

How to Enter Your First Agility Trial

Thinking about entering your dog in your first agility trial? Your first trial can be very confusing. Hopefully this guide will help answer many of your questions

What venue do you enter?

You will need to decide what venue of agility you will be entering. There are many groups sanctioning agility trials in the United States. We will focus on the four primary groups in the Midwest area. You will need a registration number from the sanctioning organization in order to compete in the trial. In the case of USDAA and NADAC, you can list 'pending', but AKC and CPE require you to have the number prior to entering a trial.

- AKC – American Kennel Club: www.akc.org
- NADAC – North American Dog Agility Council: www.nadac.com
 - Sometimes NADAC trials are dually sanctioned with AMBOR (American Mixed Breed Obedience Registration): www.amborusa.org
- USDAA – United States Dog Agility Association: www.usdaa.com
- CPE – Canine Performance Events: <http://www.k9cpe.com/>

	AKC	NADAC	USDAA	CPE
Registration requirements	Purebred with AKC or ILP number	Mixed breed and purebred allowed NADAC number	Mixed breed and purebred allowed USDAA number	Mixed breed and purebred allowed CPE number
Course differences	Tighter (less distance between obstacles) More faults	Looser Fewer faults Less time	Some may allow you to walk your dog on lead during the walk-through period	Looser courses, lower jump heights, lots of games



Tip: Go to the websites and get copies of the agility rules or regulations from the venue you are entering. The websites are the best location for venue specific information and to learn more about faults, run qualification, titling, classifications, and height requirements. If you would like more information about the specific organizations see out document titled “Agility Organization Comparison”



How do you get an entry form?

Entry forms in agility are called ‘premiums’. Entrants are called ‘exhibitors’. Each trial has a secretary and a chairperson from the hosting club. The best person to get premiums from is the secretary. You can often find out about upcoming trials, contact information and sponsoring clubs from the organizations listed above as well as club websites. In addition, the following websites are invaluable for learning about upcoming trials, sometimes downloading premiums or even applying online.

- Dog Events Online: www.dogeventsonline.com
 - Local and national events, registration required after trial period
- Local Events (Minnesota and area specific): www.rainbowrockscanine.com
- Clean Run Performance: www.cleanrun.com
 - Clean Run magazine’s website, click on Info Center



Tip: Trials can fill, so get your entry in early. Opening and closing dates are firm – do not send it in early or late. If entries are limited, then the number of entries and way in which the entries will be limited should be included in the premium.

Be sure to read the premium through completely and carefully, there is a lot of information buried in each premium. Descriptions of the classes and levels offered are included in NADAC and USDAA premiums and in some AKC premiums. The location of the trial site, including directions, surface area, whether it is fenced in or roped off if outside, if water and/or shade is available.

Entry and eligibility requirements, entry fees and refund policies should be detailed in the premium.

Check-in times and dog measuring times will be listed. Sometimes there check-in the night before the trial, however there is always time allowed early in the morning of each day.

The maximum shoulder height for each jump height should be listed. Obstacle familiarization option and time will be listed if offered.

Area hotels which are most likely to accept dogs may be listed.

Additional rules set forth by the hosting club.

Especially check the ‘running order’ to see when the Novice/Beginner trials are scheduled as they are not always the same at every trial or even from one day to the next at a single trial.



Tip: Print or type clearly. Be sure to sign and date your entry and make a copy for yourself. Unsigned and undated forms will be returned. If you are a Junior Handler, your parent/guardian must also sign the form.

Often you will get an email reply from the secretary, telling you if your entry was received and if you are officially entered in the trial. Otherwise you will receive information through regular mail.

Check your entry to make sure all your information is correct. After the closing date, you may not be able to make any more changes to your entry. You may also get a printed confirmation of your entry, which could include a numbered armband/label which you must wear at the trial. A copy of the running order will be included, which shows when your dog's runs are scheduled. These could change slightly, but are usually pretty accurate. The premium will also state if food/beverages will be available there and water for the dogs.



Tip: Make sure your dog's registration number and classes entered are correct. If you find a mistake it is best to contact the trial secretary immediate, don't wait until the day of the trial.



Parts of the Entry form

Each organization calls it something different, but they refer to similar things. This is listed in table format at the end of this document by venue.

Title Levels: This is the level of difficulty your dog will run at. Most organizations require you start at the lowest level and then you must qualify a certain number of times before you move up to the next level.

Divisions: Handlers or dogs may choose to run in a different division due to age or handicap.

Categories: This refers to the jump height category the dog will jump in. They are not required to jump at their measured height you may choose to jump them in a lower category.

Classes: These are the different games that might be available for you to sign up for at a trial.



Examples of Filled out Entry forms

NADAC

Owner's Name: John Smith
 Address: 123 Main St.
 City, State, Zip: Dogville, MN 55000
 Phone: (612)123-4567 e-mail address: jdog@email.com
 Handler Name (if other than Owner): _____
 NADAC Dog Registration #: 09-12345 (Required for entry)
 Dog's Call Name: Doggie Registered name: Doggie
 Breed: All American
 Sex: Male Female Height at Withers: 16.5 Birthdate: 3/22/03

Standard Division Jump Height (circle one): 8" 12" 16" 20" 20+

If you have a permanent height card for your dog, please include a copy of it with your entry.

Special Considerations:

Is the Dog competing as a Veteran? Yes No
 Is the Handler a Junior Handler? Yes No
 Is the Handler 60 years or older & wanting to compete as a Veteran Handler? Yes No
 Is the Handler entering using the Handicapped Handler status? Yes No
 Based on answers to these questions, my dog will jump at this height: 4" 8" 12" 16" 20" 20+

Category:

For the weekend I'd like to enter this dog in this category (must choose one): Skilled Proficient

Dogs entered in the skilled category must jump 4" lower than their std or vet jump height

Class	Division (circle one per class)			Level (circle one per class)			Day(s) Entered		Total No. of Runs
	Std	Vet	JH	Novice	Open	Elite	Sat	Sun	
Chances							Sat	Sun	
Hoopers							Sat		
Jumpers	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			<input checked="" type="radio"/>			<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Sun	1
Regular Rd 1	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Sat	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	1
Regular Rd 2	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			<input checked="" type="radio"/>			Sat	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	1
Touch N Go								Sun	
Tunnelers	<input checked="" type="radio"/>			<input checked="" type="radio"/>			<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	2
Weavers							Sat		
SATURDAY "PICK SIX" (ONLY 6 RUNS FOR ANY DOG)								Total Number of Runs Entered	5
Vouchers in \$5 increments only.								Total Entry Fees @ \$9/run; Junior Handlers @ \$4.50/run	\$ 45

* Veteran/Disabled Handler status in the non-jumping classes applies handlers who are 60 years or older, or who have a disability that restricts mobility; it does not apply to veteran dogs.

CPE

Official CPE Entry Form – South Paws K9 Academy			
Trial Dates: 10/24/09 & 10/25/09		Final Closing Date: 10/12/09	
Opening date: 8/17/09			
Make entry fees payable in US funds to: SPK9 Academy			
Mail Entries to: ████████████████████ ████████████████████ South St. Paul, MN 55075			
Dog's CPE ID # 12345-01		Dog's Call Name Doggie	
Breed All American			
Dog's Measurement if no P-Card has been issued:		Circle Dog's P-Card Height 4 8 12 16 20 24	
Circle Height Category to enter (ONLY ONE) Regular Veterans/Early Vet Enthusiast Specialist FEO <input type="checkbox"/> Handicapped Handler		Circle One Jump Height for the Height Category entered	
		Regular	4 8 12 16 20 24
		Veterans	4 8 12 16 20
		Enthusiast	4 8 12 16 20
		Specialist	4 8 12 16
Owner John Smith			
Handler (if different than owner)			
Address 123 Main St.			
City / State / Zip Dogville, MN 55000			
Phone & email (612)123-4567 jdog@eamil.com			
Jr Handler name & ID #			
Sat Oct. 24 circle level for each class		Sun Oct 25 circle level for each class	
Standard	1 2 3 4 5 C	Standard	1 2 3 4 5 C
Wildcard	1 2 3 4 5 C	Colors	1 2 3 4 5 C
Snooker	1 2 3 4 5 C	Jackpot	1 2 3 4 5 C
FullHouse	1 2 3 4 5 C	Jumpers	1 2 3 4 5 C
All classes are \$12 each. Total fees:		\$ 48	
Vouchers or certificates:		\$	
Total Enclosed in US funds:		\$ 48	

DISCLAIMER MUST BE SENT WITH ENTRY

AKC

CHECK DATES AND CLASSES FOR ENTRIES HEIGHT CARD Y OR N

Entry Fees per day		STD	JWW
\$24 first entry	Sat 9-12	✓	
\$13 each add	Sun 9-13	✓	

OPENS JULY 22, 2009
CLOSES AUGUST 28, 2009

MAIL TO:

~~JOAN KURLANDER, 5898 GEMMANS DR., SHREWSBURY, MN 55081~~

(IMPORTANT: CAREFULLY READ INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE BEFORE FILLING OUT)

BREED Aussie VARIETY _____ SEX M HEIGHT AT WITHERS 16.5

STANDARD AGILITY CLASS (circle one)	JUMPERS WITH weaves (circle one)	JUMP HEIGHT (circle one)
<u>NOV-A</u> NOV-B OPEN EXC-A EXC-B	<u>NOV-A</u> NOV-B OPEN EXC-A EXC-B	8 12 <u>16</u> 20 24 26
PREFERRED AGILITY CLASS (circle one)	PREFERRED JWW (circle one)	JUMP HEIGHT (circle one)
NOVICE OPEN EXC-A EXC-B	NOVICE OPEN EXC-A EXC-B	4 8 12 16 20

FAST CLASS: (effective 01/01/07)	(circle one)	JUMP HEIGHT (circle one)
REGULAR: NOV-A NOV-B OPEN EXC-A EXC-B		8 12 16 20 24 26
PREFERRED: NOV-P OPEN-P EXC-AP EXC-BP		4 8 12 16 20

NON-REGULAR AGILITY CLASSES: (NOT offered)	INTERNATIONAL SWEEPSTAKES CLASS	JUMP HEIGHT (circle one)
(circle class)	STD JWW NOT OFFERED	14 18 26

AKC REGISTERED NAME (Include AKC titles only) Doggie CALL NAME OF DOG Dog

<input type="checkbox"/> AKC REG. NO. (Enter number here)	DA <u>3/22/03</u>	AKC JUNIOR HANDLER #
<input type="checkbox"/> AKC LITTER NO.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PAL/ ILP NO. <u>ILP123456</u>	PLACE OF BIRTH	
<input type="checkbox"/> FOREIGN REG. NO. & COUNTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USA <input type="checkbox"/> CANADA <input type="checkbox"/> FOREIGN	

BREEDER

SIRE

DAM

ACTUAL OWNERS John Smith

OWNERS ADDRESS 123 Main St. NEW ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP + 4 Dogville, MN 55000

HANDLER (Junior Handler see back) _____ FEE ENCLOSED 48

I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event, and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the reverse side of this entry form. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) in accordance with all such Rules and Regulations (including all provisions applying to discipline) and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them.

Signature of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry

TELEPHONE : 612-123-4567

E-MAIL ADDRESS: jdog@email.com

USDAA

USDAA® OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM - Minnesota Agility Club: September 5 - 7, 2009 - Lake Elmo MN										
Return completed form, with entry fees payable to Minnesota Agility Club to: Terry Smorch, 9323 9 th St N., Lake Elmo, MN 55042-9739 (Entries Close: Wed. , August 19 th at 6:00 pm)										
Dog Information	USDAA#	U123456		Dog's Call Name				Doggie		
	Or <input type="checkbox"/> New (include USDAA registration form and fee)			Breed	All American		Birth Date	3/22/03	Height at Withers (nearest 1/4")	16.5
Owner/ Handler Information	Owner's Name			John Smith				E-mail address, if:		jdog@email.com
	Address			123 Main St.						
	City			Dogville		State	MN		Zip	55000
	Phone			(612)123-4567		Handler, if different than owner				
Check the Program(s) entered, and Circle your dog's Jump Height in the Program(s) entered:										
<input type="checkbox"/> Championship-Circle Height: 12" <u>16"</u> 22" 26" <input type="checkbox"/> Performance-Circle Height: 8" 12" 16" 22"										
Saturday Classes	Tournaments		<input type="checkbox"/> Grand Prix*		<input type="checkbox"/> Performance National Standard*		\$20			
			<input type="checkbox"/> Steeplechase*		<input type="checkbox"/> Performance Speed Jumping*		\$20			
	* This dog may not be entered in a tournament in both programs. If entering tournaments or tournament and test classes at different heights in the same program, submit a separate entry form.									
	Standard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Starters	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf I	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf II	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf III	\$12		
	Gamblers	<input type="checkbox"/> Starters	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf I	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf II	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf III	\$12		
	Jumpers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Starters	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf I	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf II	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf III	\$12		
	Snooker	<input type="checkbox"/> Starters	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf I	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf II	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf III	\$12		
Pairs Relay			<input type="checkbox"/> Masters			<input type="checkbox"/> Perf III	\$12			
Partner Info: Handler: _____ Dog: _____ USDAA#: _____ Jump Ht: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Draw										
Sunday Classes	Standard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Starters	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf I	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf II	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf III	\$12		
	Gamblers	<input type="checkbox"/> Starters	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf I	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf II	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf III	\$12		
	Jumpers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Starters	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf I	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf II	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf III	\$12		
	Snooker	<input type="checkbox"/> Starters	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf I	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf II	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf III	\$12		
	Pairs Relay	<input type="checkbox"/> Starters	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf I	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf II	<input type="checkbox"/> Perf III	\$12		
Partner Info**: Handler: _____ Dog: _____ USDAA#: _____ Jump Ht: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Draw										
**For titling purposes a different partner should be selected for each day. If entering as a draw, every effort will be made to select different partners for Saturday and Sunday.										
Monday Classes	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog Agility Masters® Team Tournament (Championship heights only, up to 2 heights per team)							\$60		
	TEAM NAME: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Draw for Team Team Member # 2: Handler _____ Dog _____ U# _____ Jump Ht: _____ Team Member # 3: Handler _____ Dog _____ U# _____ Jump Ht: _____									
Fees	<input type="checkbox"/> Performance Versatility Pairs (Performance heights only, any heights may pair. Cannot also enter Team)							\$60		
	PAIR NAME: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Draw for Pair Pair Member # 2: Handler _____ Dog _____ U# _____ Jump Ht: _____									
Total Class Fees								48		
USDAA Registration Fee (if new) Enclose registration form							\$20			
RV Parking: _____ nights at \$20 per night = _____										
Total Enclosed, payable to "Minnesota Agility Club"							48			
General Agreement on next page must be signed and sent in with each entry for it to be accepted.										

 **Levels, Divisions, Categories and Classes** 

(While every attempt is made to keep this up-to-date, it is always best to check the venues website for the official rules and regulations.)

	AKC	NADAC	USDAA	CPE
TITLE LEVELS: Most dogs will start at the novice level and has to qualify a certain number of times to move up to the next level	Novice A& B Open Excellent A&B Master	Novice Open Elite	Championship Starters Advanced Masters Performance Level I Level II Level III Junior: Beginners Elementary Intermediate Advanced	Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 Level 4 Level 5 Level C
DIVISIONS: Handlers or dogs may choose to run in a different division due to age or handicap	Standard Junior	Standard: open to all dogs Veterans: (dog or handler) any dog age seven or older or any handler age 60 or older or any handler who has a certificate of disability. Veteran or Disabled Handler: Handlers who are 60 years or older or who have a disability that restricts mobility, may opt	Standard: open to all dogs Junior Handler Program: 18 years and under	Standard: Open to all dogs Veterans: any dog 6 years or older Jr Handler: any handler 18 years or younger Handicapped/Differently Abled Handler: any handler that is handicapped or differently abled can run with altered course times

	AKC	NADAC	USDAA	CPE
		to enter the non-jumping classes as a Veteran handler and receive 10% more standard course time. Junior Handler: Any dog whose handler is 17 years or younger		
CATEGORIES: This refers to the jump height category the dog will jump in.	Regular Dogs must jump their measured jump height per the current jump height table. Runs must be clean, no course faults or time faults Preferred Exhibitors may choose to jump their dog one jump height lower than they are required to jump in the Regular.	Proficient: Dogs must jump their measured jump height per the current jump height table. Runs must be clean, no course faults or time faults. Skilled: Exhibitors may choose to jump their dog one jump height lower than they are required to jump in the Proficient Category.	Championship Program: Dogs must jump their measured jump height per the current jump height table. Runs must be clean, no course faults or time faults Performance Program: Exhibitors may choose to jump their dog one jump height lower than they are required to jump in the Championship Program. Relay class not required for title	Regular Dogs must jump their measured jump height per the current jump height table. Veterans Exhibitors may choose to jump their dog 4" lower than they are required to jump in the Regular. Enthusiast Exhibitors may choose to jump their dog 4" lower than they are required to jump in the Regular. Specialist Exhibitors may choose to jump their dog 8" lower than they are required to jump in the Regular.
CLASSES: These are the different types	Standard Jumpers with Weaves	Regular Agility Class Jumpers Class Tunnelers Class	Standard Non-Standard: Gamblers	Standard Colors Wildcard

	AKC	NADAC	USDAA	CPE
of games available to sign up for		Weavers Class Touch-N-Go Class Chance Class Double Shot Bonus Boxes	Relay Jumpers Snooker Agility Tournament	Jackpot Snooker FullHouse Jumpers

