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AKC Sports & Events

Additional Sports and Attractions for Your AKC Club

There are many benefits to holding multiple AKC sports and attractions as part of a weekend of dog sports. These events provide an opportunity to increase entries and provide exhibitors with activities they may be interested in trying. Also spectators get to see the wide variety of things they can do with their dogs through an AKC Club.

We've provided a brief overview of the many sports and attractions that AKC clubs may be able to hold. Whether in conjunction with your club's primary event (e.g. conformation, agility, obedience), held independently or as a multi-event day these activities are a great way to spend the day. Each has different rules, regulations and requirements—please contact the **Club Development Department** at clubdevelopment@akc.org for more information and to answer any questions.



Events Associated with Conformation Dog Shows

Pee-Wee Classes – This attraction introduces conformation showmanship to children 5-9 years old who want to learn how to show dogs. This is not a competitive class, but rather a fun, learning experience for the child and the adult. This event is like a precursor to Junior Showmanship and is great for a family new to conformation.

4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competition – This is a conformation show for puppies 4 to 6 months of age. It is intended to introduce new exhibitors and their puppies to dog shows in a stress-free and relaxed environment.

Events that Can Be Held as a Stand-Alone Event But Are Often Associated with Conformation or Held in Conjunction with Other Events

Obedience – A companion sport where dog and handler teams demonstrate the dog's ability to follow specified routines guided by verbal instructions from the judge.

Rally – A companion event where dog and handler teams navigate a course designed by the judge with exercise signs.

FSS Open Show – Informal AKC-sanctioned event that gives Foundation Stock Service and Miscellaneous Class breed owners and their dogs a way to gain conformation ring experience.

Match Show – Matches are a great way to introduce new people and their dogs to AKC sports. Matches can be held for a variety of events, including Conformation, Agility, Rally, Obedience, Tracking and Scent Work.

Stand-Alone Events that Can Be Held in Conjunction with Other Events (Great add-ons for your main event!)

Canine Good Citizen (CGC) – The Canine Good Citizen Program, which is recognized as the gold standard in canine good manners, is a fun, 10-step test administered by CGC Evaluators that appeals to all dog owners.

AKC Trick Dog – This fun, crowd-pleasing event has four levels of official AKC titles. CGC Evaluators can conduct testing, which makes it a good one to hold in conjunction with Canine Good Citizen.

Lure Coursing – An event primarily for sight hounds that involves a system of mechanized lures and pulleys that simulate the unpredictability of chasing live prey. Newer events include the Coursing Ability Test (CAT) and Fast CAT, which are open to all breeds. Fast CAT, an excellent addition in a multi-event setting, is 100-yard dash, that dogs love!

Earthdog Tests – Non-competitive Earthdog tests offer breeders and owners of small terriers and Dachshunds a standardized gauge to measure their dogs' natural aptitude when exposed to an underground hunting situation.

Herding Test – Non-competitive herding tests give dogs an opportunity to herd livestock in a specific timed manner.

Farm Dog Certified Test (FDC) – Exercises that represent situations a dog would encounter in a typical farm environment. It's an excellent addition for shows held on a fairground with livestock.

AKC Scent Work – Scent Work is a positive and challenging activity that allows dogs the opportunity to use their strongest natural sense. (Variety of testing options making scent work a great addition to any event.)

AKC Temperament Test (ATT) – The ATT is a pass-fail test that assesses a dog's temperament, providing all dog owners with information about their dog's reactions to a variety of stimuli, including sounds, smells, touches, and objects.



AKC Title-Recognition Sports (Often Run by Other Organizations for AKC Clubs) Are Great Diversions for Exhibitors and Spectators

Diving Dogs – Dogs race down the length of a dock and leap into a pool of water to compete for height or distance. The AKC recognizes North American Diving Dogs Organization (NADD) titles.

Barn Hunt – Barn Hunt is based on the traditional role of many breeds in ridding areas of destructive vermin and is open to any dog that can fit through an 18" wide by bale-height tall tunnel. The AKC recognizes Barn Hunt Association (BHA) titles.

Flyball – Teams of 4 dogs race against each other in a drag-style relay race, dashing over a set of hurdles. This exciting event draws large crowds. The AKC recognizes the North American Flyball Association (NAFA) titles.

Disc Dog – 10 unique fetch games with a flying disc, including some with agility obstacles, open to all dogs. Each UP game offers 5 levels. The AKC recognizes UpDog Challenge medals earned, which can be applied to qualify for AKC Disc Dog titles.

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AKC Club Resources Needed to Hold These Additional Events

EVENT	BREED GROUPS THAT ELIGIBLE	KNOWLEDGE /EXPERIENCE	PEOPLE	SPACE	AKC APPLICATION DUE
4 to 6 Month Puppy <i>(subset of conformation event)</i>	All	Moderate	2 to 4	Regular conf. ring	18 weeks prior to the closing date
Agility	All	Extensive	3 to 5	Varied	18 weeks prior to the closing date
AKC Scent Work	All	Moderate	2 to 4	Varied	18 weeks prior to the closing date for trials 4 weeks prior to the closing date for a match
AKC Temperment Test	All	Moderate	4	Regular conf. ring	18 weeks prior to the closing date <i>(when held as a special attraction at conformation dog show)</i>
AKC Trick Dog	All	Moderate	2	Regular conf. ring	18 weeks prior to the closing date <i>(when held as a special attraction at conformation dog show)</i>
Barn Hunt	All	Minimal	2 to 4	Varied	Vendor <i>(Barn Hunt Association LLC)</i>
Bred By Exhibitor Groups <i>(subset of conformation event)</i>	All	Minimal	Subset of conf. staff	Regular conf. ring	18 weeks prior to the closing date <i>(when held as a special attraction at conformation dog show)</i>
Canine Good Citizen	All	Extensive	4	Varied	18 weeks prior to the closing date <i>(when held as a special attraction at conformation dog show)</i>
Carting-Drafting Demos	All (Larger breeds)	Minimal	2	Varied	18 weeks prior to the closing date <i>(when held as a special attraction at conformation dog show)</i>
CAT/Fast CAT	All	Moderate	2 to 4	Length of course and runout	3 months prior to the event date
Conformation Point Show	All	Extensive knowledge	6 to 10	X square feet per dog	18 weeks prior to the closing date
Disc Dog	All	Minimal	Vendor	Varied (large)	Vendor <i>(UpDog Challenge)</i>
Dock Diving	All	Minimal	Vendor	X square feet for the pool	Vendor <i>(North American Diving Dogs)</i>
Earthdog Trials	Most Terrier	Moderate	2 to 4	Big enough to run the trial course	90 days prior to the event date
Education Seminars	All	Minimal	2 to 4	At least two standard rooms	18 weeks prior to the closing date <i>(when held as a special attraction at conformation dog show)</i>
Farm Dog Certified Test	All	Moderate	2 to 4	Big enough for the testing requirements	12 weeks prior to the event date
Flyball	All (Sight hounds)	Minimal	2 to 4	Moderate	vendor <i>(North American Flyball Assoc.)</i>
Herding Trials	Herding	Moderate	2 to 4	Big enough for the size of the trial to be run in regulation	12 weeks prior to the event date
Jr. Show Handlers Clinic	All	Minimal	Run by handlers	Two conf. rings	18 weeks prior to the closing date <i>(when held as a special attraction at conformation dog show)</i>
Junior Showcase	All	Minimal	2	Event rings	18 weeks prior to the closing date
Lure Coursing	Sight Hounds	Moderate	2 to 4	Length of course	90 days prior to the event date
Sanctioned Match	All	Moderate	3 to 6	Event type rings	30 days prior to the match date
NOHS	All	Extensive knowledge	6 to 10	Conf. ringss	18 weeks prior to the closing date
Obedience	All	Moderate	3 to 5	Obedience guidelines	18 weeks prior to the closing date
Open Show FSS/Misc	FSS/Misc breeds	Moderate	2 to 4	Conf. rings	90 days prior to the event date
Pee-Wee Classes <i>(subset of conformation event)</i>	All	Extensive knowledge	2 to 4	Conf. rings	18 weeks prior to the closing date <i>(when held as a special attraction at conformation dog show)</i>
Puppy Groups <i>(subset of conformation event)</i>	All	Minimal	No additional to conformation point show	Conf. rings	18 weeks prior to the closing date <i>(when held as a special attraction at conformation dog show)</i>
Rally	All	Moderate	3 to 5	Rally guidelines	18 weeks prior to the closing date

For more information please visit: <https://www.akc.org/downloadable-forms/> to find each sports application requirements.



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