place.

The winning partnership in each height will qualify to represent Agility Team GB at the AWC. The Team Management will select whether the partnership competes in the Individual, the Team or both events. The win on spot must meet the criteria set out earlier in this document in both runs. If a win on place does not meet these minimum criteria, the Team Management will then select the spot.

See Appendix 6 for the TO1, day 2 format summary.

### **Try Out Weekend 2. (TO2)**

#### **EO Individual Format Day – Day 1.**

A Jumping and an Agility round, with the class results used for qualifying for a final. The class results are NOT combined. The results from the final earn automatic places on the EO team.

- Least faults win, with time used only as a tiebreaker in all aspects on this day.
- Course time is 115% of the class winner's time in each height.
- A random draw will be used for running orders in both classes.
- Any dog that places in the top 25% of a class, with 0 faults, will qualify to compete in the final. Percentages will be calculated from the initial entry.
- Partnerships that qualify in both classes will only qualify once, using their highest place. Qualification will move down in the other class to the next spot. The Agility result will take precedence if they achieve the same placement.
- 50% of the entry is therefore eligible to qualify for the final.
- E.g. If 40 dogs are entered in Large, the top 10 in the Jumping and the top 10 in the Agility are eligible to qualify for the final.

- All dogs that do not qualify for the final will run the final course but Not for Competition (NFC). The purpose of the run is to obtain data for use in selection decisions.
- The final will be run on an Agility course.
- The final running order will be the reverse order of the class placements, with the Agility placement taking precedent on running last. e.g., running last will be the Agility class winner, running 2<sup>nd</sup> last will be the Jumping class winner, running 3<sup>rd</sup> last will be 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Agility class and so on.
- Eliminations in the final will not be placed.
- In the event of a tie for the progression to the final, both dogs will progress.
- In the event of a tie for a win on spot from the final, the qualifying agility round score will be used followed by the qualifying jumping result. If there is still a tie, a run-off on the final course will take place.

The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> placed partnerships from this final, in each height, qualify to represent Team GB at the EO in both the individual and team events.

The win on spot must meet the criteria set out earlier in this document in the qualifying run that qualified them for the final and in the final. The result from the qualifying round run that was not used to gain a place in the final does not have to meet the win on spot criteria. If a win on place does not meet these minimum criteria, the Team Management will then select the spot.

See Appendix 7 for the TO2, day 1 format summary.

#### **AWC Team format day**

A jumping and an agility round with the results combined. The results from the combined results earn automatic places on the AWC squad.

- The results of a jumping and an agility round are combined.
- The least faults win with time as a tie breaker in all aspects of this event.
- Course time is 115% of the class winner's time in each height.
- Jumping running order is a random draw.
- Running order for the agility round will be in reverse order of the jumping round results.
- In the event of a tie for the win on spot, the agility round score will be used. If there is still a tie, a run-off on the agility course will take place.

The winning partnership in each height will qualify to represent Agility Team GB at the AWC. The Team Management will select whether the partnership competes in the Individual, the Team or both events. The win on spot must meet the criteria set out earlier in this document. If a win on place does not meet these minimum criteria, the Team Management will then select the spot.

See Appendix 8 for the TO2, day 2 format summary.

#### **EO Team Composition**

Once the Win on Spots are established, the Management Team will then choose additional partnerships to represent Agility Team GB at the EO 2026.

It is the intention to select a Team of 32 (8 per height) as per the EO regulations. Due to the Gold medal won at the 2025 EO, we are eligible to take a 9<sup>th</sup> dog in the small height.

All partnerships will represent Team GB in both the individual and team events at the EO. A 9<sup>th</sup> partnership in Small, will run in the Individual event and the Management Team will decide if the partnership should run in a Rest of the World Team.

See Appendix 9 for EO team composition summary.

If a dog gains both EO win on spots, then the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot will NOT roll down and the Management Team will select this place.

The Management Team will select the specific event teams.

The Management Team will select reserves, travelling and non-travelling.

If a handler gains a win on spot with two or more dogs throughout the heights, the Team Manager reserves the right to take only one dog. The handler will be able to choose which dog gains the guaranteed place. The Management Team will make the decision to take the additional dog(s).

### **AWC Team Composition**

Once the Win on Spots are established, the Team Management will then choose additional partnerships considering the need for:

- 12 partnerships to represent Agility Team GB in the Individual event across the 4 heights.
- 4 partnerships per height to represent Agility Team GB in the Team event.
- Team and Individual reserves (travelling and non-travelling)

(Please note this could be win on spots being selected for the additional event or another partnership being selected for one or both events).

All win on spots will therefore commit to the team knowing they are only guaranteed to run in one event. All further selections for Team and the Individual runs will not take place until just before the AWC entry closing date.

If a dog gains both AWC win on spots, then they will represent GB in both the Team and Individual at AWC.

If a handler gains a win on spot with 2 or more dogs throughout the heights, the Team Manager reserves the right to take only one dog. The handler will be able to choose which dog gains the guaranteed place. The Management Team will make the decision to take the additional dog(s).

See Appendix 10 for AWC team composition summary.

### **Junior OSC and PSQ**

There are two main objectives of this event,

1. To offer partnerships the chance to qualify to enter the 2026 Team GB selection process, who have not done so through the YKC Agility Dog of the Year or the 2025 team.
2. Obtain results data from all partnerships on the same courses for the selection process

Junior handlers must be a Young Kennel Club Member to enter the OSC.

All dogs must have obtained an official FCI Championship measure or have received an Agility Team GB Height Classification from Agility Team GB before competing at this event. All dogs that require a Height Classification will be allocated a time slot the day before this event. There will be no availability to gain a height classification after that measuring session. It is strongly recommended all dogs receive a GB height classification in 2025. Dogs that require a classification but are unable to attend the measuring session will be withdrawn from the event and not eligible for a refund. All competitors are advised to read the height classification section below.

### **Junior OSC & PSQ Format.**

This event consists of one jumping and one or two agility rounds (depending on entry size), run under strict FCI rules and regulations unless otherwise stated in this document. Jumping 1 and Agility 1 will be combined, and this will be a separate result from the Agility 2 class.

- All dogs in the height (OSC & PSQ) will compete against each other in one class.
- Least faults win, with time used only as a tiebreaker in all aspects of this event.
- Course time is 115% of the class winner's time in each height.
- Jumping and Agility 2 running order is a random draw.
- Running order for the Agility 1 class, will be in reverse order of the jumping round results.
- Eliminations in the individual classes and a double elimination in the combined results will not be placed.
- In the event there is a tie among the qualifying places, a run-off will be required for the individual class result. For the combined result, the agility round score will determine the winner. If there is still a tie, a run-off on the agility course will take place.
- For a tie affecting running orders in the agility rounds, a coin toss will decide the place.

### **Progression from the Junior OSC & PSQ**

#### **In each height**

- All partnerships that had qualified for the Try Out process will automatically progress, provided they compete in all the classes.
- Handlers that have entered through the OSC entry, must achieve the following to progress
  - Winner in each individual class (3 partnerships per height).
  - Top 2 in combined results from Jumping 1 & Agility 1 (2 partnerships per height)
- The win on spots must meet the criteria set out earlier in this document.
- There is therefore the potential for 5 partnerships from the OSC entry to progress per height,
- The Management Team can select additional partnerships if partnerships have demonstrated they will benefit themselves and the team by progressing.

See Appendix 11 for Junior Team OSC entrants progression summary.

Entry fee for the partnerships that have qualified for the Try Out process before the OSC, will be £65 per dog and the fee will also include entry into the JOT event.

Entry fee for the partnerships entering through the OSC will be £27 per dog, and if they qualify to progress, they will pay an additional £38 to enter the JOT event.

### **Junior Open Agility World Championship Try Out. (JOT)**

This event consists of a “Team Format” day and an “Individual Format” day. It will run under strict FCI rules and regulations unless otherwise stated in this document. Each day is a separate result and each height is a separate event.

#### **Team Format Day – Day 1.**

A jumping and an agility round with the results combined.

- The results of a jumping and an agility round are combined.
- The least faults win with time as a tie breaker in all aspects of this event.
- Course time is 115% of the class winner’s time in each height.
- Jumping running order is a random draw.
- Running order for the agility round will be in reverse order of jumping round results.
- In the event of a tie for the win on spot, the agility round score will be used. If there is still a tie, a run-off on the agility course will take place.

The first and second place partnerships from each height in this combined result will qualify to represent Agility Team GB at the JAO in both the individual and team events. The win on spots must meet the criteria set out earlier in this document.

See Appendix 12 for JOT Day 1 format summary.

#### **Individual Format Day – Day 2.**

A jumping round and an agility round with the results combined.

- The results of the jumping and agility round are combined.
- The least faults win with time as a tie breaker in all aspects of this event.
- Course time is 106% of the class winner’s time in each height.
- Jumping running order is a random draw.
- Running order for the agility round will be in reverse order of the jumping round results.
- In the event of a tie for the win on spot, the agility round score will be used. If there is still a tie, a run-off on the agility course will take place.

The first and second place partnerships from each height in this combined result will qualify to represent Agility Team GB at the JAO in both the individual and team events. The win on spots must meet the criteria set out earlier in this document.

See Appendix 13 for JOT Day 2 format summary.

## **JAO Team Composition**

The Win on Spots may account for 50% of Team GB at the JAO.

The Team management will have the option to choose additional dogs across all heights to form the remainder of the JAO Team GB.

These selection decisions will consider:

- Result data and performance from the Try Out process.
- Data driven evidence from their agility career to demonstrate the partnership will be competitive at the JAO.
- Handlers age and success potential in their age category.
- Previous national & international experience and results.
- Requirements of specific selection (selecting a partnership specifically for team, individual or both).
- Dynamics within the teams and the parents group.
- Development of partnerships and individuals.
- The overall team dynamics and culture of Agility Team GB.

JAO rules allow team GB to submit a maximum of 32 dogs with a maximum total of 8 in each height.

Please note that additional dogs to the Win On Spots, will only be selected if the Management Team believes all partnerships will be competitive and/or benefit from the experience concerning their agility career.

All partnerships selected will represent Team GB in the individual event and will run in the team event at the JAO.

### **Selection decisions will consider the following:**

- The Team event allows 4 dogs per height to constitute a team.
- A dog may be taken to run in the individual and be a reserve for the Team, therefore running in a Rest of the World team if not needed as a reserve.
- If a dog gains a win on spot on both days, then the spot will NOT roll down and the Team Management will select this place.
- The Team Management will select the specific event teams.
- The Team Management will select reserves (travelling and non-travelling)
- If a handler gains a win on spot with 2 or more dogs throughout the heights, the Team Management reserves the right to take only one dog. The handler will be able to choose which dog gains the guaranteed place. The Team Management will decide to take the additional dog(s).

See Appendix 14 for JAO team composition summary.

## General Competition Rules

- Handlers must have a valid United Kingdom passport or have permanent residency in the United Kingdom on the closing date of the entry for the selection process.
- Handlers must not compete at either the European Open and/or the FCI Agility World Championships and/or the Junior Open Agility World Championship for another country, in the same year as qualifying dates for the selection process.
- Handlers who have competed for and/or attended a selection event for another country to compete at the European Open and/or the FCI Agility World Championships and/or the Junior Open Agility World Championship will be ineligible to enter the Agility Team GB selection event for a period of two years from the date of the contravening competition date. If a handler has experienced a significant change in circumstances, such as recently moving to Great Britain, at the discretion of GB management, this rule may be waived for an individual.
- Handlers who enter the try-out process in breach of any of the eligibility requirements will be removed from the process or will be removed from the Team, if they have won or been selected, once the breach comes to light.
- Handlers have a responsibility to record their achievements regarding eligibility for the selection process to ensure they have met the requirements. All handlers will be officially notified by The Kennel Club of their eligibility by December 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Any handler that believes they should be invited, but has not received an invite, considering the above dates, should contact [agility@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:agility@thekennelclub.org.uk)
- Handlers are required to inform the GB manager by the last day of the tryout process if they will not accept a spot on the team or if there are certain conditions they would like to be met to accept a spot on the team. Failure to do this and then rejecting an offered place on Agility Team GB will result in the handler being ineligible to qualify for the Agility Team GB tryout process for the next two calendar years.
- Each height is a separate event in all aspects of Agility Team GB selection.
- Dogs may only compete in one height throughout the 2026 Agility Team GB selection.
- Dogs may only compete with one handler throughout the 2026 Agility Team GB EO & AWC selection.
- Dogs may only compete with one handler throughout the 2026 Junior Agility Team GB selection.
- Results attained for eligibility to the selection process must be the same dog and handler partnerships that compete in the Try Out events.
- If a dog qualifies for the selection process with multiple handlers, the owner(s) of the dog, as stated on the KC registration certificate, will decide which handler can enter the selection process.
- In all events, classes will run in strict running order. Failure to be ready to enter the ring at the time you are due to run will result in an elimination in that class. This is the stated start time for dogs with a running order of 1. For all other dogs, it is as the previous dog crosses the finish line.
- Handlers enter and compete in these events, acknowledging and understanding that they CAN win their way onto all international teams and the specific events for which they are eligible. By doing so, handlers accept and agree that if they do not achieve the required results, the additional selection decisions, as stated in this document, will be made based on the opinions of the Team Management, and they will be unable to challenge or seek further clarification.
- All classes will run under FCI Agility Rules and Regulations and any additional rules detailed in the Agility Team GB selection document and event schedules.



- Bitches in season may run at all events as per FCI AWC rules.
- If a handler does not compete in any run or on any day of the selection process, they may still compete in later runs. They accept that their chances of selection are dramatically reduced if this occurs and their missing run will be scored as an elimination in the selection data.
- The Team Management reserve the right to rule at the event on anything not covered in these rules that requires clarification.
- In the event of any extraordinary circumstances not covered by the rules, any matter arising will be considered by the Team Manager, whose decision is final.

### **Multiple dogs running order.**

In the classes where a random draw is specified (non-seeded runs) a random draw will produce the running order. Handlers running more than one dog will have a gap of 10 dogs (9 dogs between their runs, for example, #2 and #12) by moving the first-drawn dog earlier in the running order. If this does not achieve a 10-dog gap, then the second-drawn dog will be moved later in the running order.

If there are not enough dogs in the class to achieve the 10-dog gap, the largest gap possible will be created, with a break of 5 minutes allowed. The 5-minute countdown will start as the handler's first dog crosses the finish line. The handler must enter the ring with their second dog before the countdown is complete.

Handlers with **more than two** dogs will have their dogs split using the 10-dog gap rule unless there are not enough dogs in the class, whereupon the dogs will be split evenly through the running order using the 5-minute rule as described above. If a handler has drawn dogs close together in succeeding heights (e.g., drawn last to run in the large height and first to run in the medium height) the 5-minute rule will apply and will run through while jump heights are being changed.

In the seeded classes, running orders are the reverse of the results from the previous run, e.g., lowest placed dogs will run first; highest placed dogs will run last. Handlers who have multiple dogs will not have their running order altered (unless requested as below) but will be given a 3-minute break between dogs, if there are fewer than three dogs between their dogs. Handlers can request to have their first-drawn dog moved earlier in the running order to achieve the 10-dog gap stated above. If this does not achieve a 10-dog gap, the handler will be given a 5-minute break. Handlers must notify the scoring team of this before the commencement of course walking on day 1 of any event.

**By entering more than one dog in the 2026 Agility Team GB Selection process, handlers indicate their acceptance to comply with these running order rules.**

### **Agility Team GB - FCI Height classification.**

All dogs trying out for Agility Team GB must have obtained, the day before the process starts (OSC) in that year, an official FCI Championship measure or have received an Agility Team GB Height Classification from Agility Team GB. The Agility Team GB Height Classification can be obtained at any official Agility Team GB Classification session or on the day before the OSC and costs £10 per dog.

- This classification is an Agility Team GB Height Classification only and does not affect any previous official Kennel Club measure.

- Height Classification does not guarantee you will achieve an official FCI measurement in the height category.
- Height Classification will assure handlers that Team GB will select dogs for the Championship Teams.
- Height Classification may be obtained by any dog regardless of qualification for the selection process.
- Height Classifications may only be confirmed by Official Height Classifiers appointed by the Kennel Club Prestige Events Working Party.
- The Height Classification will remain with the dog for life unless superseded by an actual FCI Championship measure.
- A Height Classification cannot be obtained until the dog is over two years old.
- To be able to Try Out for Agility Team GB in a specific year, a Height Classification must be obtained by all dogs in ALL heights (unless the dog already has an actual FCI Championship measure), before the Open Showcase.
- If a dog is under two years old before The Open Showcase (OSC) it will receive a temporary Height Classification to allow it to compete through the Try-out Process. Once the dog turns two years old, it must then receive an official Height Classification.
- There will be no refund of selection entry fees, or any compensation given, if a dog is classified into a different height.
- Handlers are encouraged to obtain this Height Classification before entering the selection process at additional sessions run by the official height classifiers.
- If the dog's Agility Team GB Height Classification is at a different height than their Kennel Club measurement, they may compete in the selection process in their height classification.
- Qualification for the selection process must be from the equivalent height at Kennel Club events. Qualifications in different heights cannot be transferred.

#### **FCI Championships height classifications**

- S (Small), for dogs measuring less than 35 cm at the withers.
- M (Medium), for dogs measuring 35 cm or more and less than 43 cm at the withers.
- I (Intermediate), for dogs measuring 43 cm or more and less than 48 cm at the withers.
- L (Large), for dogs measuring 48 cm or more at the withers.

#### **Agility Team GB – Conduct and Removal from Team.**

Once a handler wins on to or is selected to represent Agility Team GB, they will be required to sign a contract outlining the requirements they must fulfil as a member of Agility Team GB. Failure to sign this contract and/or any breach of the contract conditions will risk removal from the Team regardless of achieving a Win on spot or being selected. Any conduct by a handler (or a Junior Handler's parent) that brings Agility Team GB or The Kennel Club into disrepute will risk expulsion from the Team. Any previous conduct that would breach this contract, regardless if a handler or parent has signed the contract, may be considered when selections are being made. Any dog that, in the opinion of the Team Manager, is visibly lame or where there are concerns regarding the dog's welfare, will be required to pass a fitness test from the Team Vet if the handler wishes to compete.

## **Team Days**

Team days are designed to help handlers prepare for the international championships. Failure to attend the official Team Days without extenuating personal circumstances, as decided by the Team Manager, may result in deselection. The EO team must therefore attend the April and May official training days and the AWC team must attend the August training day. The JAO team must attend the official April training day and the May JAO Camp.

If personal circumstances, agreed with the Team manager, mean a dog cannot attend one of the April training days, the handler must arrange to travel to and meet the GB vet to complete a vet check and paperwork check. The handler must pay the GB vet £150 and this must be completed by May 15<sup>th</sup> 2026.

The EO teams are required to train together or meet face-to-face or in an online meeting, a minimum of two times between 1 May and 15 July. AWC teams are required to train together or meet face-to-face or in an online meeting once between the EO and the day before travelling to the AWC. Reserves should be invited to join the team meetings. The EO & AWC teams can decide between themselves their dates and location. Failure to agree by 1 May will result in the Team Manager stating a compulsory date and location for them to attend.

JAO Team members are required to attend the Junior Camp in May.

## Appendices

# Agility Team GB

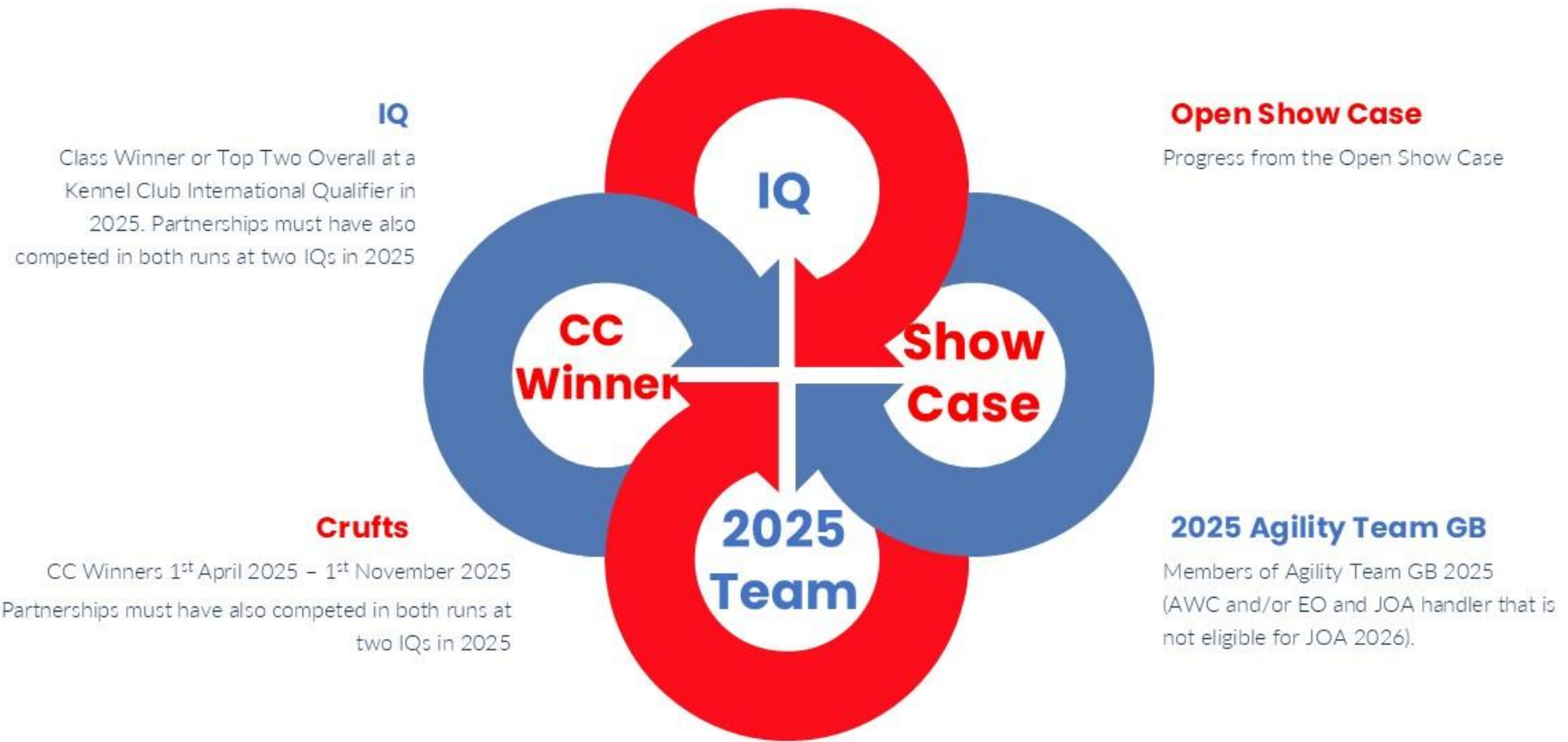
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Appendix 1

# Qualification

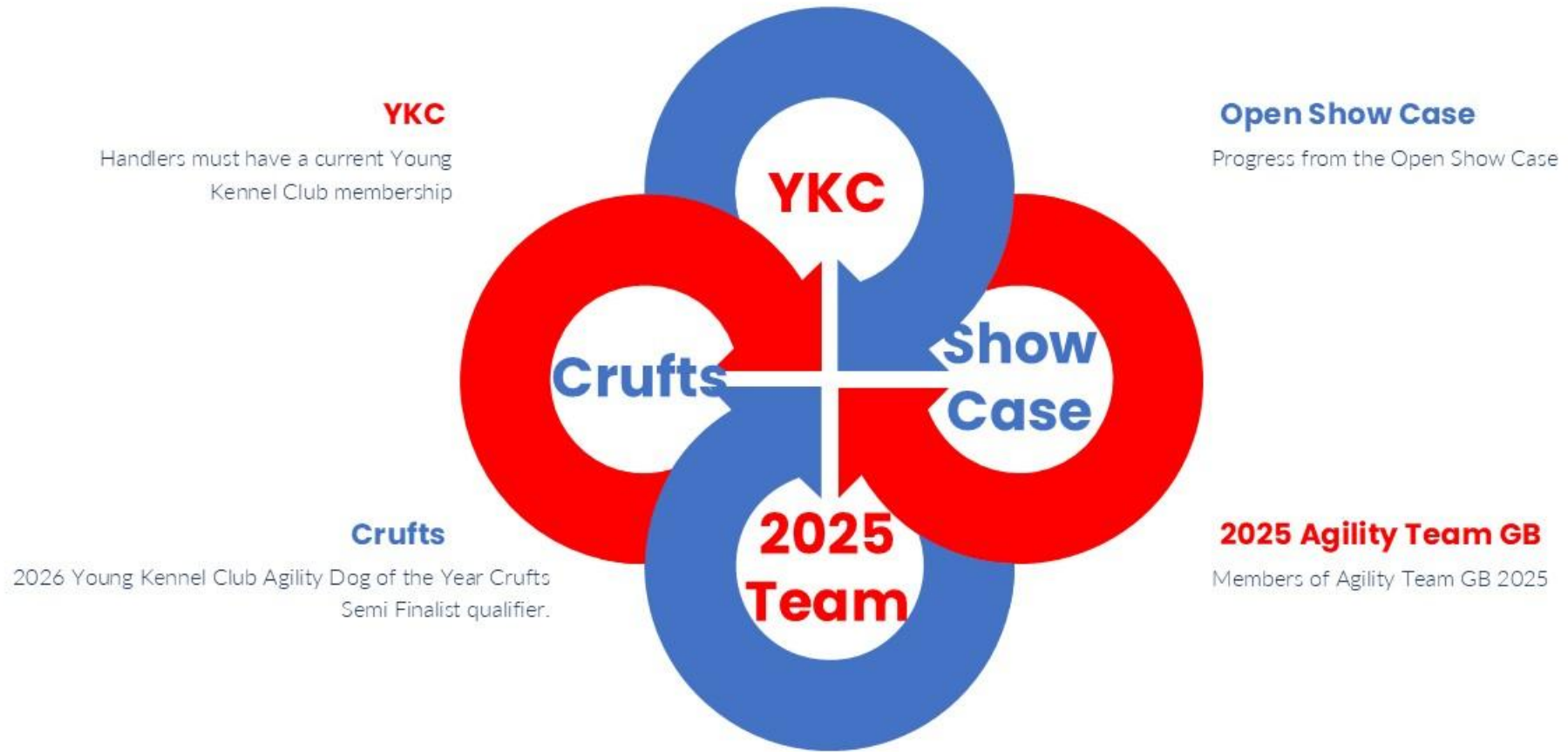
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# Junior Try Out Qualification

Junior Agility Team GB 2026

Note. Handlers must be born during or after 2008.



# Open Show Case

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Note. The win on spots must meet the fault and MPS requirements as stated in the selection document.



# Try Out Weekend 1 : Day 1

Agility Team GB 2026

## Team

### Team Day

Format based on EO Team rules. To test partnerships to produce "qualifying team runs" and then produce a medal winning relay result.

## Qualifying

### Qualify for the final

A Jumping and Agility run with results combined. All partnerships with a combined result of 0 faults qualify for the final.

## Final

### Win on to the team

An individual run, with course design based on an EO Team Relay. A countdown start is used to simulate a relay. The least faults win with time as a tie breaker

## Win On

### Represent GB

The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> places in each height from the Final will qualify for the EO Team & run in both the individual and team event. In all 3 runs, to achieve the win on, the partnership must have no faults and meet the minimum MPS criteria



# Try Out Weekend 1 : Day 2

Agility Team GB 2026

## Format

Based on the AWC Individual event. A jumping and Agility run with combined results. Course times will be 106% of winners time to encourage handlers to push for a competitive individual time.

# Individual

## Results

The combined class results where least faults win with time as a tie breaker.

# Scoring

## Represent GB

The overall winner will gain a place in the AWC squad.  
The overall winner must have had 2 clear rounds, no time faults and met the minimum MPS Criteria in both runs.

# Win On

# Try Out Weekend 2 : Day 1

Agility Team GB 2026

## Individual

### Individual Day

Format based on the EO individual event. To test partnerships to produce "qualifying individual runs" and then produce a medal winning final run.

## Qualifying

### Qualify for the final

A Jumping and Agility with separate results. The top 25% in each class qualify for the final.

## Final

### Win on to the team

An individual Agility run. Least faults wins with time as a tie breaker.

## Win On

### Represent GB

The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> places in each height from the Final will qualify for the EO Team & run in both the individual and team event. In the run that qualified for the final and the final, to achieve the win on spot, the partnership must have no faults and meet the minimum MPS criteria.

# Try Out Weekend 2 : Day 2

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## Format

Based on the AWC Team event. A jumping and Agility run with combined results. Course time 115% of winners time.

# Team

## Results

The combined class results with least faults win with time as a tie breaker.

# Scoring

## Represent GB

The overall winner will gain a place in the AWC squad.  
The overall winner must have had 2 clear rounds, no time faults and met the minimum MPS Criteria in both runs.

# Win On

# EO Main Team Composition

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# AWC Squad Composition

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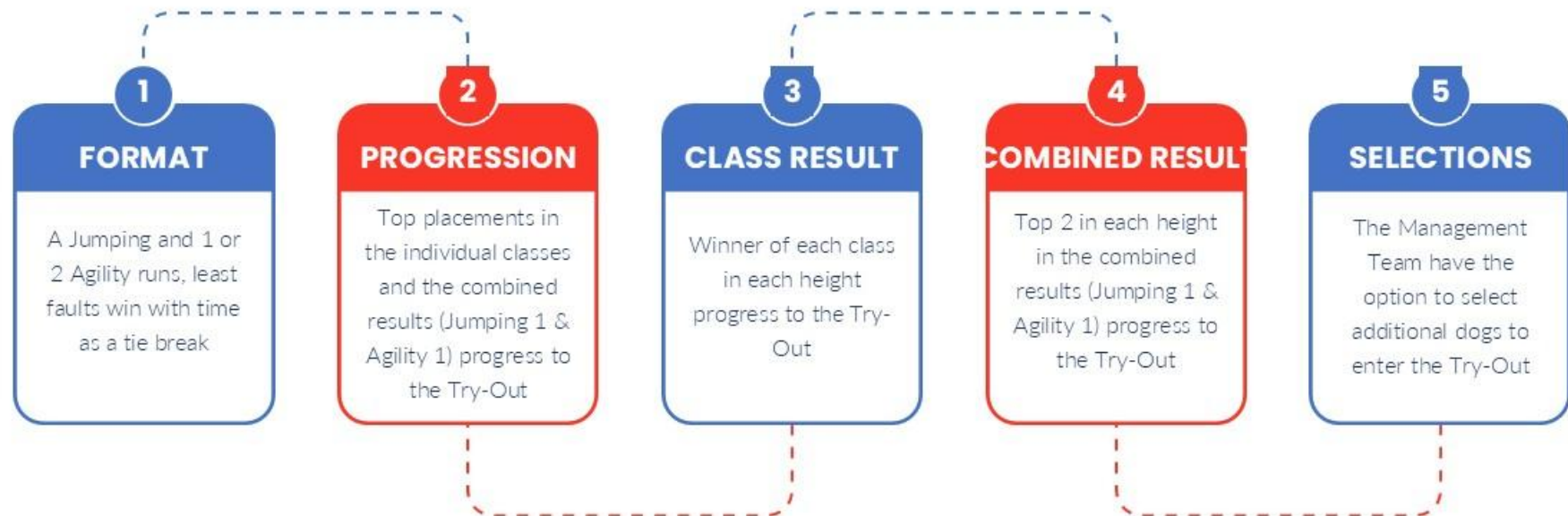


Note. Event selection will not be confirmed until the AWC entry form is submitted.



# Junior Open Show Case

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Note. The win on spots must meet the fault and MPS requirements as stated in the selection document.

# JOA Try Out : Day 1

Agility Team GB 2026



## TEAM FORMAT

A jumping and Agility run with combined results. Course time 115% of winners time. Results combined where least faults win with time as a tie breaker.



## WIN ON

The top 2 in each height from the combined results will qualify to represent Team GB.



## WIN ON CRITERIA

The win on partnerships must not have gained any time faults, not exceed 5 faults and meet the minimum MPS Criteria in both runs.



## EVENTS

At JOA, all team members will compete in both the team & individual event.

# JOA Try Out : Day 2

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## INDIVIDUAL FORMAT

A jumping & Agility with combined results. Course time 106% of winners time to encourage runs with competitive individual time. Results combined where least faults win with time as a tie breaker.



## WIN ON

The top 2 in each height from the combined results will qualify to represent Team GB.



## WIN ON CRITERIA

The win on partnerships must not have gained any time faults, not exceed 5 faults and meet the minimum MPS Criteria in both runs.



## EVENTS

At JOA, all team members will compete in both the team & individual event.



# JOA Team Composition

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