

The Agility Association of Canada and
The Agility Connection are proud to present the



2024 AAC NATIONAL AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Aug 15 - 18, 2024

Maxville Fairgrounds, Maxville, Ontario

Outdoors on grass, Rain or Shine

ENTRIES OPEN June 8, 2024

ENTRIES CLOSE: July 2, 2024

Entries taken exclusively through Agility Rocks www.agilityrocks.com

Our Judges:

Cindy Swiney (Alberta)

Jonathan Luce (Quebec)

Susan Miller (Ontario)

Pierre-Luc Cyr - Juniors (Quebec)

2024 Nationals Website:

<https://www.aacnationals.ca>

Preliminary Schedule of Events

Final timetable will be published after closing

Wednesday 14 August

Ring Setup

Competitor campers may arrive (after 3pm only)

Thursday 15 August

Check-in (all day)

Measuring

Pre-Qualifier Rounds

Warmup runs

IFCS Team Tryouts

Friday 16 August

a.m. Late check-in and measuring available until noon

Warmup runs

Steeplechase round

Biathlon rounds

Junior Stakes

Opening ceremonies (to follow completion of Sanctioned events)

p.m. First Nationals round – Gamblers 1

Saturday 17 August

Nationals Rounds - Standard 1, Jumpers 1, Gamblers 2

Sunday 18 August

Nationals Rounds – Standard 2, Jumpers 2

p.m. Steeplechase Invitational (following completion of all Nationals Rounds)

Awards Ceremonies

Eligibility:

Dogs must qualify at their Regional Championship or an alternative Regional (by special application to the National Steering Committee only) to be eligible to enter the AAC National Championship.

Previous year's National Champions will receive an automatic invitation to compete and do not have to qualify at their Regionals Championship. Dogs having achieved their Lifetime Award of Merit or Lifetime Versatility Award will also receive a bye to the National Championships.

Pre-qualifier:

There will be a limited-entry qualifying event held the day before the start of the National Championship. This is only for dogs that were unable to compete at a Regional event, not for dogs that failed to obtain the necessary points at their Regional event. **Approval to enter the pre-qualifier must be obtained from the National Steering Committee before the closing date for Nationals entries.** For a list of criteria for applying to enter the pre-qualifier please see section 1.2 of the [National Rules and Guidelines](#). Application form to request entry to the pre-qualifier can be downloaded from the website [here](#).

Entries for the Pre-Qualifier will open the same day as the National Championship entries. All Pre-Qualifier entries must also include a completed Nationals Championship entry form including associated entry fees. If the dog fails to obtain the necessary points required to qualify for Nationals, the Nationals entry will be refunded in full.

Conditions of Entry:

- Entry fees are \$200 for members, second dog \$180. Non-member \$220 (plus tax)
- There will be no refunds, cancellations, or changes after the closing date without a veterinarian or doctor's note. This includes, in the event the dog is absent on the day of the trial, or if the dog and/or handler are dismissed from competition, regardless of the reason for such dismissal. A full refund of entry fees will be provided to any competitor who wishes to withdraw a bitch in season or whose dog is injured, provided the trial secretary is informed prior to the start of the Nationals event and a letter or certificate from a veterinarian is provided.
- Bitches in season will be allowed to compete in the National Championship, pre-qualifier and sanctioned events. They will be required to start from a mat provided by the Nationals Host and must wear pants at all times on the grounds unless in the designated relief area.
- An administrative charge of \$20 will be charged for withdrawals of entries, either before or after the closing date (except for pre-qualifier entrants that failed to qualify and injured dogs with a vet note). Overpayments of \$10.00 or less will not be refunded.
- The closing date for entries is Tuesday July 2 at 11:59pm PST, after which time entries or changes will no longer be accepted. Entries must be time-stamped before midnight on the closing date.
- No dog may compete without an AAC ID number.
- Dogs can be entered to run at a jump height at which they would be eligible to compete in an AAC Sanctioned Agility Trial, to a maximum of 24" in regular classes and a maximum of 20" in specials and veterans classes. They do not have to compete at the same height, or in the same category that they competed in their Regional Championships. (for example, a dog qualifying as a 20" Regular dog in their Regionals may enter Nationals as a 20R, 16S, 16V or 12DDV)
- The handler of the dog does not have to be the same handler that qualified the dog at the Regional Championship
- National Championships are subject to all AAC rules and regulations except where indicated otherwise within the [National Championship Rules and Guidelines](#).

- The AAC general agreement/disclaimer must be signed by the competitor before the entry is accepted. Children under 18 years of age must have the agreement/disclaimer signed by a parent or guardian. By signing this agreement, the competitor acknowledges that they have read and will abide by all site and event rules, AAC rules as set out in the AAC Rulebook, Nationals Guidelines and AAC Code of Conduct.
- All obstacles conform to AAC specifications
- Please note that the Broad Jump is an optional obstacle for Standard courses and may be included in those courses. The Wall Jump and Broad Jump are optional obstacles for Jumpers courses and may be included in those courses.
- Trophies will be awarded for each dog placing first in each of the 19 height divisions. In addition, a trophy will be awarded to the top scoring junior (competitor aged 18 and under) in the National Championship event.
- Top 10 ribbons will be awarded to the overall aggregate placers in each height division. Ribbons for top 10 junior handler overall aggregate winners in the National events will also be awarded.
- A Junior Agility Stakes will be held before the National events. This a separate competition exclusively for Junior Handlers with its own awards. It is open to handlers 18 and under on December 31, 2024. A Junior Handler number is not required but the dog does need to have an AAC ID card.
- Cash prizes will be awarded for the Steeplechase invitational event. 50% of the entry fee for the sanctioned Steeplechase round will be put towards the cash payout and divided between each height and division proportionally to the number of dogs invited to compete in each height division. For low entries in a height category, the committee reserves the right to combine into mini/open/medium or other combination.
- Biathlon is also a money event. Biathlon consists of an Agility Round and a Jumpers with Weaves round. It is open to all levels. Dogs must be entered in both rounds to be eligible for the payout.

Important Competitor Information

- Dogs must remain on leash and under control at all times when not competing or warming up, except in specific off-leash areas at the trial site that will be marked.
- Dogs must be exercised in designated areas only. Bitches in season will have their own relief area.
- You must pick up after your dogs on the show grounds and at your hotel. Anyone found not picking up will be excused from the trial site with no refund of entry.
- Competitors shall have the right to videotape portions of this event for their personal use only. No portion of this event may be taped for commercial purposes without the permission of AAC.
- Any handler who is found to abuse a dog, competitor, volunteer or official will be disqualified and asked to leave the trial site immediately.
- Individual confirmations will be sent to each competitor upon receipt of his/her entry. This information will also be posted to the AAC Nationals website. Each competitor is responsible for confirming that their details, dog ID number, category, jump height, and any additional entry information is correct.
- Only online entries through Agility Rocks will be accepted.
- Copies of a completed dog ID card may be submitted for pre-check in with a Nationals entry. This will only be accepted if the card is shown in its unfolded state with both sides of the card visible at the same time in one single image.
- If pre-check in has not been authorized, you must show your dog's ID card at check-in. Dogs with no temporary card (under 2 years of age) or an incomplete permanent ID card (final jump height not circled) must be measured before competing. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

National Junior Agility Stakes

This event showcases the talents of our Junior Handlers. The Junior Stakes takes place on Friday August 16. There is an entry fee of \$20/dog.

The National Junior Agility Stakes will consist of (1) Agility Class and (1) Jumpers Class. Age will be as of December 31, 2024.

- A dog must have an AAC number and meet the normal requirements of entry to AAC events.
- A handler may be entered more than once.
- A dog may only be entered once with the same handler.
- A dog may be entered with more than one handler.
- It is not necessary for the dog to be owned by the handlers or the handler's family.
- Handlers and dog do not need to qualify at a Regional Championship.
- Dog may jump its regular height or one height lower than its current competition height (including special/vet/double drop vet heights).
- A-frame will be set at 5ft and there are no spread jumps.

There will be two Divisions:

- Novice (handler 12 and under) – Judged under AAC Advanced Junior handler rules.
- Open (handler 13 to 18) – Judged under AAC Masters Junior handler rules

Winners in each Age Division and Height or Category will receive a Rosette. For the purposes of prizes, the dogs will be divided into Mini, Midi and Maxi categories. Dogs jumping lower heights will still be categorized in their Regular height for prizes. (e.g., a dog with 20" circled on its ID card as its Regular jump height, is still a Maxi dog even if it is jumping 16" or 12" with the Junior Handler).

For complete rules, check section 2.8 of the [National Championship rules](#) on the AAC website.

There will be special gifts for all juniors in addition to the winner's prizes!

Nationals Warm Up Rings

One Warm Up Ring will be available on Thursday, August 15 and Friday, Aug 16.

Food and toys will be allowed during warm up runs under the following conditions:

- *Toys should be in a good state of repair.*
- *Toys may not contain audible squeakers or other noise makers.*
- *Handlers are permitted to throw toys to the dog or tug with their dogs.*
- *Training aids (e.g., clickers, stride regulators, target plates) are not allowed.*
- *Food may not be thrown on the ground, or to the dog, it may only be fed from the hand or container.*

Dog/Handler teams will have 60 seconds in the ring. The equipment may not be moved but jump bars will be set to the height of the handler's choice before the time starts. Timeslots may be combined (e.g., redeeming two tickets will allow 2 minutes in the ring)

WARMUP RUNS: \$5 each timeslot or at a special pre-purchase price of 5 slots for \$20. No refunds will be given for non-completion of warm up rounds.

Pre-purchased warmup tickets will be available for pickup at registration. Individual tickets may be purchased on the day (\$6 cash only), and timeslots are subject to availability.

Sanctioned Events

The sanctioned events will be unlimited entry. There will be one AAC-sanctioned Steeplechase event and Biathlon Agility and Jumping hosted by The Agility Connection. These are judged and scored according to AAC rules and are open to all dogs eligible to compete in AAC-sanctioned events. The dog does not have to be entered in the National event to enter.

Biathlon is a new set of classes offered by the AAC. It consists of two events, Agility and Jumpers with Weaves. These classes are open to all levels and Qs are awarded at the level the dog is currently competing in Standard and Jumpers as well as earning Qs towards a biathlon title. The classes can be entered individually but a dog must be entered in both classes to be eligible for prize money. Prize money will be awarded as follows:

Entered in height	1st		Total fund	Fund percentage	
1	\$4.00		\$4.00	100%	
2	\$8.00		\$8.00	100%	
3	\$8.40	\$3.60	\$12.00	70%	30%
4	\$11.20	\$4.80	\$16.00	70%	30%
5	\$14.00	\$6.00	\$20.00	70%	30%
6	\$16.80	\$7.20	\$24.00	70%	30%
7	\$19.60	\$8.40	\$28.00	70%	30%
8	\$22.40	\$9.60	\$32.00	70%	30%
9	\$25.20	\$10.80	\$36.00	70%	30%
10	\$28.00	\$12.00	\$40.00	70%	30%
11	\$30.80	\$13.20	\$44.00	70%	30%
12	\$33.60	\$14.40	\$48.00	70%	30%
13	\$36.40	\$15.60	\$52.00	70%	30%
14	\$39.20	\$16.80	\$56.00	70%	30%
15	\$42.00	\$18.00	\$60.00	70%	30%
16	\$44.80	\$19.20	\$64.00	70%	30%
17	\$47.60	\$20.40	\$68.00	70%	30%
18	\$50.40	\$21.60	\$72.00	70%	30%
19	\$53.20	\$22.80	\$76.00	70%	30%
20	\$56.00	\$24.00	\$80.00	70%	30%

If there are 20+ dogs entered in a height category, total fund is (number of dogs x \$4) and payout split 70/30 between 1st and 2nd

For more info see:

[Rulebook Update v9.3](#)

Steeplechase Invitational

To be eligible to be invited to the Steeplechase finale on Sunday, a dog must have been entered in the sanctioned Steeplechase on Friday morning. The top scoring dogs in each of the 19 height divisions will be invited from the event. (Final percentage and numbers to be decided after closing). Cash prizes will be awarded for the Steeplechase invitational event. 50% of the entry fee for the sanctioned Steeplechase



round will be put towards the cash payout and divided proportionally to the number of dogs invited to compete in each height category (Regular, Special, Veteran). In cases of low numbers in a height, some categories may be combined into open, medium, and mini.

IFCS Team Tryouts

There will be a World Team Tryout event on site on Thursday August 15. The results of these rounds combined with the Nationals results will be used to make the selection to the Canadian National Team for the IFCS World Championships in 2025.

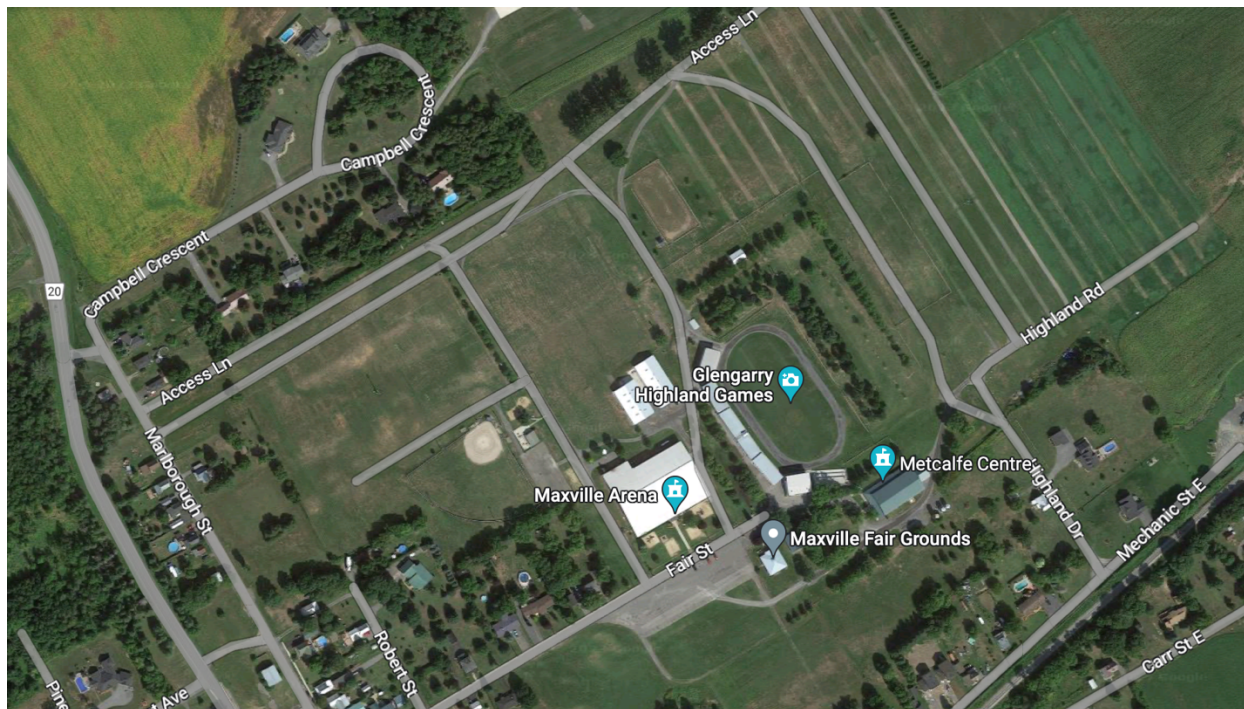
The National Team Management Committee will be organizing this tryout event.

Complete information will be published on the National Team Website
<https://www.aacnationalagilityteam.com>

THE SITE:

Maxwell fairgrounds is situated at 35 Fair St, Maxville, ON K0C 1T0

IMPORTANT: Competitor entrance will be via Access Lane, off Marlborough Street.



Accessibility: Competitors displaying an accessible parking permit on their vehicle will be directed to the designated parking spaces at the venue.

Directions to the site:

From Montreal

Take exit 51 off the 417 and turn left onto CR-20. Approaching the village of Maxville, turn left at the giant Scotsman on to Marlborough Street. The first turnoff on the left is Access Lane.

From Ottawa (and Casselman)

Take exit 51 off the 417 and turn right onto CR-20. Approaching the village of Maxville, turn left at the giant Scotsman.

From Cornwall

You'll be approaching from the South. No giant Scotsman for you!

401 exit 789, take ON-138N, At CR-43 turn right and then left at CR-20. Or 401 exit 792 and follow CR-20 North. Once in Maxville, turn right onto Mechanic Street, immediately left on Marlborough St and Access Lane will be further down on your right.

Accommodation:

We are happy to welcome [Microtel Casselman](#) as the host hotel for this event. A room discount will be offered to competitors. Call and mention the AAC Nationals Dog Agility Championships.

Other dog-friendly hotels and campsites can be found on the website www.aacnationals.ca/accommodation

On-site Camping:

There are
45 places with 15A/120V service
20 places with 30A/120V service
20 dry camping RV spots (no electricity)
30 tent places

There are no water hookups but there are 4 fill stations for you to use on arrival. A pump-out service may be available to book, at a cost, on the Sunday. More details will be in the confirmation.

Generators may be used in the dry-camping section only. Please be considerate of noise and exhausts when running generators.

Camping must be reserved and paid for separately. Check the website for the reservation form.

Indoor Crating:

There are shade tenting areas all around the fairgrounds. If you are flying in and can't bring a tent, there is an indoor crating area available in the arena to reserve at \$20 for the weekend.

Souvenir Clothing:

Can be ordered in advance through [Need Some Sun](#)



VETERINARY SERVICES

Closest veterinary clinic

Maxville Veterinary Clinic (closed Sunday)
2477 County Rd 20, Maxville, ON K0C 1T0
[\(613\) 527-1444](tel:6135271444)
<https://maxvillevet.ca>

Alexandria Veterinary Clinic (closed Sunday)
21421 Chemin Comté 10,
Glen Robertson Rd, Alexandria, ON K0C 1A0
[\(613\) 525-4146](tel:6135254146)
<https://alexandriaveterinaryclinic.com>

Glengarry Animal Hospital (closed Sunday)
467 West Boundary Road
Alexandria, ON K0C 1A0
(613) 525-0570
<https://www.glengarryvet.ca>

Emergency clinics (24 hours)

Animal Emergency & Specialty Hospital (73km/43min)
1155 Lola St #201, Ottawa, ON K1K 4C1
[\(613\) 745-0123](tel:6137450123)
<http://animalemergencyspecialty.ca/>

VCA Canada Alta Vista Animal Hospital (72km/44min)
2616 Bank St, Ottawa, ON K1T 1M9
[\(613\) 731-6851](tel:6137316851)
<https://vcacanada.com/altavista>

VCA Canada Ottawa Veterinary Hospital (86km/51min)
2148 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, ON, K2A 1H1
[613-725-1182](tel:6137251182)
<https://vcacanada.com/ottawa>

CENTREDMVET Montréal (120km)
2300 54e Avenue, Lachine, QC H8T 3R2
(514) 633-8888
<https://centredmvvet.com/en/>

Centre Vétérinaire Laval (130km)
4530 Autoroute 440, Laval, QC, H7T 2P7
1-877-651-2152
(450) 781-1200
<https://cvlaval.com/en>

AAC National Championship Entry Worksheet

Please note – this is for information purposes only. All entries must be completed online

Handler Information			
Owner Name			
Address			
City		Province	Postcode
Handler (if not Owner)			Junior
Telephone		e-mail	
AO concession required (sanctioned runs and pre-qualifier)			Y / N
Dog Information			
Call Name		Breed	
Date of Birth		Dog ID number	
Height Card Completed	Y/N	Final Height Circled	8, 12, 16, 20, 24
Pre-qual Jump Height	4 8 12 16 20 24	Category	R, S, V, DDV
Nationals Jump Height	4 8 12 16 20 24	Category	R, S, V, DDV
Steeplechase Jump Height	4 8 12 16 20 24	Category	R, S, V, DDV
Entry Fees			
Nationals Entry (member)	\$200		
Nationals Entry (member – extra dog)	\$180		
Nationals Entry (non-member)	\$220		
Nationals Entry (2023 champion)	\$0		
Pre-qualifier (member)	\$200		
Pre-qualifier (member – extra dog)	\$180		
Pre-qualifier (non-member)	\$220		
Junior Agility Stakes (both rounds)	\$20		
Warmup runs (one)	\$5		
Warmup runs (pack of 5)	\$20		
AAC Sanctioned Steeplechase	\$27		
AAC Biathlon (2 runs – money round)	\$50		
AAC Biathlon Agility (single event)	\$27		
AAC Biathlon JWW (single event)	\$27		
FEO (per run)	\$15		
Indoor crating	\$20		
Qualified by way of:			
Regionals Event	2023 National Champion		
Pre-qualifier	2024 Regionals Chair		
Lifetime Achievement / Lifetime Versatility Award	2024 IFCS Team member		



AGILITY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA ("AAC")

PARTICIPATION WAIVER AND RELEASE

Handler Name: _____

Dog 1 Name: _____ (the "Dog") AAC Dog ID#: _____

Dog 2 Name: _____ (the "Dog") AAC Dog ID#: _____

Dog 3 Name: _____ (the "Dog") AAC Dog ID#: _____

Dog 4 Name: _____ (the "Dog") AAC Dog ID#: _____

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry by AAC and The Agility Connection (the "Organizing Club") and the opportunity to have the Dog participate, compete in and/or be judged at this event or trial (the "Event"), I, the undersigned, agree as follows:

1. I certify that I am the actual owner of the Dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner of the Dog and that the Dog is not a hazard to persons, property or other dogs.
2. I agree that AAC or the Organizing Club for the Event may refuse my entry for any reason that it deems to be sufficient.
3. I understand and acknowledge that participation in the Event carries certain risks, including, but not limited to injuries (including serious injuries and death) to myself, the Dog, another dog under my control or persons attending as my guests (my "Related Parties"), damage to property and other losses. I waive any and all claims that I have or may have in the future against, and release from all liability and agree not to sue AAC, the Organizing Club or any of the directors, executives, committees, representatives, employees, volunteers or agents of either AAC or the Organizing Club (the "Personnel") for any injury, death, property damage or other loss that I or my Related Parties sustain due to any cause whatsoever, including negligence, breach of contract, breach of duty, statutory or otherwise, or mistakes or errors of judgment of any kind.
4. I assume full responsibility for the conduct of myself and my Related Parties during the entirety of the Event. I agree to indemnify and save harmless AAC, the Organizing Club and the Personnel from and against any and all claims that may be made against them or costs, fees, expenses or liability (including, without limitation, lawyers' fees on a solicitor and own client basis) incurred by AAC, the Organizing Club or the Personnel that may arise due to:
 - (a) any act or omission of myself, my Related Parties or any party for whom I am liable at law; or
 - (b) aggressive behaviour by the Dog or any other dog under my control.
5. I have read, and do understand the rules of competition and the additional rules (if any) appearing in the trial schedule for the Event, as well as the policies of AAC pertaining to discipline and code of conduct (collectively, the "Rules"). I agree to abide by the Rules and to conduct myself and the Dog in accordance with the Rules. I understand that myself and/or the Dog may be subject to disciplinary procedures or sanctions for breach of the Rules and agree to respect and be bound by any disciplinary decision made by AAC.
6. I understand that AAC and/or the Organizing Club may, in the course of administering the Event or conducting its activities generally, collect, use or disclose my personal information and that any personal information collected, used or disclosed by AAC and/or the Organizing Club will be treated in accordance with AAC policy and applicable privacy and personal information laws. I hereby consent to the collection, use and disclosure by AAC and/or the Organizing Club of my personal information.

Media Release & Rights of Privacy Waiver

I Hereby Grant to AAC and its affiliated companies, representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permission to use or appropriate his/her and their dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia of identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media known now or in the future.

Waiver of Rights to Privacy, Publicity & Personality

Further, I hereby release Agility Association of Canada Inc, and its affiliates, representatives, agents and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of publicity, right of personality, or any similar rights.

7. I have been given the opportunity to read and understand the terms of this Agreement before signing it, and have in fact done so. I understand that by signing this Agreement, I am restricting my legal rights and I sign this Agreement voluntarily and of my own free will.

Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian must sign if the Handler is under 18 years of age.

Date (dd/mm/yy): _____

Entry not valid unless Agreement is signed, dated and submitted with the correct fee.