

2021 AKC/USA World Team Tryouts (WTT)



For 2021 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 Tallinn, Estonia on September 23-26, 2021.

Any handler interested in earning a spot on the AKC/USA Agility World Team must attend World Team Tryouts which will tentatively be held on the weekend of April 30-May 3, 2021.

Three of the four team members for each height will earn their team spot at Tryouts. The fourth team member will be chosen by the coaching staff with an eye towards balancing the team that has already been determined at Tryouts.

Tryouts scoring will be based only on speed points, not cumulative results.

The rules for the 2021 World Team Tryouts (WTT) competition will be based upon the FCI rules, which will be in effect at the 2021 AWC.

Date: Friday, April 30 – Sunday, May 2, 2021 or Saturday, May 1 – Monday, May 3, 2021

Location: Central Time Zone - Location to be announced once contract is finalized

Judges: Sascha Grunder (Switzerland) and Patty Drom (Wylie, TX)

Entry Form: The entry form for candidates will be available by January 31, 2021.

Format: There will be 4-5 rounds held over 2 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”	25-30 cm
Medium	16”	35-40 cm
Large	24”	55-60 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) unless qualified at the higher height. Borderline dogs should qualify at the higher height, but enter the lower height. Dogs who have “measured in” at the EO or AWC in 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 2021 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 remainder of the team 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. All information provided to the Coach will be considered in choosing the remaining team.
- It is not a requirement to attend AKC Nationals or to enter ISC at Nationals or to enter 24 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 scores or ISC win.
- All WTT competitors will be required to sign a Consent and Release Form.
- 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 (dates to be determined) and arrive in the host country by Monday night prior to the event and attend all the practices in Europe prior to the AWC.
- 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.
- Cropped and/or docked dogs are allowed to compete in Estonia this year.
- 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 or any other vaccine/treatment 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.

- Dogs entered at AKC World Team Tryouts are subject to the regulations regarding aggression set forth in the Regulations for Agility Trials and Agility Course Test (ACT). Dogs selected for the team must not display any inappropriate or aggressive behavior to humans or other dogs at Team practices, at the Agility World Championship event or while traveling to/from practices. Any dog displaying aggressive behavior as determined by the Team Coach and Agility Director after becoming a team member may be removed from the team, not allowed to participate at the Agility World Championship and may not be allowed to enter the AKC World Team Tryouts again.
- 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 (including Q rates) from April 3, 2019 until April 1, 2021 and make them available to the coach **ON REQUEST** from this time forward.

Score Requirements for Entry into WTT

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 1, 2020 and April 1, 2021 at AKC licensed or member agility trials. All scores and times must come from the regular AKC Master Level titling classes, Premier classes and/or ISC as explained in this document.

SPECIAL FOR THIS YEAR ONLY:

- We reduced the requirements listed below from 6 std/6 JWW to 3 std/3 JWW to reflect the reduced trial opportunities this year.
- Any dog and handler that qualified for the 2020 WTT that was cancelled does not need to get the 3 Std/3 JWW requirements listed below, but they will need to earn at least 1 Std and 1 JWW (Master, Premier or ISC) in the period from April 1, 2020 to April 1, 2021. This requirement can be met at 20" for the large dogs.
- ISC Combined Class Winners from 2020 WTT qualifiers will not need any additional qualifications.

Jump Heights

All scores must come from 12" (or higher) for small, 16" (or higher) for medium and 20" or 24" for large dog teams. For large dog teams (24"), half of the requirements can come from the 20" height – which means 1 std and 1 JWW Master Level/Premier class scores may come from 20" height and 1 additional std or JWW can also come from the 20" class.

All scores must be clean rounds – scores of 100.

The handler of the dog at WTT must be the handler who showed the dog to gain its minimum score requirements.

- 1) A minimum of 3 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 3 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

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 3 Std/3 JWW legs (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 yardages are not calculated as long as the dog is under the course time for that class. The height requirements are the same as stated above.

ISC Class scores

"Clean run" scores from the ISC Standard and ISC JWW may be used to fulfill the minimum requirements of 3 Std/3 JWW legs (i.e., 1 ISC Standard Q = 1 Regular Standard Q, and 1 ISC JWW Q = 1 Regular JWW Q). A "clean run" in ISC consists of a run without time or course faults. Minimum YPS requirements are waived for these scores as yardages are not calculated as long as the dog is under the course time for that class. All scores must come from 12" (or higher) for small, 16" (or higher) for medium and 24" for large dog teams. All ISC class scores can be used – including but not exclusively the Regional World Team Qualifier Events listed below.

Regional World Team Qualifier Events (more may be added):

- May 24-27, 2019 – Two Rivers Agility Club of Sacramento, Dixon, CA
<http://agiltracs.org/> Judges: Brian Brans & Lori Holdren
- August 10-11, 2019 – Dog Agility Sport Handlers, Garden Grove, CA
<http://www.dashagility.com/> Judges: Tom Slattery & Catherine Nelson
- September 27-29, 2019 – Briard Club of America, Denver, CO
<https://lookoutk9trials.com/event/briard-club-of-america/>
Judges: Tim Verrelli & Linda Kipp
- October 5-6, 2019 – South Jersey Agility Club, Pittman, NJ
www.fasttimesagility.com Judge: Zsofi Brio, Hungary
- January 15, 2020 – Greater Clark County Kennel Club, Mulino, OR
<https://www.facebook.com/GreaterClarkCountyKennelClub/> Judge: Tamas Traj
- October 3-4, 2020 – South Jersey Agility Club, Pittman, NJ
www.fasttimesagility.com
Judge: Lauren Duckworth and Mirja Lapanja (Slovenia)
- October 5-6, 2020 - Columbia River Agility Club - Mulino, OR
Dan Butcher will be judging course by FCI Judge – Reeta Pirttikoki (Finland)
Trial Secretary: Lori Sage <https://k-9sports.com/> K9sports22@gmail.com
- January 23 -24, 2021 – Dallas Agility Working Group (DAWG), McKinney, TX
Contact: Sangie Brooks sangiebrooks@att.net or call 214-502-3573
- February 20 -21, 2021 – Greater Clark County Kennel Club, Mulino, OR
(pending) Website: TBD Judge:TBD

ISC Combined Class Winners

Combined scores from ISC Jumpers and Standard classes at the Regional World Team Qualifier Events listed above will be used to award the Combined ISC Class Award. To be eligible for the Combined ISC Class Award the team must have a minimum of one clean ISC run and a run that has a maximum of 5 course faults (no time faults allowed) for those scores to be used to compute the Combined Score. The Combined Class winner from the 12, 16 and 24 inch height is invited to attend Team Tryouts. They do not need to fulfill the requirement of the 3/3 scores. 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 (including an approved pedigree). The handler at tryouts must be the same handler that won the combined award.

AKC Nationals ISC Class Winners

If the AKC Nationals holds an ISC class in March 2021, 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 3/3 scores. 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 (including an approved pedigree). The handler at tryouts must be the same handler that won the ISC class.

Junior Open Agility World Championship Competitors

Juniors that were chosen to compete at the 2020 JOAWC and would have normally aged out of the 2021 JOAWC are invited to attend World Team Tryouts. Due to the cancellation of the 2020 World Team Tryouts, Juniors that were on the 2019 EOJ team who aged out for 2020 are also eligible to enter. Juniors that meet this criteria do not need to fulfill the requirement of the 3/3 scores. 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 (including an approved pedigree). The dog and handler at WTT must be the same dog and handler that made the 2019 & 2020 Junior Teams. Any questions please contact Coach Susan or Carrie DeYoung carrie.deyoung@akc.org.

Intent to Enter World Team Tryouts (WTT)

If you are planning on attending 2021 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 2021 World Team Candidates immediately to Toni Osojnicky, osojn001@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 Facebook group (AKC Agility World Team Tryouts 2021 to be created).

Questions

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

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Carrie DeYoung, AKC Director of Agility
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