



2017 AKC/USA World Team Tryouts (WTT)

For 2017 the American Kennel Club (AKC) will field a team of at least 12 dogs to compete at the FCI Agility World Championships (AWC), which will be held in Liberec, The Czech Republic, on October 5-8, 2017.

Any handler interested in earning a spot on the AKC/USA Agility World Team must attend World Team Tryouts, which will be held in Hartford, CT on April 28-30, 2017

The rules for the 2017 World Team Tryouts (WTT) competition will be based upon the FCI rules, which will be in effect at the 2017 AWC.

Date: April 28-30, 2017

Location: Star Hill Family Athletic Center, 100 Gerber Dr, Tolland, CT 06084

Judges: Mirja Lapanja (Slovenia) and TBD

Entry Form: The entry form for candidates will be available by January 31, 2017.

Format: There will be 4 or 5 rounds held over 2 or 3 days.

Scores: World Team Tryout scores will not count towards AKC titles.

FCI Jump Heights

Shoulder Height Cutoffs:

- Small team – shoulder height = 13 3/4” or less (35 cm is the FCI cutoff)
- Medium team – shoulder height = 16 7/8” or less (43 cm is the FCI cutoff)
- Large team – shoulder height = greater than 16 7/8” (greater than 43 cm)

The jump heights for Tryouts are to be:

	Tryouts jump heights	FCI Heights
Small	12”	25-35 cm
Medium	16”	35-45 cm
Large	24”	55-65 cm

All small and medium dogs competing at Tryouts will be measured by the Agility Director. Due to stricter measuring procedures at international agility competitions, dogs within 1” of the cutoff should be prepared to also be measured by both judges of record at Tryouts. Dogs measuring over will run FEO (for exhibition only). Dogs who have “measured in” at the AWC prior years do not need to be measured at WTT. An official FCI wicket using 35 and 43 cm will be used at Tryouts to determine dog’s height.

Candidates and Teams

- A “Candidate” is the owner or co-owner handler that intends to compete for a position on the 2017 AKC Agility World Team.
- A “Team” shall be considered, for purpose of these rules, to be an owner/handler or a co-owner/handler and a dog which meets requirements for height and pedigree.
- All Teams must also meet the Basic Eligibility requirements listed below.
- Three dog/handler teams from each height division will win Team spots at WTT.
- The remaining team member(s) will be chosen by the Coach and Team Leader based upon scores from WTT as well as Major ISC classes, all classes at AKC Nationals, and the team’s competition results at regular competitions during the qualifying period. All information provided to the Coach will be considered in choosing the remaining team.
- It is not a requirement to attend AKC Nationals, to enter ISC at Nationals, or to enter 26 inches for large dogs at that event.
- The AKC/USA Agility World Team will be sponsored by the AKC.

Basic Eligibility for all candidates entering Tryouts

- Any Candidate younger than 18 years of age at WTT must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at their own expense (e.g.: air, hotel & ground travel) at the WTT competition and international competitions as well as team practices, should the minor become an AKC International AWC Team member.
- The Candidate showing the dog at WTT will be the only handler allowed to compete with the dog at the AWC.
- The handler of the dog at WTT must be the handler who showed the dog to gain its minimum score or title requirements.
- Dogs must have a three generation pedigree showing three generations of purebred lineage. (This is a requirement of the FCI Agility World Championships, not the AKC.)
- The FCI requires that every dog have an AKC registration number and acceptable FCI recognized pedigree.
- We believe that docked dogs, but NOT cropped dogs, will be allowed to participate at the FCI World Championship in Czech Republic. This information will be updated as soon as confirmed.
- All WTT competitors will be required to sign a Consent and Release Form.
- All handlers must complete the online application process.
- Candidates must be US residents for one year.
- Candidate must be willing to travel with the team to the AWC
- Team members must attend the two Team USA practices and arrive in the host country by Monday night prior to the event, and attend all the practices in Europe prior to the AWC.
- Candidate must be willing to acquire any documentation required by the local government(s).
- Team Members must be willing to have their dog treated for tapeworm within 30 days of the competition if the host country requires it. Team Members must be willing to vaccinate their dog for rabies according to the host country’s regulations.
- Please note that it is important that your dog’s microchip and/or tattoo numbers be on your rabies certificates. You will likely need to ask your vet to manually add this information and sign it as it is not common practice to include it. ISO compatible microchips are the only ones recognized in Europe.
- Candidates must be in good standing with the American Kennel Club. Any Candidate who has been the subject of a disciplinary action, either suspended or reprimanded, during the year prior to tryouts will not be allowed to compete at World Team Tryouts (WTT). Any handler who suspended or reprimanded after earning a spot on either team, and before the competition, may also be subject to sanction up to and including removal from the team by the Team Coach and AKC Director of Agility.

- Candidates must at all times demonstrate extreme **Good Sportsmanship** while participating in or watching any agility event. The AKC Director of Agility and World Team Coach may refuse entry to WTT to any handler who demonstrates verbal or physical abuse to a dog or fellow competitor or acts abusive or challenging to an agility judge.
- Candidates are representatives of the agility program in the United States and are also representing those companies which sponsor agility in the United States.
- Candidates for the World Team are expected to keep complete records of their competition history from now until March 28, 2017 and make them available to the coach **ON REQUEST** from this time forward.

Score requirements for entry into WTT

The FCI regulations for jump heights still allow jump heights at the AWC to be 14, 18, & 26 inches for small, medium, and large dogs respectively. ALL TEAMS ARE ENCOURAGED TO GET ALL THEIR SCORES FOR TRYOUTS AT THE HIGHEST HEIGHTS AVAILABLE for their jump height division at AKC events. Those jump heights are 12, 16, and 26 inches. ALL ISC Classes used for Tryouts qualifications will still be run at the FCI highest heights of 14, 18, and 26 inches.

Entry to the WTT for the purpose of trying out for the AWC team may be obtained if the following scores are achieved. Scores meeting the criteria below must be obtained between April 5, 2016 and March 28, 2017 at standard AKC licensed or member agility trials. All scores must be clean rounds – scores of 100. All scores and times must come from the regular AKC Master Level titling classes. The handler of the dog at WTT must be the handler who showed the dog to gain its minimum score requirements.

Jump Heights: At least half of the scores (3 Standard, 3 JWW) and 2 of the 3 double Q's need to come from 12" for small, 16" for medium teams and 24" or 26" for large teams. The remainder of the dog's scores may come from the dog's registered height class or higher (e.g., if a dog measures into 20", half of the scores may come from this height).

- 1) A minimum of 6 standard class scores of 100 and a minimum rate of speed of:
 - 3.70 yards per second (YPS) – small dogs
 - 3.80 yards per second (YPS) – medium dogs
 - 4.00 yards per second (YPS) – large dogs
- 2) A minimum of 6 JWW class scores of 100 and a minimum rate of speed of:
 - 4.90 yards per second (YPS) – small dogs
 - 5.00 yards per second (YPS) – medium dogs
 - 5.40 yards per second (YPS) – large dogs
- 3) A minimum of 3 double Q's
 - No minimum YPS requirements
 - May use same runs to fulfill both double Q requirements and 6 standard and 6 JWW requirements if they meet the minimum YPS requirements

Note: To compute the YPS, take the yardage for your dog's jump height and divide it by the dog's actual running time. In the standard class, do not alter the dog's actual time for the table count (this is already factored in).

Example: Yardage = 182 yards.

Dog's actual time = 53.69 seconds

YPS = 3.39

All times and YPS's listed shall be rounded to the 2nd decimal place.

Premier Class scores

“Clean run” scores from the Premier Standard and Premier JWW may be used to fulfill the minimum requirements of 6 Std/6 JWW legs, but not the QQ requirements (i.e., 1 Premier Standard Q = 1 Regular Standard Q, and 1 Premier JWW Q = 1 Regular JWW Q). A “clean run” in Premier consists of a run without time or course faults. Minimum YPS requirements are waived for these scores, as long as the dog is under the course time for that class. The height requirements are the same as stated above.

Major International Sweepstakes Class Scores (ISC Class):

“Clean run” scores from the following ISC Classes at 14”, 18”, and 26” inches may be used to fulfill the minimum requirements of 6 Std/6 JWW requirements. A “clean run” consists of a run without time or course faults. Minimum YPS requirements are waived for these scores, as long as the dog is under the course time set by the judge for that class. Two ISC jumpers and two ISC standard scores may be used to fulfill the minimum requirements.

- May 27/30 2016 – Two Rivers Agility Club of Sacramento, Dixon, CA
<http://agiltracs.org/>
- August 8, 2016 – Dog Agility Sport Handlers, Costa Mesa, CA
<http://www.dashagility.com/>
- September 30-October 2, 2016 – Briard Club of America, Denver, CO
<http://briardclubofamerica.org/bca/>
- October 8-9, 2016 – American Eskimo Club of America, Pittman, NJ
www.fasttimesagility.com
- December 9-11, 2016 Blue Ridge Agility, Pendleton, SC
www.blueridgeagility.com
- January 21-24, 2017 – Rose City Cluster, Portland, OR
www.r2agility.com
- March 2017 – AKC Nationals, Atlanta Georgia
ISC at AKC Nationals will be run at 12/16/24” and will fulfill the same requirements as the ISC classes run at 14/18/26”.

ISC Combined Class Winners

Combined scores from ISC Jumpers and Standard classes at the above events will be used to award the Combined ISC Class Award. Only Clean Run (no time or course faults) scores will be used to compute the Combined Score. The Combined Class winner from the 14, 18, and 26 inch height is invited to attend Team Tryouts. (Note: AKC Nationals only has one ISC class, so the winner of that class is considered the Combined Class Winner and invited to attend Team Tryouts.) They do not need to fulfill the requirement of the 6/6 scores nor are they required to achieve the 3 double Q scores. The dog must have an approved pedigree and also fulfill any requirements for specific rabies shots or titrating. The team must also send in all the required information with the fees and the entry form and meet all the other basic eligibility noted in this document. The handler at tryouts must be the same handler that won the combined award.

AKC Nationals ISC Class Winners

AKC Nationals only has one ISC class, so the winner of that class from the 12, 16 and 24 inch height is invited to attend World Team Tryouts. They do not need to fulfill the requirement of the 6/9 scores nor are they required to achieve the 3 double Q scores. The dog must have an approved pedigree and also fulfill any requirements for specific rabies shots or titrating. The team must also send in all the required information with the fees and the entry form and meet all the other basic eligibility noted in this document. The handler at tryouts must be the same handler that won the ISC class.

Intent to Enter World Team Tryouts (WTT)

If you are planning on attending 2017 WTT and whether you have all your requirements at this time or not, please send an email asking to be placed on the list of AKC 2017 World Team Candidates immediately to Toni Osojnicki, osojn001@tc.umn.edu. The email will need to contain the following information:

- Handler's name and email
- Dog's call name, breed and jump height (small, medium, or large)

Candidates will be sent information regarding the World Team process, including any current details about WTT, via a Yahoo email group.

Questions

Questions regarding the WorldTeam Tryouts or the selection process for the AKC/USA Agility World Team should be directed to:

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