



Selection Process for 2017 Tryouts

Goal: To select the most competitive dog and handler teams for both European Open and the Agility World Championships.

Overview of the Selection Process:

1. Owners/handlers selected for the Team must be CKC members, and the dogs must be CKC registered. Mixed breeds will have to have a CCN Number in accordance with the CKC Policy.*
2. The Tryout will consist of 5 runs, three standards and 2 Jumpers. The courses will be designed and judged by a recognized European judge, who will be designing courses for the upcoming competitions.
3. For the EO spots, selections for Large dogs will be based solely on Points for Rank totals accrued over 5 runs (See Scoring System below). For Large dogs, the top 16 scores will be awarded a placement. The 17th and 18th may be declared as reserve dogs. Small and Medium dogs will be awarded Points for Ranks separately. The selection committee will choose the most competitive combination of small and medium dogs to fill out the complement of 16. This may mean that fewer dogs of one jump height will go than the other (e.g. 6 small dogs and 10 medium dogs). Dogs in the same jump height will be compared on the basis of Points for Ranks. When comparing small to medium dogs, time faults will be excluded. Course faults and Course time will be evaluated. The 17th and 18th small / medium dogs may be declared as reserved dogs.
Note: If the team roster is still not filled after calling up the reserve dogs, (because retirements or withdrawals from the team for personal reasons), then dog/handler teams lower than 18th will be approached in descending order of their Points for Rank totals until the roster is complete. This also applies to Large Dogs.
4. For AWC, the top 8 per jump height will be shortlisted based on Points for Rank totals over 5 runs. From this pool, the first four teams per jump height will have earned a place. The Selection Committee may be able to assign more individual spots to a jump height that has greater depth than others. If so these will be selected from the next four. Alternates will also be named from this four.
5. Exceptions: The Selection Committee reserves the right to award a position to a candidate who cannot attend tryouts due to extenuating circumstances. These will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis but will not include issues relating to time off work or travel.

Scoring System

1. To ensure reliable scoring, the judge will employ the system they are most familiar with; i.e., one that follows FCI agility rules. The initial scoring will be time + faults. Faults as defined in the document "Agility Regulations of the Federation Cynologique Internationale" are described below.

Exceeding the SCT: 1 fault for each second over.

Faults on the course: All course faults are in units of five (5 faults)

- *Knockdowns* – each time any part of any obstacle is knocked down.
- *Refusals* – a dog that stops in front of an obstacle or a dog that stops on the course. A dog that runs out or runs by an obstacle, jumps between the tire and the frame or walks through the long jump. A dog that puts its head or paw in a tunnel and comes back out again.
- *Contact area* – On the A-frame, dog walk and see-saw, the dog must touch the up as well as the down contact with at least one paw or part of its paw. Failure to do so: 5 faults each time it occurs.
- *See Saw* – The dogs that jumps off the obstacle before passing the pivot point will be penalized with a refusal (5 faults). The see-saw must touch the ground before the dog alights from the obstacle, otherwise it will incur 5 faults.
- *Breakaway Tire* – If the tire breaks away and the dog refuses then it is eliminated. If the tire breaks away when the dog goes through then it incurs 5 faults.
- **Refusals must be corrected**, failure to do so will result in elimination.
- The same applies to the weaving poles, where each mistake must be corrected.
- Other faults: knockdowns or missing a contact point: the dog will be penalized but the dog continues its run.

Eliminations: There is a list of eliminations in the regulations. The most common ones are reproduced below:

- Exceeding maximum course time (SCT X 1.75)
 - Three refusals
 - Taking obstacles out of sequence, forgetting to take an obstacle, taking an obstacle in the wrong direction.
 - Replacing the dog at the start after it has crossed the start line (unless instructed by the judge).
 - Starting the run before the judge's start signal.
 - Handler disturbing equipment or going over or under obstacles.
2. To bias the selection for fast dogs, a Points for Rank scheme will be employed. Dogs will be rank ordered for each run based on their time plus faults score. Then the points will be assigned in descending order. (next page)

3. Points given in **agility** run:

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Points	25	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1

Points given in **jumping** run:

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Points	20	17	15	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

SCT for AWC runs will be calculated as 10% greater than the lowest time + faults score for that run; e.g. If the lowest score is 28 sec. + 5 faults for a bar for a total of 33 seconds, then the SCT will be 33 + 10% (3.3 sec) or 36.3 seconds.

SCT for EO runs will be calculated as 15% greater than the lowest time + faults score for that run.

Dogs below rank 15 will receive no points. The ranking points are added to determine the dogs with the best overall performances.

Note: The advantage of assigning Points for Rank is twofold. It reduces the effect of an extremely large score accrued under time + faults for a blown run on the dog's overall performance score. Secondly because the ranking points are not assigned for placements beyond the number of positions available and because the sliding scale is biased to higher placements, speedier performances are encouraged.

Announcement of Winners

The assignment of dog/ handler teams to the EO small and medium teams, and the initial assignment of the AWC dogs to team and / or individual roles, will occur shortly after tryouts. The Team Leader will make invitations to all successful competitors. Once the rosters are confirmed, a general announcement will be made.

* The following is the eligibility for CCN from CKC Policy & Procedures Manual, Chapter 6 Shows & Trials, Section X: Canine Companion, Subsection 3.

Eligibility

a) In order for a dog to receive a Canine Companion Number (CCN) the following criteria must be met:

(1) The dog must be either a mixed breed or unrecognized breed as defined herein.

(2) Mixed breed dogs must be spayed or neutered. Unrecognized breeds are not required to be spayed or neutered.

(3) The dog must be identified with a Canadian Kennel Club approved microchip.

In addition for AWC the dog must have their CKC Excellent titles in both Standard and Jumpers with Weaves.