

Premium List

The 3rd AKC AGILITY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, September 26-September 28, 2025



T. Ed Garrison Arena

1101 W. Queen St.
Pendleton, SC 29670

<https://www.clemson.edu/extension/garrison/index.html>

Two rings, indoors on dirt, 105' X 110' Rings

This event will be livestreamed by AKC-TV

Entries open Monday, July 21, 2025, at 8 a.m. ET
Entries close Monday, September 1, 2025, at Midnight ET

Online Entry Only

Entry fee:

\$75 for Elementary, Freshman & Sophomore dogs

\$100 for International/Ph.D. & Senior dogs

Junior handlers pay \$50.

Entries will open at 8 am ET July 21 at which time the entry form link will be posted on: <https://www.akc.org/akc-agility-league/akc-agility-league-championship/>

By entering this event, exhibitors agree to adhere to all guest rules set forth by T. Ed Garrison Arena. You may read them at:

<https://www.clemson.edu/extension/garrison/book-your-event/rules-and-regulations.html>

Trial Committee

Event Chairperson Penny Leigh

Event Secretary Angela Ogle

Committee Members: Kassandra Pickel, Joseph Carlini,
Hilarie Erb, Erin Marquart, Milena Barreto

Judges

-Abbie Hanson of South Carolina: Sophomore & Elementary

-Carol Mount of New Jersey: PhD (courses designed by Ashley Deacon)

-Rebecca Schnulle of South Carolina: Senior & Freshman

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels that accept dogs are quickly becoming a rarity. Please behave responsibly! Clean up after your dog, bring sheets to cover the furniture, do not groom or bathe your dog inside, do not leave your dog(s) unattended in the room, and please be respectful of other guests who do not have to be up at 6 a.m.

PET FRIENDLY HOTELS FOR AGILITY LEAGUE NATIONALS

Partner Hotels Offering Special Rates for our Group

Comfort Inn & Suites

(121 rooms newly renovated including all rooms and mattresses)
1305 Tiger Blvd, Clemson, SC
(864) 653-3600

\$99 per night with \$35 one time pet fee plus 11% taxes

Microtel

102 Electric City
Anderson, SC
(864)224-9707

\$90 + tax and one time \$60 pet fee

Other Pet Friendly Hotels in the Area

Note: The AKC does not have any agreements with these hotels, they are listed as a courtesy based on information that they allow pets. Policies can change. Please verify that dogs are still being accepted when making reservations and CHECK PET FEES!

<u>Country Inn & Suites</u> 116 Interstate Blvd Anderson, SC (864)210-1070	<u>Baymont Inn</u> 128 Interstate Blvd. Anderson, SC 864-375-9800
<u>Horizon Inn</u> (aka Red Roof) 3025 Main Street Anderson, SC (864)226-6051	<u>Quality Inn</u> 5539 Calhoun Memorial Hwy US 123 Easley, SC 864-859-7520
<u>Quality Inn</u> 3430 Clemson Blvd Anderson, SC 864-225-3721	<u>Residence Inn Anderson Clemson</u> 109 Interstate Blvd. Anderson, SC 29621 864-280-8180
<u>Super 8</u> 3302 Cinema Avenue Anderson, SC 864-225-8384	<u>Barefoot RV Rentals</u> <u>https://barefootrvrentals.com/ barefootrvrentals@gmail.com</u> Phone: 864-898-5208

RV HOOKUPS

RV parking and full hookups are available onsite at T. Ed Garrison Arena. Cost is \$45 per night. Check in is no earlier than Sept. 24. Check out is no later than 9 am ET on Monday, Sept. 29. The link to the reservation form: <https://akc.jotform.com/250485529343865>

Emergency Veterinary Clinics

Magnolia Veterinary Hospital

2828 E. North Ave. Anderson, SC 29625

Phone: 864.222.2188

Appointment hours: M-F: 8 a.m.-5:40 p.m. Sat 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Emergency hours:

M-F: 6 p.m.-midnight, Sat: Noon-midnight, Sun: 8 a.m.-midnight

*******For emergencies outside normal business hours*******

Animal Emergency Clinic-Upstate Vet

393 Woods Lake Rd, Greenville, SC 29607

864-232-1878

Emergency Services

Fire/Ambulance/Police, City of Pendleton, SC

911

Clemson University Police: 864-656-2222

Clemson University EMS: 864-656-2244

Clemson University Fire Department: 864-656-2211

SITE INFORMATION

This trial is being held at [T. Ed Garrison Arena](#). There is plenty of parking at no charge. We will be running in two rings on the ground level; the rings will share a common “wall,” and the ring gating will be covered with a dark barrier material.

Crating will be on the upper-level Mezzanine. The arena is not air conditioned. There are large ceiling fans that keep the rings cool, plus roll-up doors will be opened if necessary. Please plan to pack fans for your dogs in the event of warmer weather.

As always, everyone must pick up after their dogs and have them on leash while on the show premises. ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT WHEN IN THE RING OR IN THE DESIGNATED WARM UP AREAS.

Outside food and beverages are not allowed. The Southern Way restaurant will be open from app. 7 am to 3 pm ET on the event days (Friday – Sunday).

PHOTOGRAPHER: [Beau & Arrow Images](https://beauandarrowimages.shootproof.com/) is the official event photographer for the AKC Agility League Championship:
<https://beauandarrowimages.shootproof.com/>

Agility Gate will be used at this event. Code to be issued after entries close.

DIVISIONS & CLASSES

Team divisions

- **Ph.D (ISC)**
- **Senior (Masters/Excellent)**
- **Sophomore (Open)**
- **Freshman (Novice)**
- **Elementary (Pre-Novice)**

Dogs may compete in the division for which they originally qualified, even if they have moved up in skill level. For instance, a dog that qualified on a Freshman team may compete at that level for the Championship, even if they have earned a Novice title. Dogs may compete up in skill level but cannot compete down.

Individual Dog Classes

- **Regular – 8, 12, 16, 20, 24 & 24C**
- **Preferred – 4, 8, 12, 16 & 20**
- **Veteran (dogs 10 & older may jump up to 2 heights lower than regular jump height; jumps will not be set lower than 4-inches) – 4, 8, 12, 16**

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- **Any team that has successfully completed a League season between Fall 2024-Spring 2025 (9/24-8/25), is eligible to enter. Successful completion means the team completed all six rounds with a minimum of three dogs per round.**
- **Any dog that has successfully completed a League season between Fall 2024-Spring 2025 (9/24-8/25), is eligible to enter. Successful completion means the dog completed at least four of six rounds, meaning a score was submitted for that dog.**
- **All dogs must be on a team in order to enter the event.**
- **Teams may be comprised of 3 to 8 dogs and must be sponsored by the same group, club or school. The team requirement minimum is 3 dogs/2 handlers.**
- **Sponsoring facilities may change their team rosters and/or merge teams for the National Championship, as long as all dogs on the teams have completed the eligibility requirements.**
- **Teams may enter more than one division. Dogs may compete on more than one team. Dogs cannot enter twice in the same division.**
- **Dogs may enter multiple divisions for which they qualified or higher levels. For instance, a dog qualified in Sophomore may choose to participate in Senior or PhD in addition to Sophomore.**

- **Dogs that qualify in Elementary and choose Elementary at the Championship, may also enter Freshman but not higher levels.**
- **Handlers may not form “cross-country” new teams to compete in the Championship. In the case of individual handlers whose teams cannot attend, but they would like to compete: they should contact the AKC Agility League at AgilityLeague@akc.org.**

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

- **Exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any dogs and/or children that create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may be asked to leave.**
- **Scores from the Championship will not count towards AKC titles or MACH points because these scores will not be recorded by the AKC Records Dept.**
- **All rights to video tape, televise, advertise, photograph, promote and otherwise exploit this event are vested in the American Kennel Club. All persons and the owners of the animals in attendance who appear in any resultant effort grant the use of their likeness and voice without further consent. Exhibitors may video tape their own individual runs for personal use.**
- **Dogs cannot be left overnight at the trial site.**

CRATING AREA GUIDELINES

- All crating will be by reservation only. Team captains will be given the access to reserve crating blocks for their teams and will be sent the access information once they enter their team or teams.
- Each exhibitor will be required to display an information card on the outside of each crate. The information card must have your name and emergency contact information (cell phone# or other). The card will be given to you at check-in.
- All dogs in the crating sections 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 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.
- Un-entered dogs will only be allowed in the facility if they can fit in the crating area of an entered dog; either in the same crate or stacked on top of an entered dog. No Ex-Pens will be allowed in crating area.

PRACTICE RING

A practice ring that will include all contacts and weave poles, as well as jumps and a tunnel, will be provided for exhibitors use. The practice ring is only for entered dogs. No outside dogs permitted in practice ring. Location will be the outdoor covered dirt arena directly behind the Garrison Arena. Exhibitors may use food and toys, as well as practice aids, such as stride regulators, in the practice ring. No food directly on ground or the equipment. Please use target plates to place food treats or a remote food dispenser. Any such aids must be removed quickly and immediately before exit of the practice ring. Practices will be timed and a time limit, TBA, will be enforced. More Practice Ring rules and guidelines will be announced to competitors before the event.



2025 AKC Agility League Nationals Draft Schedule

All times are Eastern Standard Times. Schedule subject to change based on final entry numbers

*** All Days—Practice in Ring 3 during open hours ***

Thursday September 25, 2025 (12pm-5:30pm)

12pm	Ring & Vendor set-up
3pm-5:30pm	Competitor check-in, crating open
3pm-5:30pm	(Optional) Practice for all levels including ISC equipment

Friday September 26, 2025 (7am-6pm)

7am-6pm	Competitor check-in, crating open
7:45 am	Practice Ring Opens
8:40am	Briefing (Great Hall)
9am	Walk-thru Ph D Standard (Round 1) & Elementary (Round 1)
9:45am	First dogs on the line
To follow	Ph D & Elementary (Round 2)
	Ph D & Elementary (Round 3)
	Elementary Finals (Note—competition will break in the PhD ring during the Elementary finals)
	Elementary Awards
	Freshman (Round 1)
	Freshman (Round 2)
	Freshman (Round 3)

Saturday September 27, 2025 (7am-6pm)

7am-9am	Final Competitor check-in, crating open
7 am	Practice ring opens
7:15am	Briefing (Great Hall)
	Team Shirt Winners Announced
7:30am	Walk-thru Ph D Finals & Freshman Finals
8:15am	First dog on the line – Freshman Finals
To Follow	Ph D Finals
	Walk-thru Sophomore (Round 1) & Senior (Round 1)
	Sophomore (Round 2) & Senior (Round 2)
	Ph D & Freshman Awards

Sunday September 28, 2025 (7am-4pm)

7:15am	Briefing & Crating Area Decoration Winners Announced
7:30am	Walk-thru Sophomore (Round 3) & Senior (Round 3)
8:15am	First dogs on the line
To Follow	Sophomore & Senior Finals
	Sophomore & Senior Awards

AGILITY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING

- Dogs will be scored under the same scoring guidelines as the regular League seasons, based on their division/class, with the exception that dogs that do not complete a round will be scored a Zero for that round. Scoring is based on Time plus Faults.
- There will be 3 rounds for each division: 1 Standard round, 1 Jumpers with Weaves round, and 1 Hybrid round. The pause table will not be used at the League Championship.
- Team scores will be the average of all team dogs' scores.
- The individual dog winners will be determined based on the cumulative score of the three rounds.
- The Junior Handler winners will be determined based on the cumulative score of the three rounds.
- The team champions will be based on a Finals round, to be a Standard course, and to be scheduled at the conclusion of the 3 rounds. The top placing teams, number to be determined based on the entry, will advance to the Finals round. **Teams in the finals are asked to wear black pants or shorts and matching shirts – team shirts, club/school shirts or the same color shirt.**
- The top 3 teams will be honored in each division: Ph.D., Senior, Sophomore, Freshman and Elementary; and the top three individual dogs will be honored in each jump height for each division.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to help make this event possible. Please consider volunteering when you are not competing or if you have friends and family attending with you, please encourage them to volunteer. All volunteers, who work at least one complete class, will receive a shirt and lunch, plus tickets for the Workers Raffle. Volunteer needs include check-in, trophy table, course builders, practice ring, and ring crew (including scribes, timers, gate stewards, leash runners and score runners). Please sign up here:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025_Championship_Volunteer

AWARDS

Individual dogs: Rosettes & Trophies will be given for 1st-3rd places in each individual round in each jump height. Flat ribbons will be given for placements and clean runs in each round.

Teams: One trophy will be given to each of the top 3 placing teams in each division, plus medals for each team member of the top 3 teams.

Junior Handlers: Rosettes & Prizes will be given to the top 3 placing Juniors in each division.

Clean Sweep Award: A special Rosette will go to each dog that goes clean for all three rounds of its division.

REFUND POLICY

A full refund will be issued for any dog canceled before the closing date of midnight Monday, September 1.

Bitches in season will not be admitted to the trial. Any exhibitor with a bitch entered, which is in season on the trial date, will be refunded the entry fee, less \$10, upon written certification from a veterinarian. Notification must be in the hands of the trial secretary no later than 30 minutes before the start time on the first day of the trials. (Friday, September 26)

Injury/Illness – As a courtesy to our exhibitors, AKC Agility League offers a partial refund if a request for refund with required documentation is presented to trial secretary as defined here: Dogs that cannot compete prior to the set of trials due to an injury/illness will be given a partial refund minus \$10 processing fees. A written vet letter (on office letterhead) must be given to the Trial Secretary no later than 30 minutes before the start time on the first day of the trials (Friday, September 26). (Letters from chiropractors and massage therapists are not valid) **Injuries/illness to handlers are excluded from this policy.**

EQUIPMENT

[Max 200](#) is the sponsor of two rings of the equipment for this event, and it is available for sale to be taken home at the conclusion of the event. If you are interested in any item, it is advisable that you order it in advance to ensure that it is reserved for you. Credit cards will not be charged until the week before the event. You can order on-line indicating "Pick-up at Trial" as your delivery option - www.max200.com. Or you can call (315) 776-9588 to place your order. If you want anything other than agility equipment, you can order that and Max 200 will bring it to the event to save shipping costs.

TEAM EVENTS

The AKC Agility League is all about teamwork and here are some fun ways to show your team spirit! Watch for information on how to get involved in these cool activities! Questions: agilityleague@akc.org

Team Shirt Contest – We will pick the best team shirt, based on creativity and reflection of the team theme. Teams must wear the shirts at least one day of the event and will be asked to email the shirt design prior to the competition. Teams should send photos of their shirts to the Agility League by 6 pm ET September 9. Winners will be announced at the event on Saturday morning.

Team Crating Area Decoration Contest – We will select the best decorated team crating area, based on creativity and reflection of the team theme. Judging will take place throughout the event Friday and Saturday, with winners announced Sunday morning.

For rules on both contests: <https://www.akc.org/akc-agility-league/akc-agility-league-championship/>

VENDOR INFORMATION

Approved vendors are welcome at our event (no dog food or dog treat vendors). You can find the vendor application here: <https://www.akc.org/akc-agility-league/akc-agility-league-championship/>



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