Agility Team GB
International Qualifiers 2026 for the
2027 EO & AWC Try Out Qualification

Agility Team GB – OPEN TO ALL

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Background

This document outlines the details of the 2026 Agility Team GB qualification process for the EO & AWC try-out weekends for the 2027 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 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 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 KC 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 2026.

Date	Club Name
4 April 2026	Warrior Agility
22 May 2026	Nottingham Agility DTC
14 June 2026	Kingdom of Fife
20 June 2026	Point Zero
4 July 2026	Synergy
9 August 2026	The International Agility Festival
20 August 2026	Dogs in Need Agility Society
22 August 2026	Ogilvie Dogs
30 August 2026	Dog Sports Derby
6 September 2026	Gillingham (Dorset) Dog Training Society

Rules
- Open to Kennel Club registered dogs Grade 3-7
- All dogs 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.
- 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: with least faults wins, 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 <u>top two overall places</u>, 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 19m 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 £25. This entry fee is the combined total for entering both rounds (Agility and Jumping).
- £16 of the entry fee to be used by the show to cover all costs related to the event.
- £9 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, 2026, through November 1, 2026.

To be eligible to attend the Agility Team GB Try Out process in 2027, 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.
- IQ Top Two Overall placement.
- 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 2027 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.
It is an assumption that this number will be significantly reduced as partnerships will take multiple places.

Awards
It is up to the hosting club's discretion to determine which awards they would like 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 need to be given unless the club wishes to award them.

Information to Clubs

- 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 Kennel Club will implement a £9.00 levy charge to the club for each entry into an Agility Team GB International Qualifier. If the club receives 100 or less entries across the four heights, then the levy charge will amend to the following:
    - 75-100 entries – the levy charge will reduce to £7
    - 50-75 entries – the levy charge will reduce to £6
    - 49 entries and below – the levy charge will reduce to £5
- Within 21 days of holding an Agility Team GB International Qualifier, you will be required to email agility@thekennelclub.org.uk 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 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)
    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

- Within 5 days of holding an Agility Team GB International Qualifier, the complete result sheet listing all results including eliminations and no shows should be emailed to agility@thekennelclub.org.uk. A template excel will be sent to each show manager. Please note a separate document must be submitted for each height.