



## CKC Agility Team Canada

### Selection Process for 2018 Tryouts

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

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.

#### **Eligibility:**

Agility World Championships Team: Owners/handlers selected for the Team must be CKC members, and the dogs must be CKC registered. Dogs applying for the *AWC must have their CKC Excellent titles in both Standard and Jumpers with Weaves.*

European Open Team: Owners/handlers selected for the Team must be CKC members, and the dogs must be CKC registered. Mixed breeds are required to have a CCN Number in accordance with the CKC Policy. \* see note below.

#### **Special Consideration (SC) dogs:**

IF a Special Consideration (SC) Large, Medium or Small dogs are accepted on the EO Team, they will automatically be awarded the first spot(s) on the roster, and all Tryouts dogs will be awarded a placement underneath them. There can be a maximum of **one** SC dog offered in Medium, **one** SC dog offered in Small, and **two** SC dogs offered in Large.

#### **EUROPEAN OPEN (EO) TEAM CANADA**

**LARGE DOGS:** For the EO spots, selections for Large dogs will be based solely on Points for Rank totals accrued over FIVE runs (See Scoring System below). For Large dogs, the top 14 dogs will be awarded a spot on the team. After SC dogs are considered, dog 15 and 16 may also be awarded a spot on the team (see note above), or may be declared reserves.

**MEDIUM DOGS.** For the EO spots, selections for Medium dogs will be based solely on Points for Rank totals accrued over FIVE runs (See Scoring System below). For Medium dogs, the top SEVEN scores will be awarded a placement. After SC dogs are considered, dog EIGHT may also be awarded a spot on the team (see note above), or may be reserve.

**SMALL DOGS.** For the EO spots, selections for Small dogs will be based solely on Points for Rank totals accrued over FIVE runs (See Scoring System below). For Small dogs, the top SEVEN scores will be awarded a placement. After SC dogs are considered, dog EIGHT may also be awarded a spot on the team (see note above), or may be named reserve.

\* **NOTE:** 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. Breeds in the unrecognized category are not required to be spayed or neutered. (3) The dog must be identified with a Canadian Kennel Club approved microchip.*

## **AGILITY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (AWC) TEAM CANADA**

For AWC, the top EIGHT dogs per jump height will be shortlisted based on Points for Rank totals over FIVE runs. From this pool of dogs:

The top FOUR dogs in each of the SMALL, MEDIUM and LARGE jump heights will earn a spot in the TEAM event.

The Selection Committee will decide on the Individual dogs from the shortlist of top eight dogs in each of the jump heights, or 24 dogs.

NINE INDIVIDUAL dogs may be named, NO MORE THAN SIX from any one jump height.

Alternates may also be named from the top eight ranking dogs in each jump height.

The roster will be decided on by the Selection Committee by the close of Tryouts and submitted to the Team Leader, who then begins the process of sending out invitations until the EO and AWC Teams are named.

### **TRYOUTS 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:

- 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 used. Dogs will be rank ordered for each run based on their time plus faults score. Then the points will be assigned in descending order

3. Points given **in agility** runs will be the same as points given in jumping runs:

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

4. 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 the same as for AWC runs.

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.

### **Posting of Results**

For each round, the Trial Secretary will post a separate list of results for the EO and AWC Applicants. The placements will be based on time plus faults for each dog, including those who E'd. After each round, 'Points for Rank' results will be posted on a special board.

### **Announcement of Winners**

The EO Team roster is announced by the close of Tryouts by the Selection Committee. In the days that follow, the Team Leader sends out letters of offer and receives replies, until the roster is final, and then the EO TEAM is officially announced. This is expected to be within two weeks of Tryouts, if not much earlier.

The AWC Team roster is announced by the close of Tryouts by the Selection Committee. The Team Leader will make invitations to all successful competitors, and finalize the Individual spots. Once the roster is confirmed, an official announcement will be made. This is expected to be within two weeks of Tryouts, if not much earlier.