



CKC Agility Team Canada

Selection Process for 2019 Tryouts

Goal

To select the most competitive dog and handler teams for both the FCI European Open and the FCI Agility World Championships teams representing Canada.

The EO/AWC Tryout will comprise 5 runs: 3 Agility (Standard), and 2 Jumpers with Weaves. There will be separate courses for Large and Small/Medium (the Small/Medium heights will run together) height classes. The courses will be designed and judged by a recognized European judge. This year FCI International Judge Svetlana Kreslina from Latvia is invited to judge at Canadian Tryouts.

Eligibility

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

Note: In 2019, there will be an opportunity for a dog eligible for AWC (pedigree registration) without these titles to WIN ON to the AWC Team, as described below.

All dogs must have entered and run in at least 4 CKC Standard and 4 CKC Jumpers with Weaves runs since the 2018 Tryouts and by close of the CKC Fundraising Trial on Friday, April 26, 2019.

European Open: Owners/handlers selected for the EO Team Canada 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 of spay/neuter and have a CKC approved microchip. Dogs applying for the EO Team Canada do not need to have any CKC titles. All dogs applying must have entered and run in at least 4 separate trials in either Standard, Jumpers with Weaves, or Steeplechase classes since the 2018 Tryouts and by close of the CKC Fundraising Trial on Friday, April 26, 2019.

Tryouts Scoring System

1. To ensure reliable scoring, the FCI Judge will use the FCI Rules as defined in the document, *Agility Regulations of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI)*. The scoring will be time plus faults. Some of the common faults are given below:

Overview of Common Faults

Faults on the course – All course faults are assigned a 3 second penalty.

- *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. **Refusals will be faulted 3 seconds and must be corrected, failure to do so will result in elimination.**

- *Weave poles* – **Mistakes and/or refusals on weave poles must be corrected**, failure to do so will result in elimination.
- *Contact area* – On the A-frame, dog walk and seesaw, 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: a penalty 3 seconds each time it occurs.
- *Seesaw* – The dogs that jumps off the obstacle before passing the pivot point will be penalized with a refusal . The seesaw must touch the ground before the dog alights from the obstacle, otherwise it will incur a fault.
- *Breakaway tire* – If the tire breaks away and the dog refuses then the dog is eliminated. If the tire breaks away when the dog goes through, then the dog incurs a fault.
- *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 FCI regulations, with the most common listed below:

- Exceeding maximum course time (SCT X 1.75 seconds)
- 3 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

Course Times

2. Course Times will be set 10% off the fastest dog's time *before faults*. Exceeding course time is faulted for each second overtime (3 seconds added for every second overtime)

Point Placement Ranking

3. A point placement ranking will be used. Dogs will be ordered by ranking for each run based on their time plus faults score. Then points will be assigned in descending order.

The winner of each round will be assigned 25 points, to encourage teams to go for the win rather than play it safe!

4. All dogs will be pooled together for point placement scores regardless of application for EO or AWC Teams.

5. Points given will be the same for Agility and Jumping runs as follows:

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

Agility World Championship (AWC) Team Canada Selection

The winners of each height (Large, Medium, and Small) according to the cumulative point placement over the entire weekend will **Win On** to the AWC Team.

This dog/handler team will be guaranteed to run both *Team and Individual* rounds at the AWC. This team does not need to have CKC titles but must have entered at least 4 runs in 4 CKC trials since Tryouts 2018, and by the close of the CKC Fundraising trial on Friday, April 26, 2019.

In each height category, the Second and Third place dogs according to the ranked point placement totals will be offered a *Team* position.

For each height, a fourth *Team* position will be left open. This position will be named by the Selection Committee as a *Wild Card (WC)* choice (see below for details).

There are 9 Individual spots possible for Team Canada at the AWC. A maximum of 6 can be from any single height category. Of these 9 Individual spots, 3 will be awarded to the Win On teams at Tryouts for each height category (Small, Medium, and Large).

Recommendations for the 6 remaining Individual positions will be made by the Selection Committee based on eligibility, scoring, and yards per second at Tryouts. Individual spots are given to teams with more speed and the potential to podium at the AWC.

The final Team and Individual rosters will be given to the AWC Trial Secretary by the Team Leader just before the AWC event begins on September 26, 2019.

European Open (EO) Team Canada Selection

Large Dogs

For the EO spots, selections for Large dogs will be based on points for rank totals accrued over 5 runs (see Scoring System above). For Large dogs, the top 14-16 scores will be awarded a placement, depending on the Selection Committee's decision on Wild Card dogs. The 17th and 18th may be declared as reserve dogs.

Medium Dogs

For the EO spots, selections for Medium dogs will be based on points for rank totals accrued over 5 runs (see Scoring System above). For Medium dogs, the top 7-8 scores will be awarded a placement, depending on the Selection Committee's decision on Wild Card dogs. The 9th and 10th dogs may be declared as reserved dogs.

Small Dogs

For the EO spots, selections for Small dogs will be based on points for rank totals accrued over 5 runs (See Scoring System above). For Small dogs, the top 7-8 scores will be awarded a placement, depending on the Selection Committee's decision on Wild Card dogs. The 9th and 10th dogs may be declared as reserve dogs.

Note about Wild Card Choices

We will make the change this year to move to a Wild Card choice made by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee is not limited to considering dog/handler teams who cannot attend Tryouts as Wild Card contenders. The Wild Card position might be offered to a dog/handler team who attempted to run Tryouts.

The Wild Card choice cannot be offered to a dog/handler team who scores 5 E's (eliminations) at Tryouts.

There can be a maximum of one WC dog offered in Medium, one WC dog offered in Small, and 2 WC dogs offered in Large.

Posting of Results

For each round, the Trial Secretary will post a list of results for all dogs in that round.

Points for placement for the EO and AWC team applicants will be posted after each round.

Announcement of Winners

The assignment of dog/handler teams to the EO Large, Medium, and Small teams, and the initial assignment of the AWC dogs to Team and/or Individual roles, will occur shortly after Tryouts.

The Chair of the Selection Committee/Past Team Leader will make invitations to all successful competitors. Once the rosters are confirmed, a general announcement will be made. This is expected to be within two weeks of Tryouts, if not much earlier.