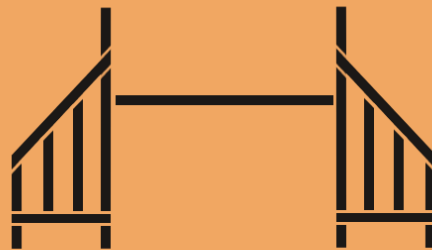


# YKC Young Kennel Club

AGILITY COMPETITIONS  
RULES 2021 (CRUFTS 2022)



QUALIFIERS



# A:

## DEFINITION

- The YKC hosts various agility competition finals at Crufts with certain ways in which to qualify. Each individual competition follows different rules which are summarised below.
- Please ensure that you read each individual section to find out further information regarding restrictions and rules/regulations.
- These rules are for the Young Kennel Club competitions and must be read in conjunction with the specific agility regulations (H).

# B:

## CLASSES

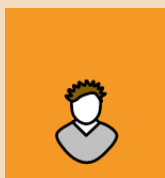
- There are seven (7) different classes for members to enter
- ⇒ The following three (3) classes have qualifiers at Kennel Club licenced shows which qualify members for the Crufts Finals:
  - Agility Dog of the Year
  - Under 18 Years Jumping
  - YKC Pairs
- ⇒ The following four (4) classes are Crufts only competitions and are entered by submitting points gained from licenced Kennel Club shows accumulated throughout the previous year
  - YKC Graduate Agility
  - 18-24 Years Agility
  - 18-24 Years Jumping
  - ABC (Anything But a Collie)
- ⇒ All seven classes have finals at Crufts

**THIS DOCUMENT WILL ONLY DETAIL THE COMPETITIONS WITH QUALIFYING CLASSES**

## C:

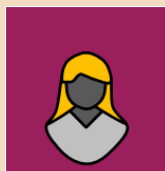
### HANDLERS

YKC Members age categories will usually be split as follows:



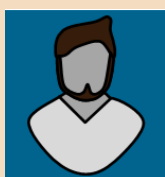
#### 6-11 Years

(Handlers 6 years and up to, but not including 12<sup>th</sup> birthday)



#### 12-17 Years

(Handlers 12 years and up to, but not including 18<sup>th</sup> birthday)

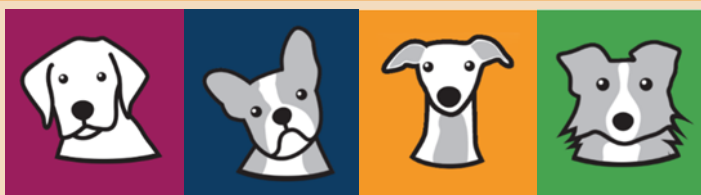


#### 18 –24 Years

(Handlers 18 years and up to, but not including 25<sup>th</sup> birthday)

- Some classes are open to all age groups, whereas other classes maybe restricted to one or two age groups. Please refer to the specific class rules as to which competition each age range can enter.
- When entering qualifiers, enter the age category that the member will be on the first day of the show hosting the qualifier
- When entering Crufts, enter the age category that the member will be on the first day of Crufts (you will be placed in the correct age category for Crufts on your invitation by the YKC Office so you should not have to worry about working out the dates)
- If a member is disqualified due to unpaid subscription fees, the placing does not roll down (including any entitlement to qualification)
- You must be a member of the Young Kennel Club before entering any Young Kennel Club classes.

## D: DOGS



- All competing dogs must be eighteen (18) calendar months of age or over on the day of competition.
- Dogs must be registered with the Kennel Club when entering Kennel Club licenced shows. Dogs can either be registered on the breed register or the activity register.
- Dogs must not wear any type of slip, half-slip collar or lead while competing. A flat, close fitting, leather or webbing collar is allowed but only if it has no attachments other than a plain identification panel as an integral part of the collar, i.e. not attached by a ring.
- To enter a Kennel Club licenced show you will need to have your dog measured to ensure you compete at the correct height for Small, Medium or Intermediate (large dogs do not require measuring)
- You will need a Kennel Club Agility Record book for the measurer to record your dog's height category in. You can obtain an Agility Record Book from the Kennel Club online shop.
- Food shall not be carried in the hand or given to a dog in the ring.
- Once a dog has run with one handler in a competition, it may not compete with another handler in the same competition for the remainder of the qualifying year.

## E: JUDGING CRITERIA

- All equipment will be as per Kennel Club H Regulations in force at the time and will be appropriate for the size of the dog.
- If you are entering a YKC qualifier class at a Kennel Club licenced show, you must enter only full height option classes with that dog at the same show
- Standard Kennel Club Agility marking will apply
- **The 'YKC Pairs' competition will feature a deviation from standard marking which will be explained in the YKC Pairs rules section.**
- An opportunity to 'walk the course' will be available before the competition commences. If a competition features multiple age groups and heights, all competitors will walk the course together and the course height will not be adjusted during this time. ***The course will be identical for all member age groups and dog heights.***

# YKC Young Kennel Club

AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR  
RULES 2021 (CRUFTS 2022)





# A:

## DEFINITION

The YKC Agility Dog of the Year competition is the YKC's flagship agility event. The course will feature all 3 pieces of contact equipment. Those who qualify will go forward to the semi-final held at Crufts in the YKC ring. The semi-final will decide the 18 dogs that will qualify for the YKC Agility Dog of the Year final, held in the Main Arena at Crufts.

The qualifiers are open to dogs of all levels and courses will be grade 3 standard, not impossible for beginners, and not a walk in the park for grade 7 dogs.

# B:

## HANDLERS

The following eight (8) categories will be open for members to compete in:

### 06-11 Years

- Large Dogs
- Intermediate Dogs
- Medium Dogs
- Small Dogs

### 12 –17 Years

- Large Dogs
- Intermediate Dogs
- Medium Dogs
- Small Dogs

*(18-24 Years members are **not** able to compete in YKC Agility Dog of the Year)*

Once a handler has qualified a dog for the semi-final at Crufts, that dog may not enter any further ADOY Heats. Once a handler has qualified two dogs for the semi-final, they may not enter any further heats with any dog. If you have already entered a show but have managed to qualify after the closing date, you may still compete in your entered class if you wish—there will be no roll down for this position.

# C:

## QUALIFICATION

To Qualify for Crufts, members must gain points by being placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in YKC Agility dog of the Year qualifying events. To achieve qualification, members must reach **30** points for the year. Any points gained will be for entry into Crufts the following year.

Points are gained by the achieving the following results:



- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: 30 POINTS



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 15 POINTS



- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 10 POINTS

### COVID 19

The YKC may have to drastically alter how members qualify for Crufts 2022. This may be because fewer shows were able to hold YKC qualifiers this year, or possibly that we are required to restrict entry numbers to Crufts 2022 on government advice. More up to date qualification information will be released closer to the time. The YKC will endeavour to keep the qualification process as close to the above as possible.



### C:

#### QUALIFICATION CONT.

- All points are reset to zero (0) on 1<sup>st</sup> January of each year. No points are carried over from previous years. (If you gained points towards the cancelled Crufts 2021 ADOY competition, these will be added to this year and count for Crufts 2022)
- The points gained are for the dog and handler combination. If one member gains points with two different dogs, they are not combined. Please be aware that a handler may only qualify once for the Agility Dog of the Year semi-final at Crufts, if the handler has qualified with two dogs, the handler may choose between one of the two qualified dogs to compete with in the final.
- It should be noted that for the purposes of entering the competition at Crufts, handlers may enter a dog in “small” or “medium” or “intermediate” or “large” – handlers cannot enter a different dog in all 4 heights.
- If either a dog or handler cannot compete at Crufts, neither can be substituted and the qualification place is forfeited.
- If you have qualified with another dog, you may substitute this dog with another that you have qualified

### D:

#### ADOY - SEMI-FINALS

- The semi-final for the Agility Dog of the Year competition is held at Crufts in the YKC ring.
- You may only handle one dog in the Semi Final – regardless of how many dogs you qualified with. You will have the choice over any dogs you have qualified to run in the Semi-final.
- If a member who qualified for the Agility Dog of the Year semi-final turns eighteen (18) before the first day of Crufts, they will be invited to compete in the 18-24 Agility Final at Crufts instead.
- If a member qualified as an 11 year old and turns 12 before the first day of Crufts, they will be invited to compete in the 12-17 age group
- The top three (3) non-eliminated competitors in each category will go through to the Final in the main arena to make a maximum of eighteen (18) finalists
- Each of the eight (8) categories will have separate placings and prize-givings

### E:

#### THE FINAL

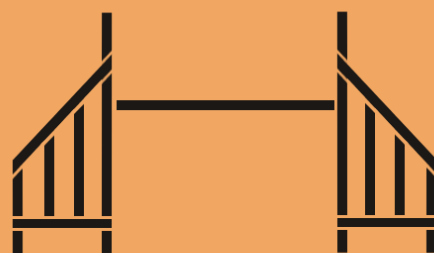
- The final for the Agility Dog of the Year competition is held in the main arena at Crufts.
- In the final, the age and dog height categories are removed and all finalists compete for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place (dogs will still compete at their appropriate height obstacles)





# YKC Young Kennel Club

UNDER 18s JUMPING  
RULES 2021 (CRUFTS 2022)





## UNDER 18s JUMPING (U18J)

# A:

DEFINITION

The YKC Under 18's Jumping competition is designed to showcase dogs competing over non contact equipment.

The qualifiers are open to dogs of all levels and courses will be grade 3 standard, not impossible for beginners, and not a walk in the park for grade 7 dogs.

# B:

HANDLERS

The following Eight (8) categories will be open for members to compete in:

### 06-11 Years

Large Dogs  
Intermediate Dogs  
Medium Dogs  
Small Dogs

### 12 –17 Years

Large Dogs  
Intermediate Dogs  
Medium Dogs  
Small Dogs

*(18-24 Years members are **not** able to compete in YKC Under 18s Jumping)*

Once a handler has qualified a dog for the final at Crufts, that dog may not enter any further U18J Heats. Once a handler has qualified two dogs for the final, they may not enter any further heats with any dog. If you have already entered a show but have managed to qualify after the closing date, you may still compete in your entered class if you wish. There will be no roll down for this position.

# C:

QUALIFICATION

To Qualify for Crufts, members must gain points by being placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in YKC Under 18 Jumping events. To achieve qualification, members must reach **30** points for the year. Any points gained will be for entry into Crufts the following year.

COVID restrictions may require the YKC to accept places lower than 3<sup>rd</sup> if not enough qualifiers are available. If COVID-19 requires any further lockdowns, they YKC may have to revise the qualification process



- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: 30 POINTS



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 15 POINTS



- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 10 POINTS

### COVID 19

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## UNDER 18s JUMPING (U18J)

# C:

QUALIFICATION CONT.

- All points are reset to zero (0) on 1<sup>st</sup> January of each year. No points are carried over from previous years. (If you gained points towards the cancelled Crufts 2021 U18J competition, these will be added to this year and count for Crufts 2022)
- The points gained are for the dog and handler combination. If one member gains points with two different dogs, they are not combined. Please be aware that a handler may only qualify once for the Under 18s Jumping final at Crufts, if the handler has qualified with more than one dog, the handler may choose between one of the qualified dogs to compete with in the final.
- It should be noted that for the purposes of entering the competition at Crufts, handlers may enter a dog in “small” or “medium” or “intermediate” or “large” – handlers cannot enter a different dog in all 4 heights.
- If either a dog or handler cannot compete at Crufts, neither can be substituted and the qualification place is forfeited.

If you have qualified with another dog, you may substitute this dog with another that you have qualified

# D:

U18J - FINAL

- The final for the Under 18s Jumping competition is held at Crufts in the YKC ring.
- You may only handle one dog in the final – regardless of how many dogs you qualified with. You will have the choice over any dogs you have qualified to run in the final.
- If a member who qualified for the U18s Jumping turns eighteen (18) before the first day of Crufts, they will be invited to compete in the 18-24 Jumping final at Crufts instead.
- If a member qualified as an 11 year old and turns 12 before the first day of Crufts, they will be invited to compete in the 12-17 age group
- Each of the eight (8) categories will have separate placings and prize-givings.
- There will also be a prize for the Overall winner and Reserve dogs for all 8 categories combined.



# YKC Young Kennel Club

YKC PAIRS  
COMPETITION





# A:

## DEFINITION

The new YKC Pairs competition has replaced the YKC teams competition. The competition is designed to offer more co-operative teamwork than its predecessor. The pairs competition will be open to 3 age groups.

YKC pairs will technically be 4 separate competitions, one for each height (small, medium, intermediate and large) - only dogs of the same height can compete in a pair.

# B:

## HANDLERS

The following twelve (12) categories will be open for members to compete in:

### Large Dogs

06-11 Years  
12-17 Years  
18-24 Years

### Intermediate Dogs

06-11 Years  
12-17 Years  
18-24 Years

### Medium Dogs

06-11 Years  
12-17 Years  
18-24 Years

### Small Dogs

06-11 Years  
12-17 Years  
18-24 Years

# C:

## PAIRS ENTRY RULES

To compete in YKC PAIRS, you **MUST** have the following:



2 x Handlers



2 x Dogs of the same height category



# C:

## PAIRS RULES CONT.

There will be 3 different age categories for this competition. A pair may be formed of a mixed age category. The age of the oldest member of the pair will determine which category the pair must enter.

e.g.

Jim is 9 Years old

Carol is 13 years old

If entering into a YKC pairs competition, they would enter their pair (both Jim and Carol) into the 12-17 Years age category

Once a handler is entered into an age category, they should only enter in that age category for any subsequent entries at that show (this is to avoid clashes later on)

Both handlers must be a YKC member at the closing date of the qualifying show as specified in the show schedule

# D:

## PAIRS COMPETITION RULES

### YKC Pairs will be run as 1x agility and 1x jumping round

- The first dog will complete the agility section  
Equipment may include: A-Frame, See-Saw, Dog walk, jumps, tunnels, weaves
- The second dog will complete the jumping section  
Equipment may include: weaves, jumps, tunnels, long jump, tire, wall  
(please note this is a special class, contact equipment can be used more than once and the judge does not have to use every piece of equipment listed here)
- Each section should feature between 13 and 16 obstacles
- You may choose after walking the course who will complete each section
- As an exception, due to COVID, there will be no baton change, instead the two dogs will run 2 separate runs. The faults and times will be added together to give a score for the pair. The pair should still compete consecutively with the agility dog going first.
- The course will be different for the first and the second dogs, but may re-use some of the equipment from the first dog's course.

### Altered Kennel Club & Additional Rules

- Elimination will score 100 faults and will be that dog's final faults total (irrespective of how many faults were accumulated prior to this) the dog will no longer be marked but must complete the course  
Unless the pair are disqualified (see below) then the time will be recorded, even if both dogs are eliminated
- The maximum total faults a team can score is 200 (2x Eliminated dogs)
- The team will be disqualified if either dog fails to make a fair attempt at the course or either dog is deemed out of control
- If as a result of the one of the competing dogs / handlers mistake, the timing is stopped before the course is completed, the team's time will recorded as either the course time **OR** the time at which the clock was stopped, which ever is greater. If the timing equipment malfunctions, this shall be handled as if it was a normal class



### E:

#### ENTRY

A YKC member may enter more than one pair at a qualifier, a dog may only enter the YKC Pairs qualifier once.

If you have already qualified in a height category you may not enter that YKC pairs height qualifier again that year. If you have qualified at a show after the closing date of another show you have already entered in the same height category, you may compete at that show ONLY if the pairing is the same as the one that has qualified. Any other combination must forfeit their round.

Once a handler is entered into an age category, they should only enter in that age category for any subsequent entries in YKC PAIRS at that show (this is to avoid clashes later on)

*e.g.*

*Using the "Large" Dog Height as an example*

*Dave: 8*

*Jim: 9*

*Daniel: 10*

*Steph: 13*

*Emily: 14*

*Sarah: 23*

*If Dave(8) and Steph(13) Pair up – they will pair into the 12-17 category.*

*If Dave wishes to enter another pair, he may only do so with either Steph or Emily (as they fit the 12-17 category)*

*Dave could not pair with Jim(9), Steph(13) and Sarah(23) at the same height qualifier*

### F:

#### QUALIFICATION

The first placed pair in each category (maximum of 12 pairs per qualifier) will qualify for the following year's Crufts providing that both dogs were not eliminated (the pair's total faults must be lower than 200). There will be a roll down if the first placed pair have already qualified.

- Until members and dogs have qualified, they are free to swap and change pairs between qualifiers, however;
- As soon as a pair has qualified for Crufts, those handlers and dogs are locked into that pairing and cannot compete in YKC Pairs qualifiers for that height again that year, or be part of another YKC Pairs pairing of that height.
- There can be no substitution of dog or handler under any circumstances please see below for the procedure of replacement pairs

#### COVID 19

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# G:

## BROKEN PAIRS

If your pair becomes broken (either a dog can no longer run or one of the handlers no longer wishes to compete) immediately inform the YKC office.

- The member and dog who still wish to compete will go onto a waiting list to be joined with other members in a similar situation.
- The YKC will re-pair any members who have been split up from their original pairing. This re-pairing will be done in a first come first served basis, the earlier you let the YKC know, the more likely you will get another partner.
- The YKC will re-pair members based on dog height only, i.e. we might re-pair a 20 year old with an 8 year old — this is not negotiable. If you are unhappy with your pairing you may withdraw from the Crufts final (you will not be repaired a second time - the person you left will be re-paired though)
- You do not have to be re-paired, you may instead withdraw from the Crufts final. You may still not re-qualify with another pairing in that dog height.
- The member whose dog has been injured may switch to a new pair and attempt to requalify only if they have contacted the YKC with written proof from their vet that this is the case **AND** the YKC have written back and agreed. (Email is fine)
- A member that did not want to be part of that pairing anymore will not be allowed to requalify (unless it falls under extenuating circumstances, in which case, you must contact the YKC for written permission)

# H:

## PAIRS - FINAL

- The final for the YKC Pairs competition is held at Crufts in the YKC ring.
- The final of each height category may or may not be on the same day at Crufts. (TBC)
- You may only handle one dog in the final – and may only compete as part of one pair per height category.
- Age calculations may move a pair from one age category to the next, for example: if a pair qualified as in the 06-11 category and at least one member is 12 years old on the first day of Crufts, that pair will be invited to compete in the 12-17 age group.
- Each of the twelve (12) categories will have separate placings and prize-givings.

