



2016 Official Rules and Policies

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CJAG Goals

To offer a North American world-class event for junior agility handlers and their dogs

To bring juniors together for a fun filled weekend with friends and canines.

Who Can Enter

Open to dogs of all breeds, including mixed breeds (but please be aware of Ontario's breed ban legislation) and junior handlers between the ages of 5 and 18 years. No prequalification requirements, event is privately run and not affiliated with any organization.

Those ineligible to enter CJAG

- Dogs less than 18 months in age.
- Bitches in season.
- Pregnant bitches.
- Dogs that are apparently ill or hurt.
- Breeds under the current Ontario Breed Ban.
- Handlers over the age of 18, or under the age of 5, on the day of the event.

Handler Age Divisions

Junior Ages 5-11yrs on the day of the event.

Senior Ages 12-18yrs on the day of the event.

Jump Height Categories

Two divisions will be offered: regular and preferred. A dog may, at the owner's discretion, jump one height lower than their regular jump height by entering the preferred division. Furthermore, a dog aged 7 years or older (on the first day of the event) will have the option of jumping two heights lower than their regular jump height by entering the preferred division for the next lower dog height. *It is thereby understood that the preferred division may well have both "single drop" and "double drop" dogs in the same preferred category.*

Dogs must remain in the division/jump height category as entered for the duration of the event.

Dog's Height	Regular Division Jump Height	Preferred Division Jump Height
12" or less	10"	6"

>12" to 16"	16"	10"
>16" to 21"	22"	16"
>21"	26"	22"

Measuring

At their discretion, CJAG may measure any entered dog at any time during the event.

Courses and Equipment

Course Design

Course design is left entirely to the judge's imagination. Junior and senior categories will have different courses and challenges.

Printed course maps will be provided at the start of each day. The judge will brief competitors prior to each class' course walk. Course walk throughs will be timed to ensure the day's schedule is adhered to. Parents or coaches will be allowed to walk courses with the junior group only.

Time will be offered on the Friday evening for obstacle familiarization and/or practice time on the equipment. Warm up jumps will be provided in the warm up area.

Approved Equipment

Winged Jumps	with removable jump cups, no spreads
Wall Jump	heights consistent with jump heights, minimum width 47", ~8" thickness, solid wall panels with displaceable units on top
Tire	foam breakaway tire
Long Jump	60" span for 26" jump height, 48" span for 22" jump height, 36" span for 16" jump height, 20" span for 10" jump height, 12" span for 6" jump height
Chute	30" barrel length with 8' fabric
Weave poles	24" spacing, allowed 6 or 12
Pipe tunnels	15' and/or 20', 4" or 6" pitch
Teeter	with 36" contact zone, rubberized, no slats

Dog Walk	with 36" contact zones, rubberized, no slats
A-Frame	with 42" contact zones, rubberized, with slats, height for individual: 5'6 for regular dogs, 5' for preferred dogs height for team: 5' for all dogs (since teams can be mixed regular and preferred)

** photo examples of approved equipment will be provided on the CJAG website.*

Classes Offered

Scoring

All classes offered to be scored as "time plus faults", fastest time wins! Dogs must be present for awards presentations and photos.

Individual

1. Standard Agility course, containing all listed equipment.
2. Jumpers course, containing all jumps (winged, long, wall, tire), chute, and tunnels (no weave poles).

Standard Agility and Jumpers results to be combined to determine the Canadian Junior Agility Games Champion. There will be a champion for each age category and per jump height* for regular and preferred. In the case of a tie (for first place only) the standard agility score will determine the winner.

** CJAG reserves the right to combine jump heights for awards purposes if numbers entered are low.*

3. CJAG Speedstakes (much like steeplechase), judge has option to use all listed equipment except dog walk and teeter.

CJAG reserves the right to play music during speedstakes classes. Speedstakes results to determine who will be the Canadian Junior Agility Games Speedstakes Champion. There will be a champion for each age category and per jump height* for regular and preferred.

** CJAG reserves the right to combine jump heights for awards purposes if numbers entered are low.*

Team

1. Team Standard Agility course, containing all listed equipment.
2. Team Jumpers course, containing all jumps (winged, long, wall, tire), chute, and tunnels (no weave poles).

A team will consist of 3 or 4 dogs of which all handlers must be of the same age category but can be of different jump heights, and can be mixed regular and preferred (A Frame to be set at

5' for all team events). If the team has 4 dogs, the best three results will count towards the overall score. If the team only consists of 3 dogs, then all results will count. If a dog is absent or a handler decides not to run in a class then a score of zero will be applied to that run. Handlers are permitted to run multiple dogs on the same team.

Entries for team that do not specify desired teammates prior to the closing date will be automatically entered as draw entries and assigned teammates by the CJAG trial secretary.

CJAG reserves the right to "top up" any team submitted with less than 4 team members with draw entries as needed to allow everyone entered to play.

A withdrawal from a team prior to the closing date will have every effort made by the CJAG trial secretary to fill the vacant spot with a draw team entry. In the event that no replacement team member can be found, then the team shall run as is with the reduced team.

Standard Agility and Jumpers results to be combined to determine the Canadian Junior Agility Games Team Champions. There will be a champion team for each age category (junior and senior).

Team Name and Dress Awards

Prizes to be awarded for both the best team name and the best dressed team.

Judging

The judge's decision is final. No video footage challenges will be allowed at any time. At no time shall a competitor, parent, or coach approach the judge regarding a call or fault that has been made. If a competitor, parent, or coach has a question or concern it must be brought to the attention of the ring leader, who will be available ringside at all times while a class is running. Please come to the ring leader as soon as possible.

Electronic timing will be used but a manual timer will be ready for a backup in the event of a timer failure.

Handler Faults

- A handler must not pass through the eyes of the electronic timers on the start and/or finish lines with any part of their body, doing so will be faulted (5 faults) and the timer will commence as the handler passes through the eyes.
- A handler that touches or blocks their dog will be faulted (5 faults) for each occurrence.
- A handler that deliberately touches an obstacle will be faulted (5 faults) for each occurrence.

Bars

- Dropped bars or blocks off the wall jump will result in 5 faults for any part of an obstacle being taken down.

Refusals

Juniors

- There will be NO REFUSALS called for the junior division in any classes. This includes contacts (please see contacts section for definition of a refusal of a contact for this event) and weaves. As long as the weave poles are completed no faults will be added. Non-completion of the weave poles will result in 20 faults for non-completion.

Seniors

- Refusals will result in 5 faults.
- Refusals will be faulted when a dog stops in front of an obstacle and performs any backward motion, i.e. spinning or backing up, when a dog runs by an obstacle, jumps between tire and frame, jumps around the posts of the long jump, walks through the long jump, or puts a head or paw in tunnel and comes back out.
- Refused obstacles must be completed or a non-completion fault will also be added for 20 faults.

Contacts

- For all contact pieces of equipment, only the DOWN contact will be judged. A missed down contact will result in 5 faults.
- Fly offs on the teeter will result in 5 faults if the dog leaves the teeter plank before the end hits the ground. A dog that jumps off the teeter before the pivot point will be faulted a refusal (5 faults) and if the handler chooses to go on without completing the teeter, then a non-completion (20 faults) will be added.
- A dog is considered to have passed the point of refusal when it begins to descend the down ramp on the dogwalk, goes over the apex of the a-frame, or passes the tip point on the teeter. At this point the obstacle is deemed completed and the handler must move on, repeating the obstacle would be considered Obstacle Repetition and subject to elimination from the class (at judge's discretion).

Weave Poles

- Weave poles must be completed from start to finish for the senior competitors. Popped poles or missed entries will be faulted with 5 faults. There are no refusals for the junior group, so as long as the weave poles are completed no faults will apply.
- Back weaving 2 or more poles in both junior and senior divisions will result in 5 faults.
- A handler touching or stepping through the weave poles will result in 5 faults.

Long Jump

- The dog must complete the obstacle without knocking any part over; if the dog touches a plank but it does not fall it will NOT be faulted. Failure to clear the span of the planks will result in 5 faults.

Wrong Course

- An obstacle taken out of order shall result in 5 faults. Judge will cease scoring until dog is back on the correct course. If the handler continues without returning to the missed obstacle then a non-completion fault of 20 faults will also be added.

Obstacle Repetition

- Intentional repetition of an obstacle is considered to be training in the ring and will result in elimination from the class (judge's discretion in determining that it was the handler's intention to repeat the obstacle).

Non Completion

- Any obstacle not completed will be assessed a 20 fault non-completion fault.

Elimination

From the Class

- Dog wearing a collar or lead on course.
- Food or training devices on course.
- Dog fouling in the ring.
- Obstacle repetition (training in the ring).
- Inappropriate handling of the dog, judge or ring officials during the run, at judge's discretion.
- Dog must leave the ring under control, failure to do so may result in elimination from the class.

From the Event

- Unseemly or unsportsmanlike behaviour towards the judge, committee, venue hosts, volunteer, another competitor, or spectator at the CJAG event.
- Harsh handling of any dog, whether on course or elsewhere on the event premises.
- Dog that is deemed out of control by the judge or event official.

Refund Policy

Entries withdrawn prior to the closing date for any reason shall be entitled to a full refund less a \$25 administration fee.

Entries withdrawn after the closing date but prior to 30 days before the event shall be entitled to a full refund less a \$50 administration fee, provided they are withdrawn in writing and include a veterinarian's certificate or doctor's note to justify the withdrawal.

Entries withdrawn less than 30 days prior to the event shall not be entitled to any refund for any reason.

Overpayments of less than \$10 will not be refunded.