



GREATER BIRMINGHAM AGILITY CLUB

May 24 - 26, 2024

**All Days – T2B and Nov, Open, Exc/Mas STD & JWW
Plus on Friday and Saturday – All levels of FAST**

St. Clair County Arena
1050 Blair Farm Road, Odenville, AL 35120
Trial Hours 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Outdoor Under Cover Arena with Packed Dirt Floor
Ring Size 100' X 100'
Electronic Timers will be used at these trials

Entries Open: Wed, April 10, 2024 at 7:00 a.m. CT
Method of Entry: First Received
Entries limited to 350 runs per day

ACCEPTING AKC ONLINE ENTRIES (see box on this page for more information)

A maximum of 10 entries per envelope is allowed. Envelopes with more than 10 entries and/or entries received prior to the opening date will be returned. No hand deliveries accepted in the first 24 hours.

This Event is Accepting Entries for Dogs Listed in the AKC Canine Partners ProgramSM

Entries Close: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 5:00 pm CT after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Dog Show Rules and/or Chapter 1 Sections 16, 20 and 21 of Regulations for Agility Trials.

GBAC is accepting entries through the AKC Online Entry Services

To enter online, go to the AKC Agility Online Entry Services home page at www.akc.org/AgilityEntry.

Follow the instructions there to use your My AKC account to enter this event online. For the first 48 hours after opening, the initial limit of entries per day is designated as follows: 75 online entries, 275 paper entries. After the first 48 hours, if either form of entry (online or paper) has not filled, the club reserves the right to decrease or increase either the online or paper limits accordingly.

Important Note: The AKC OLE System will NOT properly compute charges if an exhibitor enters multiple jump heights for a dog. Since multiple entry forms are required, the OLE system will treat each form as a different dog and will charge the fees accordingly. The club WILL NOT issue refunds for OLE overcharges. If an exhibitor wants to use OLE for multiple heights, please enter in a single height and contact the trial secretary in writing for a change.

GBAC is offering For Exhibition Only (**FEO**) for all FAST and T2B classes. Participation in FEO is non-qualifying.
Fix and Go On (**FNG**) is in effect for these trials.



American Kennel Club Certification

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary

ENTRY FEES

\$25 **First** entry per day per dog (includes the \$3.50 AKC recording fee).

\$15 **Each Additional** entry per day per dog (includes the \$3.00 AKC recording fee).

**Make checks payable to GBAC and mail with entries to:
Susan Claytor, GBAC Trial Secretary, 3652 Sellers Dr,
Bessemer, AL 35022**

Officers of the Greater Birmingham Agility Club

President – Viveka Rosenberger Secretary/Treasurer - Jennifer Crisman
Vice President – Beth Griffin 1073 Rock School Rd, Harpersville, AL 35078
Board Members – Officers listed above

Trial Chairperson

Beth Griffin, 919 Park Ave, Moody, AL 35004
bethq222@aol.com (770) 823-0015

Trial Secretary

Susan Claytor, 3652 Sellers Dr, Bessemer, AL 35022
agilitydogs99@gmail.com (205) 903-2855

Agility Event Committee

Kathy Heath, Susan Claytor,
Viveka Rosenberger, Beth Griffin, Jennifer Crisman

JUDGE

Karen Wlodarski #90984 25075 Sanoria St, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Classes Offered

Fri and Sat – Nov, Open, and Exc/Mas STD, JWW, & FAST and T2B

Sun – Nov, Open, and Exc/Mas STD & JWW, and T2B

Dogs Eligible to Enter

The trial is open to all dogs 15 months of age and older that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited Registration, Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP) or an AKC Canine Partners listing number, or approved Foundation Stock Service (FSS) breeds. Bitches in season, aggressive dogs, or dogs suffering from any deformity, injury, or illness which may affect the dog's physical performance are ineligible to participate.

Tentative Schedule (subject to change depending on entries)	
Day	Class Order
Friday low to high	All levels FAST, T2B, Exc/Mas Std, Open Std, Nov Std, Exc/Mas JWW, Open JWW, Nov JWW
Saturday high to low	All levels FAST, T2B, Exc/Mas Std, Open Std, Nov Std, Exc/Mas JWW, Open JWW, Nov JWW
Sunday low to high	T2B, Exc/Mas Std, Open Std, Nov Std, Exc/Mas JWW, Open JWW, Nov JWW

Preferred classes will run with the corresponding regular classes and height divisions. Exc will run with Master in the corresponding height divisions. Nov A and Nov B will be combined in the running order.

Moving Up To The Next Class

Dogs may be moved up to a higher class as a result of qualifying for an agility title, provided that request is made IN WRITING (email is fine but texts are not acceptable) and received by **6:00 pm on Monday** prior to the trial. These move-ups will be official only when confirmation is received by the requesting party. Move-ups for Sat & Sun will be accommodated, provided the information is received by the Trial Secretary in writing no later than 15 minutes after the close of judging on the day prior to the move-up effective date. Blank move-up forms will be provided at the trial.

Extended Wait List

If the trial fills, a waiting list to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the trial closing date will be maintained. A maximum of 50 runs/day will be placed on the wait list. The waiting list close will be Saturday, May 18, at 5:00 p.m. (CT). All entries, including wait listed entries, must be received by the trial secretary prior to the closing date of the trial. Full refunds will be given to those exhibitors withdrawing after closing but no later than May 18 at 5 pm **ONLY** for the runs that are able to be filled from the waiting list.

Jump Height Policy

Jump height cards are not required to be submitted with the entry form. The entry form has a check box to indicate if the dog needs to be measured. It is the owner's responsibility to understand the rules, and if the dog needs to be measured, it is the owner's/handler's responsibility to ensure that the box on the entry form is checked, and that the dog is measured prior to running. If you are unsure, contact the trial secretary for assistance.

Regular	Preferred	Information
Handlers may opt to run their dog in a higher height division.	Handlers must run their dog in their proper eligible height.	Owners are responsible for entering their dog in the proper height division.
8"	4"	For dogs 11 inches and under at the withers
12"	8"	For dogs 14 inches and under at the withers
16"	12"	For dogs 18 inches and under at the withers
20"	16"	For dogs 22 inches and under at the withers
24"	20"	For dogs over 22 inches at the withers. Regular Dogs may not be entered in this height if they are 22 inches and under.
24C"	n/a	Dogs may be entered at this height at their owner's discretion if their measurement is 22 inches and under at the withers. Dogs who measure into the 24" regular jump height division may not enter 24C.

Notice To Exhibitors

- The **safety** of the dogs is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of the sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all obstacles safely.
- The Greater Birmingham Agility Club and its agents, employees, etc. will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property, and further will assume no responsibility for injury to children.
- Puppies under 4 months old are prohibited at AKC Agility Trials.
- Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused or barred from competition by the action of the Event Committee. No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, and act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee.
- It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Event Committee, be asked to leave the trial site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made.
- Greater Birmingham Agility Club reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the Greater Birmingham Agility Club or any official thereof.
- All dogs must be on a leash at all times except when in the ring or when in the designated agility warm-up area.
- Bitches in season are not permitted to compete in Agility Trials. If those dogs do not qualify for a full entry per the Extended Wait List rules, entry fees will be refunded less a \$5 per run processing fee. Written notification must be presented to the Trial Secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of judging.
- Injured dogs that are not able to compete in these Agility Trials are eligible to receive a refund. If those dogs do not qualify for a full entry per the Extended Wait List rules, entry fees will be refunded less a \$5 per run processing fee **with a certificate from a veterinarian based on examination after the closing date of the trial**. The certificate must be presented to the Trial Secretary prior to the first day of the trials.
- No entry fee will be refunded in the event the handler/owner is unable to participate due to injury, illness, or other reason.
- Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. The Trial Secretary will add a \$25 collection fee to the amount of each returned check. Subsequent returned checks from the same exhibitor may result in their being put on a CASH ONLY basis.
- Judges are not required to wait for dogs. Exhibitors are responsible for being at the ring gate when it is their turn to run.
- **Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs. Please help keep the trial site and hotels clean.**
- Exhibitors are responsible for complete, accurate and legible information on their entry forms; illegible or incomplete entries cannot be entered into the trial. All entries must be made on Official AKC Entry Forms or copies and **must include the Agreement and Rules and owner's signature**.
- Running Orders will be available to exhibitors prior to the trial.
- **Printed course maps will be available at the trial.**
- **Smoking and/or alcohol will not be allowed in or near the arena.**

Course Familiarization and Warm-Ups

Handlers in all classes are permitted to walk the course, without a dog, prior to the start of the class. The walk-through period allows handlers to plan their strategy for running the course and will be held prior to each class, following the judge's briefing. For classes with large entry numbers, walk-throughs will be split by jump heights.

A warm-up area, consisting of a regulation agility jump, will be provided.

Prizes & Awards

Rosettes will be awarded for 1st through 4th place teams in each jump height in each class. Dogs must qualify to receive placement ribbons. Qualifying ribbons will be awarded to all dogs receiving qualifying scores. MACH, PACH and AGCH ribbons will be awarded for those finishing their championship title. Title ribbons will be awarded to those dogs earning a new title at this event.

Vendors

Vendors may contact Beth Griffin at bethg222@aol.com for info or to reserve a spot.

Entering for Exhibition Only (FEO)

- For Exhibition Only may be offered at the option of the host club. FEO will allow exhibitors to work with their dogs in a trial environment. FEO is only allowed in the Time 2 Beat and FAST classes. Participation in FEO is non-qualifying.
- FEO runs are treated as trial entries. The exhibitor must enter the class(es) (T2B and/or FAST) prior to the closing date, pay class entry fee(s) and the Trial Secretary must record the entry in the Trial Catalog as part of the results for that class. FEO does not need to be noted on the entry form; the handler will declare the day of the show.
- Dogs may be entered in any jump height for FEO runs. If entered in an ineligible jump height, the team is committed to FEO for that run and must declare FEO on the start line. Day of show jump height changes are not allowed.
- Dogs may be entered in any level of FAST (Novice, Open, Excellent, Master). If the dog is not eligible for the level entered, the team is committed to FEO for that run and must declare FEO on the start line. Day of show level changes are not allowed.
- The exhibitor must declare FEO in the ring prior to leading out to the scribe and the judge.

Fix and Go On (FNG)

Fix and Go On is not pre-entered; rather, it occurs during the course of the run. FNG allows exhibitors to immediately reattempt an obstacle at any time while on course when the dog's performance of an obstacle is not to their expectation. This allows the dog to successfully complete the obstacle then finish the course or leave the ring on a positive note. Using FNG will result in a non-qualifying score.

Show Veterinarian

During office hours: Branchville Animal Hospital 10559 US 411, Odenville, AL 35120.
PHONE: (205) 629-5589.

Office Hours: Thurs & Fri 7am-6pm; Sat 7am-12 noon; Sun closed.

After hours: Emergency Pet Care. Veterinarians will be on call after hours. 7299 Gadsden Hwy Trussville AL 35173 **PHONE: (205) 661-2273. (closest to arena-approximately 15 miles)**

Other Area after hour care:

Steel City Emergency Vets 1900 Hoover Court Hoover, AL 35226 (205) 413-8989 or

Veterinary Specialists of B'ham 146 Resource Center Pkwy Birmingham, AL 35242 (205) 967-9107

Directions to Branchville Animal Hospital

From arena, turn Left onto Blair Farm Rd. Go approximately 1.1 mile.

Turn Left onto US 411 South/Moody Parkway. Drive .9 mile and the office will be on your right.

Directions to Emergency Pet Care

From arena, Turn Left onto Blair Farm Rd. Go approximately 1.1 mile.

Turn Left onto US 411 South/Moody Parkway. Go approx 1.4 mi and turn right on Sanie Rd. Go approx 3.9 mi and turn left onto Argo Margaret Rd. Go 3.27 mi and turn left onto US Highway 11/Gadsden Highway. Go 5.4 mi and clinic is on left.

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendations to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites and any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations. State health requirements include proof of current rabies vaccination.

Hospital (With 24-Hour Emergency Room)

St. Vincent's St. Clair 7063 Veterans Parkway, Pell City, AL 35125 (205) 814-2121

Directions: From arena, Turn Right onto Blair Farm Rd. Go .5 mi and turn R onto Hwy 174 E. Go 8 mi, turn R onto Hazelwood Dr, go .5 mi and turn R onto Wolf Creek Rd. N. Go .9 mi and turn L onto Veterans Pkwy. Go .2 mi and the hospital is on the right.

Directions to the Trial Site

I-20 E from Birmingham: Take exit 144B onto US-411N toward Moody/Odenville. Follow Hwy 411 approximately 8.8 mi. Turn R onto Blair Farm Rd/Co Hwy 16. Go about 1 mile and arena is on the right.

I-20 W from Anniston: Take exit 158 onto US-231 N toward Ashville. Go 1.35 mi and turn L onto AL-174. Go 8.6 mi and make a slight L onto Blair Farm Rd/Co Hwy 16. Go about .5 mi and arena is on the left.

I-59 S from Gadsden: Take exit 154 toward Springville/Odenville. Turn L onto AL-174. Go 7.86 mi and turn R onto US-411/AL-174. Go 1 mi and make a slight left onto AL-174. Go 1.59 mi and make a sharp R onto Blair Farm Rd. Go about .5 mi and arena is on the left.

Hwy 280 W: Go through Chelsea. Continue toward B'ham to I-459N. Merge onto I-459N toward Gadsden/Atlanta. In 8.9 mi merge onto I-20 E via exit 29 toward Atlanta and follow the I-20E directions above. **OR** continue on Hwy 280 about 6 mi past Chelsea and turn onto AL-119 toward Leeds (before the I-459 interchange), go about 11.6 mi on AL-119. Stay straight onto US-411 N/Ashville Rd, drive approx 10.6 mi and turn right onto Blair Farm Rd/Co Hwy 16. Go about 1 mile and arena is on the right.

HOTEL and RV INFORMATION

Verify when making reservations that the hotel still accepts dogs and any fees charged. Please remember to pick up after your dog.

For all hotels, we suggest you call to ask about pet policy

- **Best Western Bass Hotel & Suites** 10 miles from trial site. 1949 Village Dr, Leeds, AL (205)640-5300
- **Day's Inn** 10 miles from trial site. 1838 Asheville Road, Leeds, Alabama (205)699-9833
- **Hampton Inn Pell City** 10 miles from trial site. 220 Vaughan Ln, Pell City, AL (205)814-3000
- **Quality Inn** 17.3 miles from trial site. 4730 Norrell Dr, Trussville. AL (205)352-4909
- **Days Inn** 21 miles from trial site, 945 Speedway Industrial Drive, Lincoln, AL (205)469-8072
- **Red Roof Inn** 22 miles from trial site, 1813 Crestwood Blvd, Irondale, AL (205)956-3560 (1 dog max)
- **LaQuinta Inn** 28.1 miles from trial site, 513 Cahaba Park Circle, Birmingham, AL (Inverness, Hwy 280) (205)995-9990

RV Parking

Only dry camping will be available to exhibitors. There are no electric or water hook-ups available.

RV parking at the arena will be on a first come, first serve basis. There is no fee. RVs cannot be parked next to the arena.

Full Service RV hookups:

Lakeside Landing RV Park and Marina 4600 Martin Street South, Cropwell, AL 35054 (205)525-5701, 16 miles from trial site.

Safe Harbor RV Park 12800 US Hwy 78, Riverside, AL (205)369-5829, 16 miles from trial site.



AMERICAN
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OFFICIAL AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB AGILITY ENTRY FORM
Greater Birmingham Agility Club

Opens: 4/10/2024 • Closes: 5/8/2024

Total

Fri, 05/24/24	<input type="checkbox"/> STD	<input type="checkbox"/> JWW	<input type="checkbox"/> FAST	<input type="checkbox"/> T2B	\$
Sat, 05/25/24	<input type="checkbox"/> STD	<input type="checkbox"/> JWW	<input type="checkbox"/> FAST	<input type="checkbox"/> T2B	\$
Sun, 05/26/24	<input type="checkbox"/> STD	<input type="checkbox"/> JWW	NA	<input type="checkbox"/> T2B	\$

Daily Entry Fee: 1st run/dog/day=\$25; each addl run/dog/day=\$15

Make checks payable to: **GBAC**; Mail to: Susan Claytor, 3652 Sellers Dr, Bessemer, AL 35022

IMPORTANT: Carefully read instructions before filling out!

Per dog per day: 1 run \$25, 2 runs \$40, 3 runs \$55, 4 runs \$70

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED
\$

Choose Either Regular OR Preferred Classes

Check one jump height • Check class selections • Only one selection per class (both Master & Premier allowed)

REGULAR Classes	PREFERRED Classes
<input type="checkbox"/> 8" <input type="checkbox"/> 12" <input type="checkbox"/> 16" <input type="checkbox"/> 20" <input type="checkbox"/> 24" <input type="checkbox"/> 24C"	<input type="checkbox"/> 4" <input type="checkbox"/> 8" <input type="checkbox"/> 12" <input type="checkbox"/> 16" <input type="checkbox"/> 20"
STD <input type="checkbox"/> NovA <input type="checkbox"/> NovB <input type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Exc <input type="checkbox"/> Master <input type="checkbox"/> Premier	<input type="checkbox"/> NovP <input type="checkbox"/> OpenP <input type="checkbox"/> ExcP <input type="checkbox"/> MasterP <input type="checkbox"/> PremierP
JWW <input type="checkbox"/> NovA <input type="checkbox"/> NovB <input type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Exc <input type="checkbox"/> Master <input type="checkbox"/> Premier	<input type="checkbox"/> NovP <input type="checkbox"/> OpenP <input type="checkbox"/> ExcP <input type="checkbox"/> MasterP <input type="checkbox"/> PremierP
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T2B <input type="checkbox"/> T2B	<input type="checkbox"/> T2BP

This Dog Needs To Be Measured <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	SEX	HEIGHT AT WITHERS
BREED	VARIETY	CALL NAME

AKC® NAME (INCLUDE AKC TITLES ONLY)

<input type="checkbox"/> AKC® NO	Enter Complete Registration # below:	DATE OF BIRTH
<input type="checkbox"/> ILP NO. <input type="checkbox"/> PAL NO.		PLACE OF BIRTH (LIST COUNTRY)
<input type="checkbox"/> FOREIGN REG. NO & COUNTRY		

BREEDER

SIRE

DAM

ACTUAL OWNERS

OWNERS ADDRESS NEW ADDRESS

CITY, STATE ZIP + 4

HANDLER ENTER JR. HANDLER # if applicable

Exhibitor or owner MUST sign on the signature line beneath the instructions.

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Web site, www.akc.org.

AGREEMENT

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. 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 any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog.

Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. **I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.**

INSTRUCTIONS

Handlers whose dogs measure into the 8" through 20" regular jump height divisions may opt to enter in a higher or 24-choice height division for all Regular titling classes, but not in a division lower than their proper height division. Dogs who measure into the 24" regular jump height division may not enter 24-choice. Dogs entered in the Preferred classes **must** compete at the required jump height and **may not** compete in a jump height division **higher or lower** than their proper height division.

All dogs that have not been officially measured for an **Agility Jump Height Card** may still compete; however, they must be measured by a Judge of record, an Agility Field Representative, or a Volunteer Measuring Official prior to running. If measured by the Judge of record, that measurement will be valid for this trial *or back-to-back trials* only. If a measurement is necessary, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to have their dog(s) measured prior to running.

Dogs listed in the **AKC Canine PartnersSM** program may be eligible to enter all-breed AKC agility trials at the club's option. These dogs should be listed as All American Dog and must include their AKC number on the entry form and check the AKC No. box.

Junior Handlers should enter their Junior Handler number on the front of this form. Should you not have your Junior Handler number, it may be obtained from the American Kennel Club (919) 233-9767. If the Junior Handler is not the owner of the dog identified on the face of this form, what is the relationship of the Junior Handler to the Owner? _____

SIGNATURE of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry.

SIGN HERE X _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____ *New Email*

In Case of Emergency - Name: _____ Phone #: _____