Agility Team GB
International Qualifiers 2027 for the 2028 EO & AWC Try Out Qualification

Agility Team GB – OPEN TO ALL

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Background

This document outlines the details of the 2027 Agility Team GB qualification process for the EO & AWC try-out weekends for the 2028 European Open and Agility World Championships.

The rationale behind the International Qualifiers is to create a more appropriate selection process through enhanced competitions & course designs. The Royal Kennel Club hopes that this will achieve many benefits, including the following;

1. Qualification for the selection process is from the correct level and style of course, using FCI specifications and rules.
2. By qualifying on these courses, partnerships will already have demonstrated that they have the appropriate international skills to compete in the Agility Team GB selection process.
3. Enhance the skills of all current and future partnerships on international courses.
4. Expose future handlers to the skill set needed for International Championships and allow them to identify their current skill level in a competition environment. Future partnerships can also gauge their competitiveness against top GB dogs and handlers on international courses.
5. Provide appropriate competitions for the current year's team to prepare them for the International Championships.
6. To provide international courses to the section of the Agility community that wishes to run these without altering other RKC Prestige Events.
7. Offer handlers international style competitions in the UK rather than requiring them to travel to Europe to improve.

International Qualifiers (IQ).

The following clubs have been awarded an Agility Team GB International Qualifier in 2027.

Date	Club Name	Course Design Judge	Judge
27 March 2027	Warrior Agility	Tom Mercebach (Denmark)	Hilary Poole
28 May 2027	Nottingham Agility DTC	Philipp Müller Schnick (Germany)	Anthony Clarke
18 June 2027	PointZero	Patrick Tunders (Netherlands)	Jason Bartram
27 June 2027	Kingdom of Fife	Seppo Savikko (Finland)	Alan Short
3 July 2027	Synergy	Jurgen Smit (Netherlands)	Natalie Webb
13 August 2027	The International Agility Festival	Lorenzo Celic (Italy)	Greg Derrett
19 August 2027	Dogs in Need Agility Society	Francesco Luigi Bircolotti (Italy)	Hannah Grantham
29 August 2027	Peak Performance	Lorenzo Celic (Italy)	Ian Armstrong
5 September 2027	Gillingham (Dorset) Dog Training Society	Jason Bartram. Jumping based on Ana Beltran (Spain). Agility based on Roman Lukáč	Martin Tait
18 September 2027	Ogilvie Dogs	Francesco Luigi Bircolotti (Italy)	Rory Tidmarsh

If your dog does not currently have an official FCI Height Measurement or a GB Height Classification, this will need to be obtained before you can compete in one of these IQ events.

Please keep an eye on the RKC Agility Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/groups/agility.news.thekennelclubuk) for a post regarding IQ measuring, which will include details of how to book your dog in for a measurement.

Rules

- Open to Royal Kennel Club registered dogs Grade 3-7
- Any dog carrying the endorsement "Not eligible for entry in any event held under Royal Kennel Club Rules and Regulations, nor any unlicensed event recognised by the Royal Kennel Club" shall not be eligible for entry at IQ events. The organisers reserve the right to refuse or cancel any entry found to be in breach of this requirement.
- All dogs competing below the large height must compete in their FCI jump height and must have received an official FCI Championship measure or a GB Height classification before the day of the IQ at which they are competing. Failure to have one of the above will result in the result being void and not counting towards qualification for the Try-out process in any way. Competitors found to be breaching this rule risk being excluded from future GB qualifying events for a period of two years.
- Each height is a separate class.
- To be judged under FCI rules and regulations (except for contact equipment specifications, which can be KC or FCI specifications).
- Consists of a Jumping round and an Agility round, with the results combined.
- Cumulative scoring: the least faults win, with time as a tiebreaker only, in all aspects of the event.
- Running order for each class will be a random draw.
- Handlers running more than one dog will have a gap of 10 dogs (9 dogs between their runs, for example, #2 and #12).
- 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 6 minutes allowed. The 6-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.
- In the event of a tie for the winner of each class, the dogs will compete in a run-off.
- In the event of a tie for the Overall result, the scores from the Agility round will determine the winner. If there is still a tie for the top two overall places, the dogs will compete in a run-off on the Agility course.
- Eliminations in either round will not be placed in the Overall result.

Format

- Outdoor ring size must be 45m x 25m. Indoor arenas must be a minimum of 40m x 18m and a maximum of 45x x 25m
- Surface must be appropriate. Flat mowed field, sand arena, astro turf.
- Equipment supplier to be approved by GB management.
- The course designers are to be appointed by Agility Team GB management to use the current year's EO and AWC judges to design courses if possible.
- Course plans to be sent to the Agility Team GB management directly from the designing judge. Course plans will be submitted to the show judge 48 hours prior to the event. An equipment list will be agreed with the show management in advance.
- On site Judge to be appointed by the show but approved by the Agility Team GB management.
- Entry Fee is £27.50. This entry fee covers both rounds (Agility and Jumping).
- £18.00 of the entry fee to be used by the show to cover all costs related to the event.
- £9.50 of the entry fee to be used by Agility Team GB to cover the Course designer's fee and administration costs. See the Information to Club section.
- The show manager is responsible for the running of all aspects of the event on the day in collaboration with the show judge.

Qualification for Agility Team GB Try-Out Process 2027

The qualification dates will run from April 1, 2027, through November 1, 2027.

To be eligible to attend the Agility Team GB Try Out process in 2028, ALL partnerships MUST compete (run both classes) at a minimum of two (2) International Qualifiers during the qualification dates.

Plus, partnerships must meet at least one of the following criteria;

- IQ Class winner with zero faults.
- IQ Top Two Overall placement with a maximum of five faults.
- Current year GB team member.

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

Qualification numbers for the 2028 Try-Out process

For each height

- 20 IQ class winners (2 per heat)
- 20 IQ overall winners/runner-ups (2 per heat)

(Placements do not roll down if a partnership has already qualified)

- Previous year's team (8-10)

Potentially 50 dogs per height.
We assume this number will be significantly reduced, as partnerships will take multiple places.

Awards

The hosting club may decide which awards to present. However, we advise that the following be considered:

Rosettes

1st place in each class per height

1st and 2nd place in the combined result per height

No trophies are required unless the club wishes to award them.

Information to Clubs

- The IQ is open to all dogs. Clubs may not withdraw an entry unless the dog and/or handler is prohibited from entering Royal Kennel Club and/or Agility Team GB events.
- Clubs must ensure that the Agility Team GB IQ event is held in the area of the ground that provides the best possible conditions. This may require rings to be relocated or swapped on the day, if necessary.
- A separate schedule needs to be in place for the Agility Team GB International Qualifier which is being held. This is because it is under FCI rules.
- The Royal Kennel Club will implement a £9.50 levy charge to the club for each entry into an Agility Team GB International Qualifier. If the club receives 100 or fewer entries across the four heights, then the levy charge will be amended to the following:
    - 75-100 entries – the levy charge will reduce to £7.50
    - 50-75 entries – the levy charge will reduce to £6.50
    - 49 entries and below – the levy charge will reduce to £5.50
- Within 21 days of holding an Agility Team GB International Qualifier, you will be required to email Agility@royalkennelclub.com with the following:
    - Number of entries received for the Agility Team GB International Qualifier and the total levy amount received for the International Qualifier.
    - Proof of payment to the Royal Kennel Club (BACS details below). Please use the reference as your club's name and the first date of your show (for example The International Agility Festival would be, IAF070825)

Royal Kennel Club BACS details
A/C Name: The Royal Kennel Club
Bank: Barclays
A/c no: 80771643
S/Code : 20-95-87
IBAN Code: GB85BARC20958780771643
Swift code: BARCGB22
Bank Address Barclays Bank, 1250 High Road, London, N20 0PB

- Show must use Agility Plaza for entry and scoring of the International Qualifier.
- **Example Timetable of the day**
  Show information should be sent to all competitors at least 10 days before the show. This information should include a timetable outlining the anticipated running order for the day.
  Below is an example timetable that we would like clubs to ***include in their running order letter and schedule****, which is sent to all competitors taking part in an Agility Team GB IQ event.*
  Please note that clubs may amend the timetable to suit their show. This may include grouping different heights together and adjusting the timing of course walking, where appropriate.

08:40	S+M jumping course walk for 8 minutes
09:00	S+M run
After S+M have completed	I+L jumping course walk for 8 minutes
10 minutes after I+L course walk	I+L run
Course change to Agility	
After course change	S+M agility course walk for 8 minutes
10 minutes after course walk	S+M run
After S+M have completed	I+L agility course walk for 8 minutes
10 minutes after I+L course walk	I+L run

Or

07.50	Large jumping course walk for 8 minutes
07.59	Intermediate jumping course walk for 8 minutes
08.08	Medium jumping course walk for 8 minutes
08.17	Small jumping course walk for 8 minutes
08.30	Jumping Class runs in order Large, Intermediate, Medium & Small
Course change to Agility	
8 minutes course walk by height	Height order. Medium, Small, Intermediate & Large

5 minutes after the last course walk has finished the Agility Class will begin	Height order. Medium, Small, Intermediate & Large