



2020 AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

JUNIOR AGILITY COMPETITION

DECEMBER 11, 2020

AGILITY INVITATIONAL

DECEMBER 12 & 13, 2020



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Items in yellow highlight have been updated or added since the initial publishing of this document.

Dear AKC Agility Invitational and Junior Agility Competition Exhibitors,

Congratulations on being part of AKC's 15th Agility Invitational and 10th Junior Agility Competition, sponsored by Eukanuba.

We are looking forward to an exciting event weekend in Orlando, Florida this year. The AKC Agility Invitational and AKC Junior Agility Competition are combined with the AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin, AKC National Obedience Championship, AKC Rally National Championship, inaugural AKC FAST CAT Invitational, and NADD Santa Splash competitions.

Orlando in December has lovely weather - usually in the mid-'70s with lows in the mid-'50s. Remember, it can be cool in the mornings and evenings so bring a jacket. It will be a fun weekend!

Please carefully read all of the information below:

WHERE IS ALL THIS INFORMATION FOUND???

AKC has an abundance of information online, including the event's premium list, posted at:

www.akc.org/AGI and www.akc.org/JAC

ADMITTANCE TO THE BUILDING

FIRST AND FOREMOST!! PLAN EXTRA TIME THIS YEAR TO GET INTO THE BUILDING

There will not be any general public allowed into the building this year. As such, there will not be general admittance ticket sales. Only exhibitors and their handler assistants (includes the dog's owner(s) and anyone helping the exhibitor during the day) will be allowed entrance. On the first day, you enter the venue, you will receive a wristband after submitting your Waiver, Your Covid-19 Self-Declaration form, and temperature check. You must keep your wristband on at all times for the duration of your stay. If your wristband is lost or broken, you must re-submit all forms and have your temperature checked again. The forms can also be found online on the AGI and Junior webpages. They were previously emailed to you.

Additionally, everyone entering the building must pass a temperature check **each day**. You will also receive a sticker each day after the temperature check that you **must** wear in the building. There will be a separate temperature check line at each door for those that already have turned in their paperwork and received their wristband on a previous day.

This process is subject to change.

UN-ENTERED DOGS

Only those dogs showing at some time during the week may enter the Convention Center. No un-entered dogs may enter the building. This is absolute! Exhibitors will be asked to provide the armband # of all dogs being brought into the building. If a dog has shown earlier in the week (example: conformation during the week-day shows), that dog may be brought in during agility's events on Friday-Sunday. All dogs entering the building must have an assigned armband # from having shown in the Convention Center sometime during the week.

FALSIFYING ARMBAND INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE ACTION BEING TAKEN BY THE EVENT COMMITTEE AND MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES).

SHOW AND GO / LIVESTREAMING

To reduce the number of individuals in the building all of the events are requesting that once an exhibitor is done for the day that they leave the building. Unless you are required to remain near the rings for judging, please return to your crating area if you must remain in the building.

AKC.TV <https://akc.tv/watch/7/0/event> will be live streaming so that you do not miss the action! All Junior Runs on Friday morning. For the Invitational all runs will be live-streamed on Saturday and Sunday. No live streaming of Time 2 Beat on Friday.

AKC.TV apps for IOS and GOOGLEPLAY can be downloaded at <https://akc.tv/where-to-watch>

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers make this event possible and we couldn't do it without you. Please come be a part of something very special. Unfortunately, the no un-entered dogs is applicable this year to volunteers as well. We will not have a general crating area for volunteer's dogs this year.

Not only do the volunteers get to watch the top agility dogs in each breed compete for top honors, they get free admission to the event, free parking, lunch, snacks, a t-shirt, and more.

EXHIBITORS CAN HELP TOO - Exhibitors who want to volunteer but prefer not to course build may sign up to work at the awards table or in the volunteer/hospitality area. Just indicate your preference on the volunteer form! (Sorry, exhibitors cannot volunteer to time or score.)

Volunteers are also needed to help set up on Thursday. This is also an option you can check on the form.

If you are interested in volunteering, please use the online Sign-Up form at www.akc.org/AGI to select which volunteer spaces you would like to work. You can also stop by the volunteer area and talk to Lisa Dempsey if once you are at the show you have time to volunteer.

OFFICIALLY RECORDED TITLES

Titles used at this event for the catalog and awards shall be from what is officially recorded with AKC as of the following dates:

- Titles recorded as of **Wednesday, December 9, 2020**, will be used when determining award eligibility.

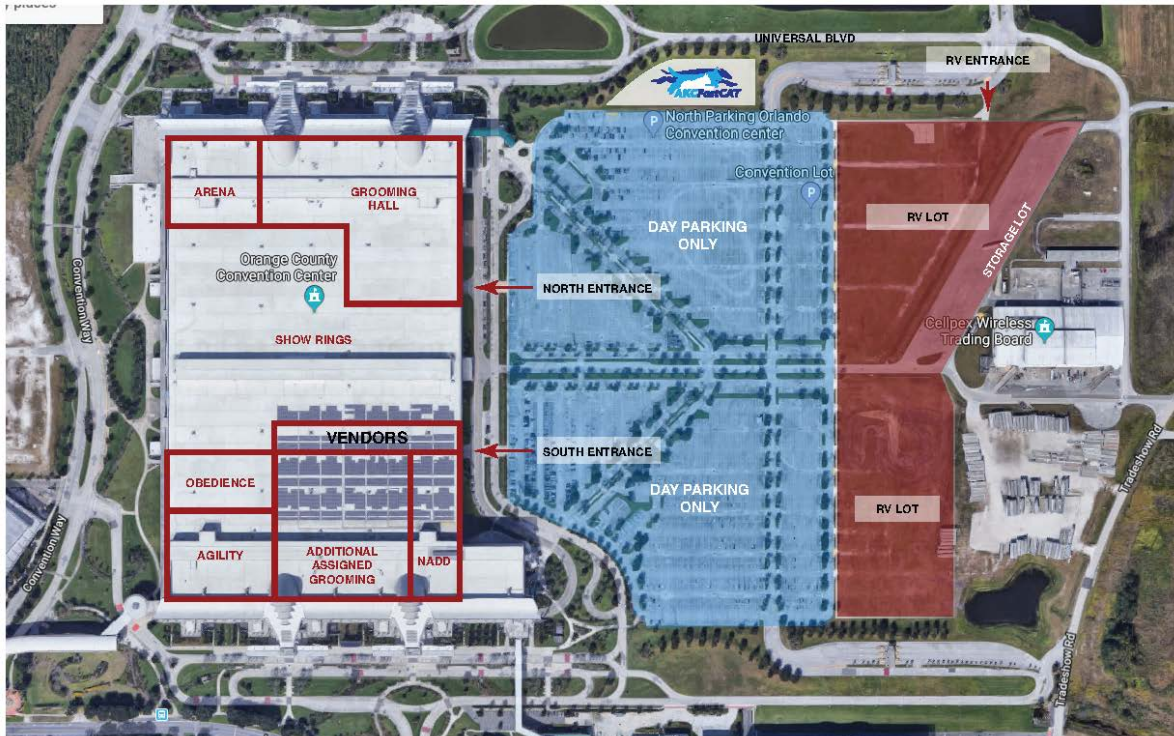
Exhibitors shall not need to provide title updates as we'll be using what titles are on their dog's official record.

BUILDING OPENS

The building will be open at 6:00 a.m. on Friday, 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, and 6:00 a.m. on Sunday.

****NEW** BUILDING PARKING AND ENTRANCES**

The SOUTH entrance is recommended for Agility. You can also enter from the main entrance on International drive. You **MAY NOT** come in from the loading dock under the building.



EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN

There will not be an exhibitor check-in line this year. Instead, your welcome packet (i.e. bib, safety pins, badge, loop, zip tie, patch, pin, and tee-shirt) will be in a sealed, clear plastic bag that has been placed inside your exhibitor bag which will be left in your pre-assigned crating space. PLEASE do not move anyone's bag when you move into your crating space.

There will be a luggage tag badge in your exhibitor welcome packet with a barcode. You **MUST** present this badge ringside before each one of your runs. At your option, it may be attached to your dog's leash. If you lose this badge, please check at the Awards table. If it hasn't been found and turned in, they will be able to print you a replacement badge.

****NEW** EXHIBITOR COURSE MAPS**

Exhibitor course maps will be posted online during the event weekend after 6 pm the evening prior (except for the Finals map) at www.akc.org/AGI, then click on the **Course Maps** link at the left. A paper copy of Friday's course maps will be in your exhibitor bag, distributed to your crating space. Exhibitors are highly encouraged to print their own paper copies, if desired, of Saturday and Sunday's maps from the posted PDFs the evening prior. A limited supply of paper maps will be available on-site Saturday and Sunday mornings.

A paper copy of Sunday's Finals course map will be provided to all finalist exhibitors, distributed when you pick up your finalist shirt and bib. A PDF copy of Sunday's finals map will be posted online after the first jump height of finalists has been announced that Sunday afternoon. There will not be paper copies made available for anyone not in the final round.

EXHIBITOR TEE-SHIRTS

If a tee-shirt size was not provided by the **September 30, 2020** extended deadline, then a large-adult tee-shirt will be in your welcome packet. We will not be doing a size exchange this year!

ON-SITE MERCHANDISE

There will not be any on-site merchandise sales this year while in Orlando.

All online souvenir merchandise orders have been mailed USPS to the address provided during cart check-out, except for the additional pins and patches, which will be mailed after the event, and the exhibitor catalogs, which will be in your welcome bag at the event.

No souvenir merchandise items may be modified, canceled, or returned after the **October 12, 2020** deadline. AKC will not process returns, exchanges, or try to re-sell your souvenir items if the size is not correct.

NO ANNOUNCER BIO CHANGES WHILE AT THE EVENT

Bios submitted by the **Wednesday, December 9, 2020** deadline shall be posted as a PDF for exhibitors and remote spectators to read on the AGI and JAC web pages. No changes or submissions after this deadline will be accepted. No on-site changes may be made. A static PDF document will be posted Thursday with what information has been submitted by the deadline.

CRATING

No un-entered dogs may be in the crating areas this year! There will be a crating tag in your welcome bag. Please write-in an emergency phone # where you may be reached while in Orlando, then fasten the tag to your dog's crate using the zip tie provided.

ALL dogs within the crating area must have a crating tag this year. If you have been granted an extra space for a dog entered elsewhere in the Convention Center (i.e. conformation, obedience, rally, dock diving, FAST CAT, JAC) you must fill out a crating tag (including armband #) and attach it to their crate. Blank crating tags may be picked up from the awards table area.

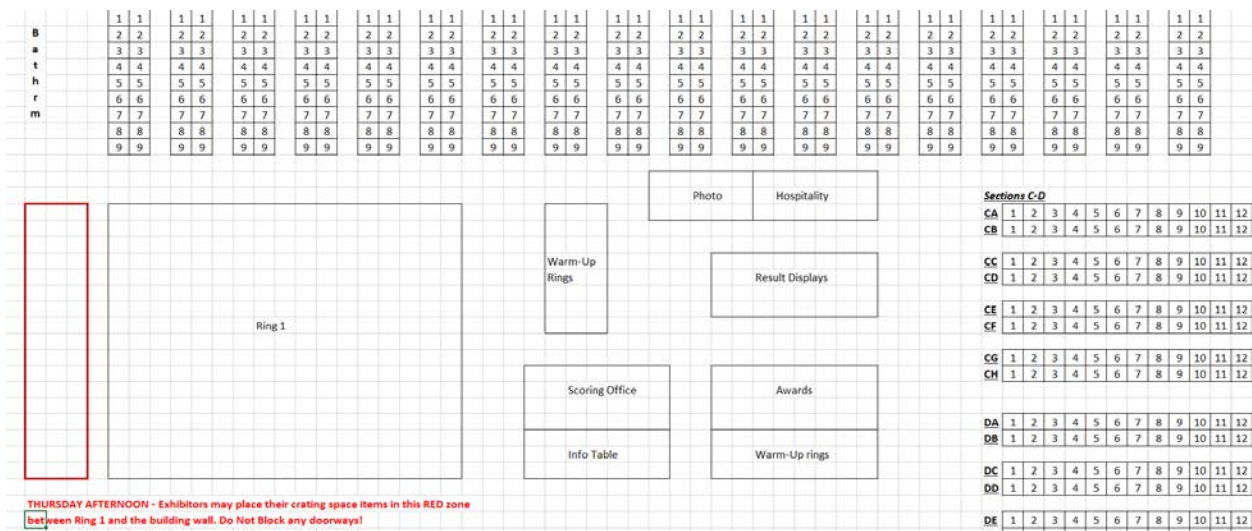
Exhibitors will be required to remove any dog found in the crating area without a properly filled out crating tag.

All dogs must be in crates - NO EX-PENS will be allowed in the building.

All dogs must be housed in a crate, which must have sides, a top, and a bottom, all parts being inter-connected, thus preventing the dog from being able to escape the enclosure even if knocked over. The top and/or bottom of the "crate" may be not be secured only by Velcro or a Velcro-like product. There must be additional fasteners that will prevent both the top and bottom from coming off and will not allow the dog to escape the enclosure.

Crating spaces will be selected by the owner, handler, or crating group coordinator using AKC's Online Crating Reservation system. All entered dogs not assigned to a crating space by the **Monday, November 30, 2020** deadline shall be automatically assigned a crating space based on what is available.

Exhibitors may start moving into their crating spaces starting at **7:00 a.m.** on **Friday, December 11, 2020**. NOTE: You may want to come in later if not a Junior. The entrances to the building will be VERY busy that time of morning as the Conformation dogs are coming in for their 8 am start time. We expect the line to be significant early in the morning.



We need to keep the crating sections clear until Friday morning when the welcome bags are dropped on the ground labeling each crating space.

Exhibitors may drop-off their crating items inside the Convention Center building on Thursday afternoon, December 10, 2020 in the above-marked DESIGNATED AREA – NOT their crating space.

Exhibitors may place their crating space items in the RED zone indicated on the above map between Ring 1 and the building wall. Do Not Block any doorways!

AGI and JAC exhibitors may enter the Convention Center on Thursday afternoon (which is when the entrance lines shall be shorter). Being your first time entering the building, this is when your paperwork will be submitted, reviewed, temperature checked, and the wristband shall be provided. On subsequent days (Fri-Sun), only the temperature check will be required for entry.

Your first day entering the building will take longer than subsequent days for entry.

This is the 10th Anniversary of the AKC Junior Agility Competition on Friday morning. You are encouraged to spectate at the juniors' event which runs from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Friday. Please be considerate of their event when moving into crating. If you'd like to volunteer to help with the Juniors event, please fill out the online Volunteer Interest Form (see above).

****NEW** LEASH RUNNERS AND OPTIONS**

The rings will have leash runners using grab-sticks to move the leash from the In Gate to the Out Gate. Alternatively, exhibitors may place the leash fully inside their pocket-or exhibitors may wear their leashes.

LONG LEADS

Dogs may not be on retractable or long-leads while in the Convention Center.

FOOD & ICE CHESTS

There are food vendors inside the Convention Center. Per the Convention Center management, NO ice chests (i.e. food or drink for exhibitors/spectators) will be allowed into the building. Small coolers containing dog treats are acceptable.

BANQUET & 2019 TOP DOGS

AKC will not be able to hold our customary banquet including the celebration of the 2019 Top Dogs presentation. The certificates will be mailed USPS to the primary owner's address in early December. There will be a pictorial presentation displayed during our weekend in Orlando plus made available on AGI's web page.

TIME 2 BEAT titling class on Friday

Your T2B armband number will be the same as your AGI or JAC armband number, hence wear the bib contained within your exhibitor bag on Friday. AGI judging shall commence promptly at 12:00 noon.

Please note: all JAC entrants, all jump heights, will run together, first in Ring 3. JAC T2B walks/runs may start prior to 12:00 noon depending on the completion time of JAC awards. The start time will be announced Friday while at the event.

DRESS CODE FOR FINALS ROUND

AGI exhibitors who make it to the Finals Round are asked to wear BLACK pants or shorts.

An AGI finalist shirt and commemorative bib will be provided by AKC.

SEATING AROUND THE RING

There will not be seating around any rings within the Convention Center (including agility's rings), **including the Finals round on Sunday afternoon. Exhibitors may not place chairs around the agility rings at any time.**

Seating provided for ring workers shall not be used by exhibitors! Cleaning materials will be available at each ring for volunteers to use within their workspace. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own chairs.

Dogs may not be brought into the viewing areas around the rings.

****NEW** FINALS ROUND WRIST BANDS**

AGI exhibitor finalists, and up to two of their handler assistants, will be given a unique, finals round wrist band when picking up their finalist shirt and bib. Only those exhibitors with this finals round wrist band will be allowed to remain in the building for the Finals round. All other exhibitors will be asked to leave the building and will not be allowed back in. AKC will be providing free live video streaming of the Finals round on AKC.TV.

NO RIDING ANYTHING WITH WHEELS INSIDE (except ADA devices)

Exhibitors may not ride any type of transport device with wheels while in the Convention Center building except those specifically used/rented for handicap purposes. Pulling a cart and transport of dogs on wheels is permitted.

RING SCHEDULES - WALK-THRU GROUPS, AND RUN ORDER #s have been posted on the AGI and JAC web pages. There will not be any general walk-throughs before the timed walk groups. Please walk in your assigned group number (provided on your emailed confirmation PDF) EXCEPT if you are a multiple dogs, same handler. Multiple dogs, same handler may walk in whichever walk groups they wish so they may better manage their time between walks and runs.

ELECTRONICS IN-USE AT THE EVENT

A separate document will be posted explaining the various electronics in-use during the event which shall include remote exhibitor check-in, online run orders, electronic gate boards ringside, enhanced result displays on-site and various ways to view results online.

PARKING (Cars Daily Parking)

We were able to secure a reduced rate of \$10.00 per car each day. Oversized vehicles are charged a higher rate. We have arranged for "In and Out" privileges, but you should be aware that during peak times you might not get back into the same area you left.

**YOU MUST PRESENT YOUR PAID OCCC PARKING RECEIPT
FOR THAT DAY FOR FREE RE-ENTRY.**

*****IMPORTANT PARKING LOT RULES*****

ANY VEHICLE (AND THIS INCLUDES ANY VEHICLE WITH WHEELS: CAR / VAN / RV, TRAILER / GOLF CART, ETC) LEFT IN ANY OCCC PAVED PARKING LOT AFTER MIDNIGHT, ANY NIGHT, WILL BE TOWED AND IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN BY THE EVENT COMMITTEE MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES).

Congratulations on your achievement! We are looking forward to seeing you in Orlando!

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