

# AGILITY TEAM GB

## 2025 TEAM QUALIFICATION



### Agility Team GB – OPEN TO ALL

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## Introduction

The Agility Team GB Team Selection Process is designed to incorporate dogs and handlers that have reached a high level of performance in Kennel Club (KC) Premier and Championship shows during the previous 12 months. It is designed to be an “Open for All” selection, providing partnerships have achieved, or are close to reaching, a level that will enable them to be competitive at international events.

### List of Abbreviations.

- AWC – Agility World Championship.
- JOAWC – Junior Open Agility World Championship.
- OSC – Open Show Case.
- TO1 – Try Out Weekend 1.
- EO – European Open.
- JOT – Junior Open Agility World Championship Try Out.
- PSQ – Pre-selection Qualifier.
- TO2 –Try Out Weekend 2.

## Key Dates

Event	Dates
Qualification Period	1 April 2024 - 30 January 2025
Open Showcase (OSC)	31 January - 2 February 2025
Try Out Weekend 1 (TO 1)	14 & 15 February 2025
Junior Pre-Selection Qualifier (PSQ)	16 February 2025
Try Out Weekend 2 (TO 2)	15 & 16 March 2025
JOAWC Try Out (JOT)	22 & 23 March 2025
Team Announced	Before 7 April 2025
Team Day (EO & AWC)	26 April 2025
Team Day (JOAWC)	27 April 2025
EO Team Day	26 May 2025
JOAWC Camp	27 - 29 May 2025
JOAWC (Portugal)	10 - 13 July 2025
EO (Portugal)	17 - 20 July 2025
AWC Team Day	25 August 2025
AWC - Sweden	16 - 21 September 2025
JOAWC Parents debrief (WR11 7SA)	Sunday 26 October. 9am to 11.30am
EO & AWC Debrief (WR11 7SA)	Sunday 26 October. 12pm to 5pm

## Judges and Course Designers

### Open Show Case (OSC). 31 January – 2 February 2025

Event Judge: **Tom Flynn.**

#### **OSC**

Jumping Course Designer: Roman Lukáč

Agility Course Designer: Fanny Gott

#### **Junior OSC**

Jumping Course Designer: Zsófi Bíró

Agility Course Designer: Hugo Santos

### Try Out Weekend 1 (TO 1). 14 – 15 February 2025

Event Judge. **Hilary Poole.**

Day 1 Jumping Course Designer: Domingos Carneiro

Day 1 Agility Course Designer: Belmiro Sousa

Day 1 Final Course Designer: **Greg Derrett** (Based on EO Team Relay Finals)

Day 2 Jumping Course Design: Jocke Tangfelt

Day 2 Agility Course Design: Stefanie Semkat

### Junior Pre-Selection Qualifier (PSQ). 16 February 2025

Event Judge. **Hilary Poole.**

AM, Jumping 1 Course Designer: Hugo Santos

AM, Agility 1 Course Designer: Sérgio Sousa

PM, Jumping 2 Course Designer: Juraj Ruza

PM, Agility 2 Course Designer: Zsófi Bíró

### Try Out Weekend 2 (TO 2). 15 – 16 March 2024

Event Judge. **Jason Bartram.**

Day 1 Jumping Course Designer: Fanny Gott

Day 1 Agility Course Designer: Vittorio Pavero

Day 2 Jumping Course Design: Ana Beltran

Day 2 Agility Course Design: Roman Lukáč

Day 2 Final Course Designer: Zsuzsa Veres

### JOAWC Try Out (JOT). 22 & 23 March 2025

Event Judge. **Mariann Bayliss.**

AM, Jumping 1 Course Designer: Zsófi Bíró

AM, Agility 1 Course Designer: Juraj Ruza

PM, Jumping 2 Course Designer: Sérgio Sousa

PM, Agility 2 Course Designer: Hugo Santos

The above is subject to change and a finalised list of designers will be posted on the official Agility Team GB Facebook pages once confirmed.

# Selection Summary

## Eligibility for Try Out Process

To qualify through Kennel Club Agility shows in the qualifying period, dogs **MUST compete in the equivalent Kennel Club height. ALL dogs in ALL heights** trying out for Agility Team GB must have obtained, the day before the process starts on January 31 2025 (OSC), an **official FCI Championship** measure or have received an **Agility Team GB Height Classification** from Agility Team GB.

All handlers should therefore aim to get their dogs classified in the summer of 2024.

**EO/AWC** – Achieve at least one of the following:

- A top 20 placement in the 2024 Kennel Club Agility Stakes, Quarter-Final (Large/Intermediate) or Semi-Finalist (Medium/Small). The run must not be eliminated to be eligible to enter.
- 2025 Crufts Singles Finalist.
- Championship Certificate (CC) or Reserve Championship Certificate (RCC) Winner April 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 to January 30<sup>th</sup> 2025.
- 2024 AWC or EO Team member who competed, or was a travelling reserve, at the 2024 EO or AWC.
- 2024 JOAWC Team member who competed, or was a travelling reserve, at the 2024 JOAWC who is no longer eligible for JOAWC 2025 due to age.
- Open Showcase 2025 Results

See Appendix 2 for Try Out Process eligibility.

## **Juniors**

- 2007 or later date of birth.
- Young Kennel Club Member.

Who has achieved at least one of the following:

- Qualified for the Young Kennel Club Agility Dog of the Year Semi-Finalist 2025.
- 2024 Junior or Adult Team member who competed, or was a travelling reserve, at the 2024 JOAWC, EO or AWC.
- Open Showcase 2025 Results

Dog and Handler partnerships only need to achieve one of the pre-requisite criteria to be eligible to enter.

See Appendix 3 for Junior PSQ eligibility.

The Agility Team GB Management reserve the right to invite additional dogs and handlers to enter the Try Out Process or the Junior PSQ.

Partnerships achieving the above criteria but having to withdraw from the previous year's Kennel Club Agility Stakes, or Crufts are still eligible to enter the 2025 process. Partnerships that are called up as reserves to Crufts, therefore achieving one of the above criteria, will be eligible to enter the 2025 process.

## **How to qualify to represent Agility Team GB**

### **EO & AWC Team**

Two, two-day events (TO1 & TO2) with win on spots available for both the individual and team events at the European Open and Agility World Championships.

### **Junior Team**

The PSQ has results-based progression from the day to determine eligibility to enter the JOT. The JOT is a two-day event with win on spots available for both the individual and team events at the Junior Open Agility World Championships.

### **If you do not win your way onto the team....**

After the win on spots detailed throughout this document have been determined, all other places at the events and the makeup of the individual teams will be decided by the management team.

They will consider,

- The results from the selection process.
- The results from The Kennel Club Agility Stakes and Crufts Finals.
- Previous national & international experience and results.
- Requirements of specific selection (selecting a partnership specifically for team, individual or both).
- Dynamics within the teams.
- Composition of other teams (EO & AWC).
- Handlers perceived commitment to International Agility Championships & handlers conduct, attitude and behaviour on previous years' teams.
- Development of partnerships.

**Handlers entering this process acknowledge they CAN win on to any event. If they do not achieve this, they acknowledge that all other selections are opinion-based and made by the management team & do not need to be justified.**

A parent guide with further information about the Junior Open Agility World Championship event can be found on the Agility Crew Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2803458159979536>

**The remainder of this document concerns the specific events and detailed rules that will be used throughout the 2025 Agility Team GB Selection.**

## **Win on Spot Criteria**

The following criteria will be used throughout the entire process.

### **EO & AWC**

<b>Type of Win On</b>	<b>Fault Criteria</b>	<b>Time Faults</b>
Class Win On	Zero Faults allowed	Zero Time Faults allowed
Combined Win On	Zero Faults allowed	Zero Time Faults allowed

<b>Height</b>	<b>Jumping Class</b>	<b>Agility Class</b>	<b>EO Final Class</b>
Small	5.5 mps	5.35mps	5.3mps
Medium	5.65 mps	5.65mps	5.4mps
Intermediate	5.9 mps	5.8mps	5.6mps
Large	5.9 mps	5.8mps	5.7mps

### **JUNIOR**

<b>Type of Win On</b>	<b>Fault Criteria</b>	<b>Time Faults</b>	<b>MPS criteria</b>
Class Win On	Zero Faults allowed	Zero Time Faults allowed	4.75
Combined Win On	Maximum of 5 faults	Zero Time Faults allowed	4.75

## **Docked Dogs in 2025**

### **EO & JOAWC**

Portugal is allowing docked dogs to compete providing they have certificate from a veterinarian and the home Kennel Club states in writing these dogs can compete at Kennel Club licensed events.

### **AWC**

Docked dogs can compete in Sweden.

## **Open Show Case**

The objective of this event is to offer young and upcoming partnerships and/or dogs who are in a different KC height to their FCI height the chance to qualify to enter the 2025 Team GB selection process.

### **Eligibility**

Open to Kennel Club Grades 1-7 but specifically for handlers that believe the dog they are entering will be **ready to represent Agility Team GB in 2025**. To help us offer this opportunity, we request you only enter if you believe your dog and you have the potential to compete internationally in 2025. Dogs that have already accepted an invite to the 2025 selection process are ineligible to enter the OSC. Handlers who enter dogs that are not eligible to compete at this event will not receive a refund and will be unable to compete.

The OSC will include competitors wishing to compete in the EO and AWC international teams and the Junior team (JOAWC).

Junior handlers must be a Young Kennel Club Member to enter the OSC.

The OSC is Open to ALL dogs who have not qualified through the above channels for the 2025 Try Out process. Dogs must have obtained, an **official FCI Championship** measure or have received an **Agility Team GB Height Classification** from Agility Team GB before 31 January 2025. Dogs must enter their correct FCI height category.

### **Open Show Case Format**

Due to the OSC being “**Open to ALL**” we are unable to predict the number of dogs entering. Therefore, please note that the below format is subject to change if entry dictates. **All** handlers may be required to **compete on all 3 days** (31 January -2 February 2025) and should therefore **keep these days free**. The measuring date may also vary depending on the format. The exact format will be published no later than 14 days after the entry closing date.

If a dog does not have an official FCI Championship measure or an Agility Team GB Height Classification, they will be allocated a time slot the day before the OSC begins for an assessment. Due to time constraints, Agility Team GB Classifiers may only assess whether the dog is eligible to continue in the entered height at the OSC. Agility Team GB Height Classifications may only be provided to dogs that are difficult to ascertain the correct height classification. All dogs that progress to the selection process must gain an Agility Team GB Height Classification to be eligible to continue with the Try Out process. All competitors are advised to read the height classification section below.

This event consists of a jumping and an agility round, run under strict FCI rules and regulations unless otherwise stated in this document. Results in the OSC make up one event and are not split into EO and AWC eligibility.

- For the OSC, a jumping run will take place on the Friday and an agility run on the Saturday.
- For the Junior OSC, a jumping run and an agility run will take place on the Sunday.

(Please note, the above days are dependent on entry numbers which we are unable to predict. If numbers dictate the above days may alter so that both the OSC events run over the weekend; handlers are strongly advised to keep 31<sup>st</sup> January - 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 free until exact details are published.)

- Least faults win with time used only as tiebreaker in all aspects of this event.
- Course time is 115% of the class winner’s time in each height.
- Jumping running order is a random draw.
- Running order for the agility round will be in reverse order of the jumping round results.
- Eliminations in the individual classes and a double elimination in the combined results will not be placed.

- In the event there is a tie among the qualifying places, a run-off will be required for the individual class result. For the combined result, the agility round score will determine the winner. If there is still a tie, a run-off on the agility course will take place.
- For a tie affecting running orders in the agility rounds, a coin toss will decide the place.

### **Progression from the OSC to the Selection Process**

#### **In each height (Total 4 partnerships)**

- Winner in each individual class (2 partnerships)
- Top 2 in combined results (2 partnerships)

(Results must meet the above win on spot criteria)

### **Progression from the Junior OSC to the PSQ**

#### **In Each height (Total 4 partnerships)**

- Winner in each individual class (2 partnerships)
- Top 2 in combined results (2 partnerships)

(Results must meet the above win on spot criteria.)

### **Selection**

The management team reserve the right to invite additional partnerships that compete in this event to progress to the next stages of the Try-Outs.

### **OSC General Information**

If a dog gains more than 1 win on spot, the progression spot will not roll down to the next placed partnership.

Handlers may progress with multiple dogs from the OSC.

Entry fee for the OSC will be £25 per dog.

See Appendix 4 for the OSC overview and Appendix 11 for the Junior OSC overview.

### **EO & AWC Try Out Process.**

Entry fee for the Try Out Process will be £80 per dog.

All dogs, in ALL HEIGHTS, that qualify to enter the process, must have obtained an official FCI Championship measure or have received an Agility Team GB Height Classification from Agility Team GB before competing in the Try Out Process. All dogs that require a Height Classification will be allocated a time slot the day before the OSC. There will be no availability to gain a height classification after the OSC weekend. It is strongly recommended all dogs receive a GB height classification in 2024.

Partnerships will compete on all 4 days, in all runs, regardless of eligibility for EO or AWC qualification.



Handlers can state on their entry if they only want to compete at either the EO or AWC. It is not compulsory for a partnership with a pedigree dog to seek qualification to both, however the Management Team will consider the results from all 4 days of the Selection Process regarding all selection decisions. Handlers therefore acknowledge that not running in all available runs could have a negative effect on a partnership's chance of selection for one or both events.

Both Try Out Weekends consists of a "Team Format" day and an "Individual Format" day. Selection decisions will consider these different formats. Both weekends will run under strict FCI rules and regulations unless otherwise stated in this document. Each day is a separate result and each height a separate event.

## **Try Out Weekend 1. (TO1)**

### **EO Team format day**

A jumping and an agility round, with the combined results used for qualification to a final. The results from the final earn automatic places on the EO team.

- The results of a jumping and an agility run are combined.
- Course time is 115% of the class winner's time in each height.
- A random draw will be used for the running orders in both classes.
- Any dog that scores 0 faults from the combined results will progress to compete in the Final.
- All dogs that score 0.001 faults or more will run the final course but Not for Competition (NFC). The purpose of the run is to obtain data used to help with selection decisions.
- The final will be run on a course designed in the layout of an EO team relay, with finalists all running the same section of the course.
- Least faults win with time used as a tiebreaker in the final.
- The running order in the relay will be based on reverse order of their combined score.
- A 10 second count down will be used to start the clock. Time is stopped as the dog crosses the finish line.
- Dogs that begin before the time has started will be eliminated. Handlers may lead out into the course, prior to the time starting if they wish.
- Eliminations in the final will not be placed.
- In the event of a tie for a win on spot, the agility round result will be used followed by the jumping result (least faults win with time used as a tiebreaker). If there is still a tie, dogs will run-off on the final course.

The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> placed partnerships from this final, in each height, qualify to represent Team GB at the EO in both the individual and team events.

The win on spot must meet the criteria set out earlier in this document in all three runs. If a win on place does not meet these minimum criteria, the Team Management will then select the spot.

See Appendix 5 for the TO1, day 1 format summary.

### **AWC Individual format day**

A jumping round and an agility round with the results combined. The results from the combined results earn automatic places on the AWC squad.

- The results of a jumping and an agility round are combined.
- Least faults win with time as a tie breaker in all aspects of this event.
- Course time is 106% of the class winner's time in each height.
- Jumping running order is a random draw.
- Running order for the agility round will be in reverse order of the jumping round results.
- In the event of a tie for the win on spot, the agility round score will be used. If there is still a tie, a run-off on the agility course will take place.

The winning partnership in each height will qualify to represent Agility Team GB at the AWC. The Team Management will select whether the partnership competes in the Individual, the Team or both events. The win on spot must meet the criteria set out earlier in this document. If a win on place does not meet these minimum criteria, the Team Management will then select the spot.

See Appendix 6 for the TO1, day 2 format summary.

### **Try Out Weekend 2. (TO2)**

#### **AWC Team format day**

A jumping and an agility round with the results combined. The results from the combined results earn automatic places on the AWC squad.

- The results of a jumping and an agility round are combined.
- Least faults win with time as a tie breaker in all aspects of this event.
- Course time is 115% of the class winner's time in each height.
- Jumping running order is a random draw.
- Running order for the agility round will be in reverse order of the jumping round results.
- In the event of a tie for the win on spot, the agility round score will be used. If there is still a tie, a run-off on the agility course will take place.

The winning partnership in each height will qualify to represent Agility Team GB at the AWC. The Team Management will select whether the partnership competes in the Individual, the Team or both events. The win on spot must meet the criteria set out earlier in this document. If a win on place does not meet these minimum criteria, the Team Management will then select the spot.

See Appendix 7 for the TO2, day 1 format summary.

#### **EO Individual format day**

A Jumping and an Agility round, with the class results used for qualifying for a final. The class results are NOT combined. The results from the final earn automatic places on the EO team.

- Least faults win with time used only as tiebreaker in all aspects on this day.
- Course time is 115% of the class winner's time in each height.
- A random draw will be used for running orders in both classes.
- Any dog that places in the top 25% of a class, with 0 faults, will qualify to compete in the final. Percentages will be calculated from the initial entry.
- Partnerships that qualify in both classes will only qualify once, using their highest place. Qualification will move down in the other class to the next spot. The Agility result will take precedence if they achieve the same placement.
- 50% of the entry is therefore eligible to qualify for the final.
- E.g. If 40 dogs are entered in Large, the top 10 in the Jumping and the top 10 in the Agility are eligible to qualify to the final.
- All dogs that do not qualify for the final will run the final course but Not for Competition (NFC). The purpose of the run is to obtain data used to help with selection decisions.
- The final will be run on an Agility course.
- The final running order will be reverse order of the class placements with the Agility placement taking precedent on running last. e.g., running last will be the Agility class winner, running 2<sup>nd</sup> last will be the Jumping class winner, running 3<sup>rd</sup> last will be 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Agility class and so on.
- Eliminations in the final will not be placed.
- In the event of a tie for the progression to the final, a run-off will be required.
- In the event of a tie for a win on spot from the final, the qualifying agility round score will be used followed by the qualifying jumping result. If there is still a tie, a run-off on the final course will take place.

The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> placed partnerships from this final, in each height, qualify to represent Team GB at the EO in both the individual and team events.

The win on spot must meet the criteria set out earlier in this document in the qualifying run that qualified them for the final and in the final. The result from the qualifying round run that was not used to gain a place in the final does not have to meet the win on spot criteria. If a win on place does not meet these minimum criteria, the Team Management will then select the spot.

See Appendix 8 for the TO2, day 2 format summary.

### **EO Team Composition**

Once the Win on Spots are established, the Management Team will then choose additional partnerships to represent Agility Team GB at the EO 2025.

It is the intention to select a Team of 32 (8 per height) as per the EO regulations. Due to the Gold medal won at the 2024 EO, we are eligible to take a 9<sup>th</sup> dog in the small height.

All partnerships will represent Team GB in both the individual and team events at the EO.

See Appendix 9 for EO team composition summary.

If a dog gains both EO win on spots, then the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot will NOT roll down and this place will be selected by the Management Team.

The Management Team will select the specific event teams.

The Management Team will select reserves, travelling and non travelling.

If a handler gains a win on spot with two or more dogs throughout the heights, the Team Manager reserves the right to take only one dog. The handler will be able to choose which dog gains the guaranteed place. The decision to take the additional dog(s) will be decided by the Management Team.

### **AWC Team Composition**

Once the Win on Spots are established, the Team Management will then choose additional partnerships considering the need for:

- 12 partnerships to represent Agility Team GB in the Individual event.
- 4 partnerships per height to represent Agility Team GB in the Team event.

(Please note this could be win on spots being selected for the additional event or another partnership being selected for one or both events).

All win on spots will therefore commit to the team knowing they are only guaranteed to run in one event. All further selections for Team and the Individual runs will not take place until just before the AWC entry closing date.

If a dog gains both AWC win on spots then they will represent GB in both the Team and Individual at AWC.

If a handler gains a win on spot with 2 or more dogs throughout the heights, the Team Manager reserves the right to take only one dog. The handler will be able to choose which dog gains the guaranteed place. The decision to take the additional dog(s) will be decided by the Management Team.

See Appendix 10 for AWC team composition summary.

### **Junior PSQ**

The goal of this event is to reduce competitor numbers to a level where specific team selection events can be run successfully and to provide results data to be used as part of any selection decisions.

All dogs must have obtained an official FCI Championship measure or have received an Agility Team GB Height Classification from Agility Team GB before competing in the PSQ. All dogs that require a Height Classification will be allocated a time slot the day before the OSC. There will be no availability to gain a height classification after the OSC weekend. It is strongly recommended all dogs receive a GB height classification in 2024.

## PSQ Format.

This event consists of two jumping and two agility rounds, run under strict FCI rules and regulations unless otherwise stated in this document. Jumping 1 and Agility 1 will be combined and this will be a separate result to the Jumping 2 and Agility 2 combined result.

- Least faults win with time used only as tiebreaker in all aspects of this event.
- Course time is 115% of the class winner's time in each height.
- Jumping running order is a random draw.
- Running order for the agility round will be in reverse order of the jumping round results.
- Eliminations in the individual classes and a double elimination in the combined results will not be placed.
- In the event there is a tie among the qualifying places, a run-off will be required for the individual class result. For the combined result, the agility round score will determine the winner. If there is still a tie, a run-off on the agility course will take place.
- For a tie affecting running orders in the agility rounds, a coin toss will decide the place.

## Progression from the Junior PSQ

### In each height

- Winner in each individual class (4 partnerships).
- Top 2 in combined results from Jumping 1 & Agility 1 (2 partnerships) and Jumping 2 & Agility 2 (2 partnerships).
- The win on spots must meet the criteria set out earlier in this document.
- **Total 8 partnerships.**
- Additional partnerships can be selected by the Management Team if partnerships have demonstrated they will benefit themselves and the team by progressing.

See Appendix 12 for Junior Team PSQ progression summary.

## PSQ General Information

If a dog gains more than one win on spot, the progression spot will not roll down to the next placed partnership.

Once a partnership has achieved a result for progression they do not have to continue to compete, however the management team will consider the results of the 4 runs at the PSQ during team selection, so it is highly recommended that they continue to run competitively in all 4 classes.

Handlers may progress with multiple dogs to the JOT event.

Entry fee for the PSQ will be £64 per dog and the fee will also include entry into the JOT event if the partnership qualifies.

## **Junior Open Agility World Championship Try Out. (JOT)**

This event consists of a “Team Format” day and an “Individual Format” day. It will run under strict FCI rules and regulations unless otherwise stated in this document. Each day is a separate result and each height a separate event.

### **Team format day**

A jumping and an agility round with the results combined.

- The results of a jumping and an agility round are combined.
- Least faults win with time as a tie breaker in all aspects of this event.
- Course time is 115% of the class winner’s time in each height.
- Jumping running order is a random draw.
- Running order for the agility round will be in reverse order of jumping round results.
- In the event of a tie for the win on spot, the agility round score will be used. If there is still a tie, a run-off on the agility course will take place.

The first and second place partnerships from each height in this combined result will qualify to represent Agility Team GB at the JOAWC in both the individual and team events. The win on spots must meet the criteria set out earlier in this document.

See Appendix 13 for JOT Day 1 format summary.

### **Individual format day**

A jumping round and an agility round with the results combined.

- The results of the jumping and agility round are combined.
- Least faults win with time as a tie breaker in all aspects of this event.
- Course time is 106% of the class winner’s time in each height.
- Jumping running order is a random draw.
- Running order for the agility round will be in reverse order of the jumping round results.
- In the event of a tie for the win on spot, the agility round score will be used. If there is still a tie, a run-off on the agility course will take place.

The first and second place partnerships from each height in this combined result will qualify to represent Agility Team GB at the JOAWC in both the individual and team events. The win on spots must meet the criteria set out earlier in this document.

See Appendix 14 for JOT Day 2 format summary.

## **JOAWC Team Composition**

The Win on Spots potentially will make up 50% of Team GB at the JOAWC.

The Team management will have the option to choose additional dogs across all heights to form the remainder of the JOAWC Team GB.

These selection decisions will consider:

- Result data and performance from the Try Out process.
- Data driven evidence from their agility career to demonstrate the partnership will be competitive at the JOAWC.
- Previous national & international experience and results.
- Requirements of specific selection (selecting a partnership specifically for team, individual or both).
- Dynamics within the teams and the parents group.
- Development of partnerships and individuals.
- The overall team dynamics and culture of Agility Team GB.

JOAWC rules allow team GB to submit a maximum of 32 dogs with a maximum total of 8 in each height.

Please note additional dogs will only be selected if the Management Team believes all partnerships will be competitive and/or benefit from the experience in relation to their agility career.

All partnerships selected will represent Team GB in the individual event and will run in the team event at the JOAWC.

### **Selection decisions will consider the following:**

- The Team event allows 4 dogs per height to constitute a team.
- A dog may be taken to run in the individual and be a reserve for the Team, therefore running in a Rest of the World team if not needed as a reserve.
- If a dog gains a win on spot on both days, then the spot will NOT roll down and this place will be selected by the Team Management.
- The Team Management will select the specific event teams.
- The Team Management will select reserves (travelling and non travelling)
- If a handler gains a win on spot with 2 or more dogs throughout the heights, the Team Management reserves the right to take only one dog. The handler will be able to choose which dog gains the guaranteed place. The decision to take the additional dog(s) will be decided by the Team Management.

See Appendix 15 for JOAWC team composition summary.

## General Competition Rules

- Handlers must have a valid United Kingdom passport or have permanent residency in the United Kingdom on the closing date of the entry for the selection process.
- Handlers must not compete at either the European Open and/or the FCI Agility World Championships and/or the Junior Open Agility World Championship for another country, in the same year as qualifying dates for the selection process.
- Handlers who have competed for and/or attended a selection event for another country to compete at the European Open and/or the FCI Agility World Championships and/or the Junior Open Agility World Championship will be ineligible to enter the Agility Team GB selection event for a period of two years from the date of the contravening competition date. If a handler has had a significant change in circumstances, for example recently moved to Great Britain, at the discretion of the GB management, this rule may be overturned for an individual.
- Handlers who enter the try-out process in breach of any of the eligibility requirements, will be removed from the process or will be removed from the Team, if they have won on or been selected, once the breach comes to light.
- Handlers have a responsibility to record their achievements regarding eligibility for the selection process to ensure they have met the requirements. All handlers will be officially notified by The Kennel Club of their eligibility by December 22<sup>nd</sup> each year. Any additional handlers that gain qualification in any way after this date, will be notified within 14 days of that qualification being gained, or 14 days after the last series of heats. Any handler that believes they should be invited, but has not received an invite considering the above dates should contact [agility@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:agility@thekennelclub.org.uk)
- Each height is a separate event in all aspects of Agility Team GB selection.
- Dogs may only compete in one height throughout the 2025 Agility Team GB selection.
- Dogs may only compete with one handler throughout the 2025 Agility Team GB selection.
- Dogs may only compete with one handler throughout the 2025 Junior Agility Team GB selection.
- Results attained for eligibility to the selection process must be the same dog and handler partnerships that compete in the Try Out events.
- If a dog qualifies for the selection process with multiple handlers, the owner(s) of the dog as stated on KC registration certificate will decide which handler can enter the selection process.
- In all events, classes will run in strict running order. Failure to be ready to enter the ring at the time you are due to run will result in an elimination in that class. This is the stated start time for dogs with a running order of 1. For all other dogs it is as the previous dog crosses the finish line.
- Handlers enter and compete in these events acknowledging and understanding that they CAN win their way onto all international teams and the specific events for which they are eligible. By doing so handlers accept and agree that if they do not achieve the required results that the additional selection decisions, as stated in this document, are made based on the opinions of the Team Management and they will be unable to challenge or seek further clarification.
- All classes will run under FCI Agility Rules and Regulations and any additional rules detailed in the Agility Team GB selection document and event schedules.
- Bitches in season may run at all events as per FCI AWC rules.
- If a handler does not compete in any run or on any day of the selection process, they may still compete in later runs. They accept that their chances of selection are dramatically reduced if this occurs and their missing run will be scored as an elimination in the selection data.



- The Team Management reserve the right to rule at the event on anything not covered in these rules that requires clarification.
- In the event of any extraordinary circumstances not covered by the rules, any matter arising will be considered by the Team Manager, whose decision is final.

### **Multiple dogs running order.**

In the classes where a random draw is specified (non-seeded runs) a random draw will produce the running order. Handlers running more than one dog will have a gap of 10 dogs (9 dogs between their runs, for example #2 and #12) by moving the first-drawn dog earlier in the running order. If this does not achieve a 10-dog gap, then the second-drawn dog will be moved later in the running order.

If there are not enough dogs in the class to achieve the 10-dog gap, the largest gap possible will be created, with a break of 5 minutes allowed. The 5-minute countdown will start as the handler's first dog crosses the finish line. The handler must enter the ring with their second dog before the countdown is complete.

Handlers with **more than 2** dogs will have their dogs split using the 10-dog gap rule unless there are not enough dogs in the class, whereupon the dogs will be split evenly through the running order using the 5-minute rule as described above. If a handler has drawn dogs close together in succeeding heights (e.g., drawn last to run in the large height and first to run in the medium height) the 5-minute rule will apply and will run through while jump heights are being changed.

In the seeded classes, running orders are the reverse of the results from the previous run, e.g., lowest placed dogs will run first; highest placed dogs will run last. Handlers who have multiple dogs will not have their running order altered (unless requested as below) but will be given a 3-minute break between dogs, if there are less than three dogs between their dogs. Handlers can request to have their first-drawn dog moved earlier in the running order to achieve the 10-dog gap stated above. If this does not achieve a 10-dog gap the handler will be given a 5-minute break. Handlers must notify the scoring team of this before the commencement of course walking on day 1 of any event.

**By entering more than one dog in the 2025 Agility Team GB Selection process, handlers indicate their acceptance to comply with these running order rules.**

### **Agility Team GB - FCI Height classification.**

All dogs trying out for Agility Team GB must have obtained, the day before the process starts (OSC) in that year, an official FCI Championship measure or have received an Agility Team GB Height Classification from Agility Team GB. The Agility Team GB Height Classification can be obtained at any official Agility Team GB Classification session or on the day prior to the OSC and costs £10 per dog.

- This classification is an Agility Team GB Height Classification only and does not affect any previous official Kennel Club measure.
- Height Classification does not guarantee you will achieve an official FCI measurement in the height category.
- Height Classification will assure handlers that Team GB will select dogs for the Championship Teams.

- Height Classification may be obtained by any dog regardless of qualification for the selection process.
- Height Classifications may only be confirmed by Official Height Classifiers appointed by the Kennel Club Prestige Events Working Party.
- Two Height Classifiers must be present to receive an Official Agility Team GB Height Classification.
- The Height Classification will remain with the dog for life unless superseded by an actual FCI Championship measure.
- A Height Classification cannot be obtained until the dog is over two years old.
- To be able to Try Out for Agility Team GB in a specific year, a Height Classification must be obtained by all dogs in ALL heights (unless the dog already has an actual FCI Championship measure), before the Open Showcase.
- If a dog is under two years old before The Open Showcase (OSC) it will receive a temporary Height Classification to allow it to compete through the Try-out Process. Once the dog turns two years old, it must then receive an official Height Classification.
- There will be no refund of selection entry fees, or any compensation given, if a dog is classified into a different height.
- Handlers are encouraged to obtain this Height Classification before entering the selection process at additional sessions run by the official height classifiers.
- If the dog's Agility Team GB Height Classification is at a different height than their Kennel Club measurement, they may compete in the selection process in their height classification.
- Qualification for the selection process must be from the equivalent height at Kennel Club events. Qualifications in different heights cannot be transferred.

### **FCI Championships height classifications**

- S (Small), for dogs measuring less than 35 cm at the withers.
- M (Medium), for dogs measuring 35 cm or more and less than 43 cm at the withers.
- I (Intermediate), for dogs measuring 43 cm or more and less than 48 cm at the withers.
- L (Large), for dogs measuring 48 cm or more at the withers.

### **Agility Team GB – Conduct and Removal from Team.**

Once a handler wins on to or is selected to represent Agility Team GB, they will be required to sign a contract outlining the requirements they must fulfil as a member of Agility Team GB. Failure to sign this contract and/or any breach of the contract conditions will risk removal from the Team regardless of achieving a Win on spot or being selected. Any conduct by a handler (or a Junior Handler's parent) that brings Agility Team GB or The Kennel Club into disrepute will risk expulsion from the Team. Any previous conduct that would breach this contract, regardless if a handler or parent has signed the contract, may be considered when selections are being made. Any dog that in the opinion of the Team Manager is visibly lame, or where there are concerns regarding the dog's welfare, will be required to pass a fitness test from the Team Vet if the handler wishes to compete.

### **Team Days**

Team days are designed to help handlers prepare for the international championships. Failure to attend the official Team Days without extenuating personal circumstances, as decided by the Team Manager, may result in deselection.

The EO teams are required to train together or meet face to face or in a online meeting, a minimum of two times between 1 May and 15 July. AWC teams are required to train together or meet face to face or in a online meeting once between the EO and the day before travelling to the AWC.

The EO & AWC teams can decide between themselves their dates and location. Failure to come to an agreement by 1 May will result in the Team Manager stating a compulsory date and location for them to attend.

JOAWC Team members are required to attend the Junior Camp in May.

Appendices

# Agility Team GB

2025 Selection Process Summary



Appendix 1

# Qualification

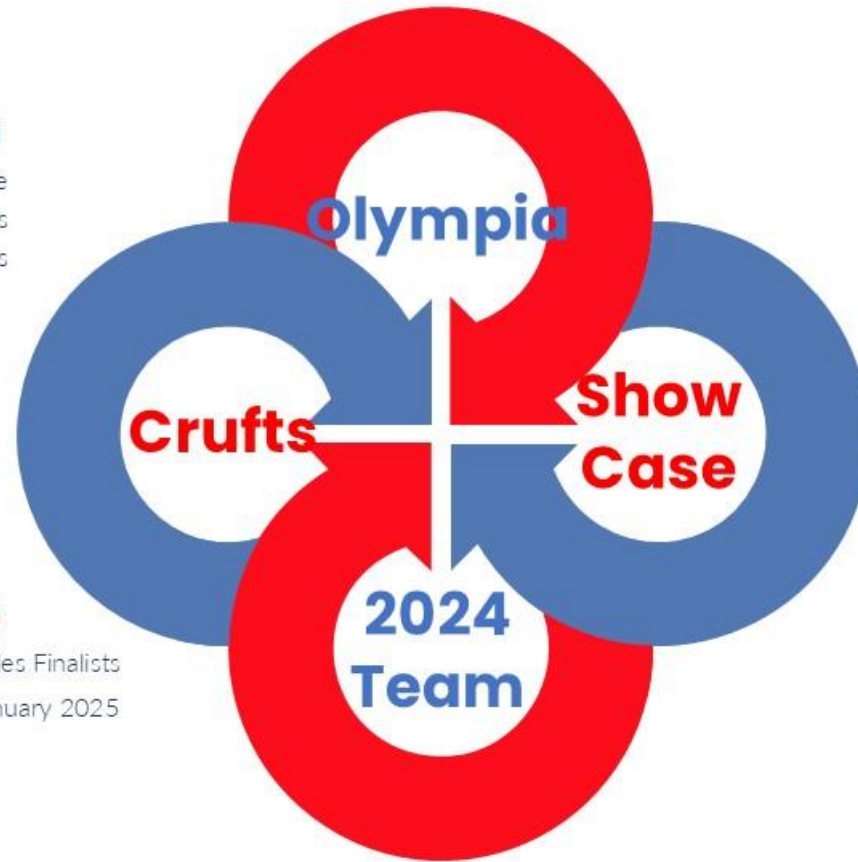
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## Olympia

2024 Top 20 Large & Intermediate  
Quarterfinals  
2024 Top 20 Small & Medium Semifinals

## Open Show Case

Progress from the Open Show Case



## Crufts

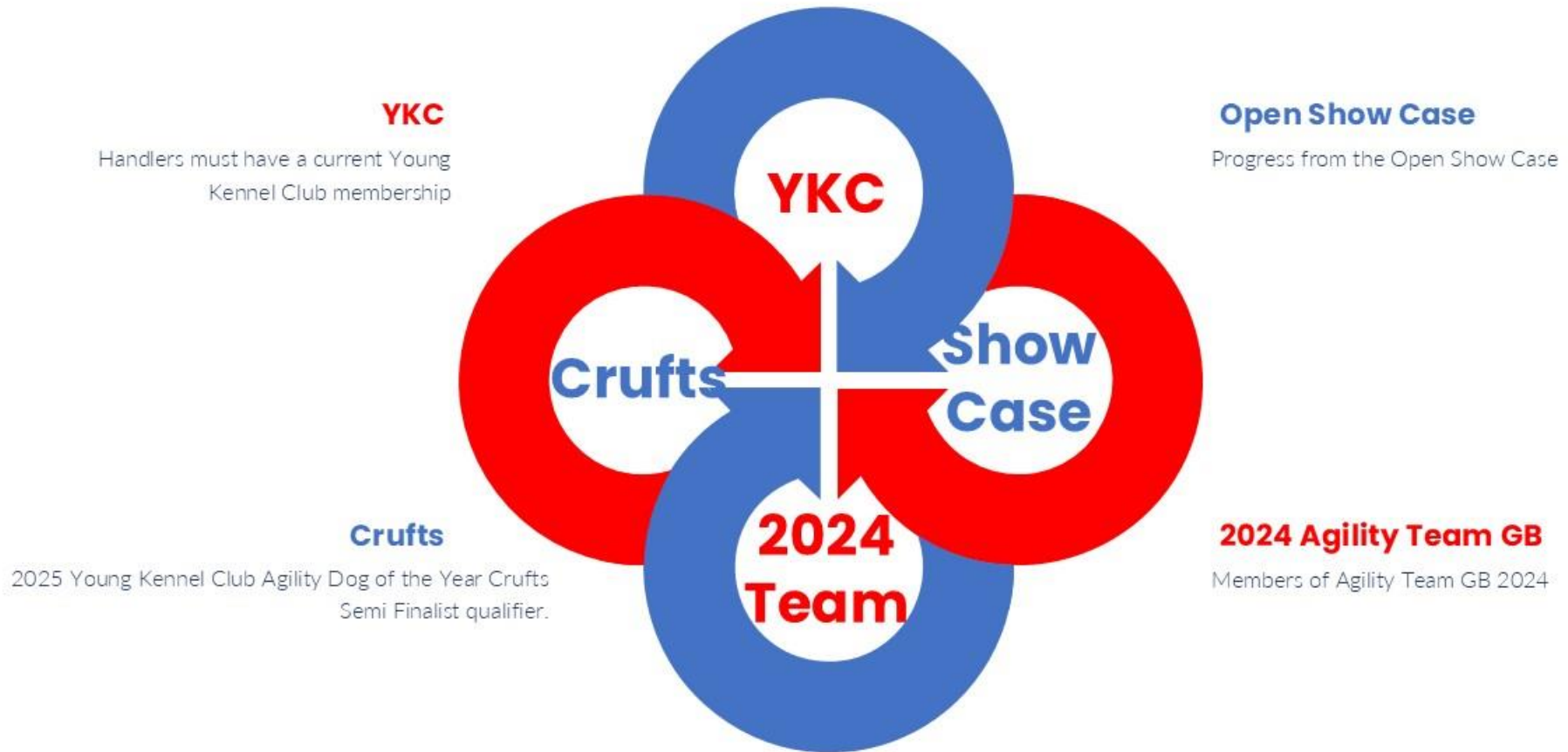
2025 Singles Finalists  
CC or RCC Winners 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## 2024 Agility Team GB

Members of Agility Team GB 2024  
(AWC and/or EO and JOAWC handler  
that is not eligible for JOAWC 2025.

# PSQ Junior Qualification

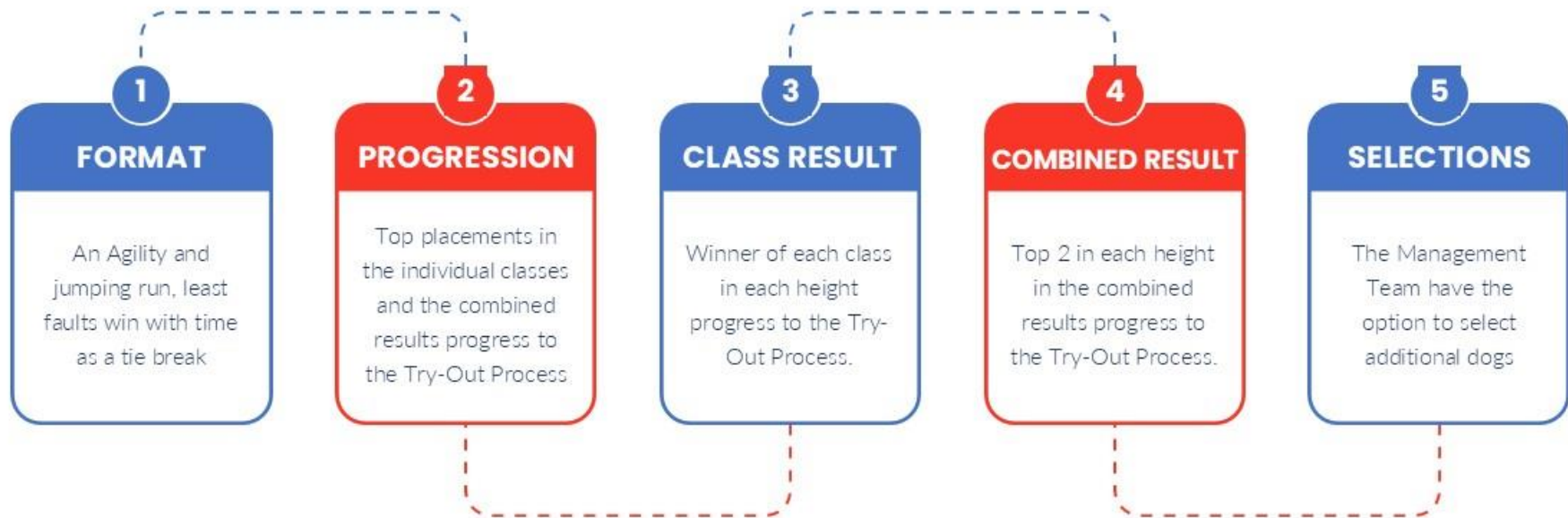
Junior Agility Team GB 2025



Appendix 3

# Open Show Case

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Note. The win on spots must meet the fault and MPS requirements as stated in the selection document.

# Try Out Weekend 1 : Day 1

Agility Team GB 2025

## Team

### Team Day

Format based on EO Team rules. To test partnerships to produce "qualifying team runs" and then produce a medal winning relay result.

## Qualifying

### Qualify for the final

A Jumping and Agility run with results combined. All partnerships with a combined result of 0 faults qualify for the final.

## Final

### Win on to the team

An individual run, course design based on an EO Team Relay. A countdown start used to simulate a relay. Least faults win with time as a tie breaker

## Win On

### Represent GB

The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> places in each height from the Final will qualify for the EO Team & run in both the individual and team event. In all 3 runs, to achieve the win on, the partnership must have no faults and meet the minimum MPS criteria



# Try Out Weekend 1 : Day 2

Agility Team GB 2025

## Format

Based on the AWC Individual event. A jumping and Agility run with combined results. Course times will be 106% of winners time to encourage handlers to push for a competitive individual time.

# Individual

## Results

The combined class results where least faults win with time as a tie breaker.

# Scoring

## Represent GB

The overall winner will gain a place in the AWC squad.  
The overall winner must have had 2 clear rounds, no time faults and met the minimum MPS Criteria in both runs.

# Win On

# Try Out Weekend 2 : Day 1

Agility Team GB 2025

## Format

Based on the AWC Team event. A jumping and Agility run with combined results. Course time 115% of winners time.

# Team

## Results

The combined class results with least faults win with time as a tie breaker.

# Scoring

## Represent GB

The overall winner will gain a place in the AWC squad.  
The overall winner must have had 2 clear rounds, no time faults and met the minimum MPS Criteria in both runs.

# Win On

# Try Out Weekend 2 : Day 2

Agility Team GB 2025

## Individual

### Individual Day

Format based on the EO individual event. To test partnerships to produce "qualifying individual runs" and then produce a medal winning final run.

## Qualifying

### Qualify for the final

A Jumping and Agility with separate results. The top 25% in each class qualify for the final.

## Final

### Win on to the team

An individual Agility run. Least faults wins with time as a tie breaker.

## Win On

### Represent GB

The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> places in each height from the Final will qualify for the EO Team & run in both the individual and team event. In the run that qualified for the final and the final, to achieve the win on spot, the partnership must have no faults and meet the minimum MPS criteria.

# EO Main Team Composition

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# AWC Squad Composition

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## Team Day Win on Spots

4 DOGS  
1 in each height

4 dogs

4 dogs

## Individual Day Win on Spots

4 DOGS  
1 in each height

## Management Team Choices

- To achieve
- 12 individual over 4 heights
  - Team of 4 in each height

8-20  
dogs

Reserves

## Reserves

Chosen by the Management Team.  
Travelling and non travelling

Win on Spots account for 28-50% of the Squad depending on dogs being selected for both events

Note. Event selection will not be confirmed until the AWC entry form is submitted.

# Junior Open Show Case

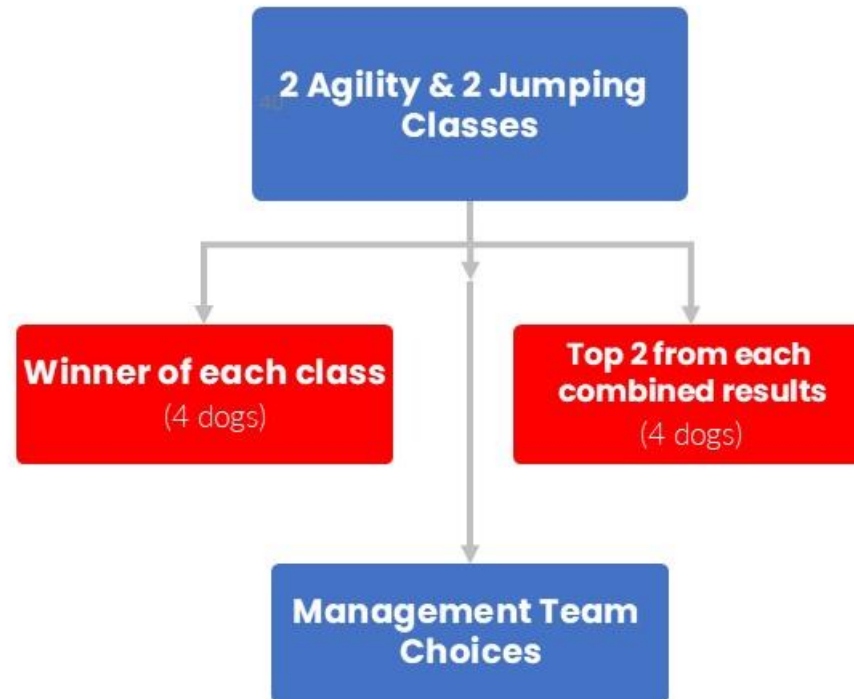
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Note. The win on spots must meet the fault and MPS requirements as stated in the selection document.

# Junior PSQ Progression In each height

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Note. The win on spots must meet the fault and MPS requirements as stated in the selection document.

# JOAWC Try Out : Day 1

Agility Team GB 2025



## TEAM FORMAT

A jumping and Agility run with combined results. Course time 115% of winners time. Results combined where least faults win with time as a tie breaker.



## WIN ON

The top 2 in each height from the combined results will qualify to represent Team GB.



## WIN ON CRITERIA

The win on partnerships must not have gained any time faults, have a maximum of 5 faults and met the minimum MPS Criteria in both runs.



## EVENTS

At JOAWC, all team members will compete in both the team & individual event.



# JOAWC Try Out : Day 2

Agility Team GB 2025



## INDIVIDUAL FORMAT

A jumping & Agility with combined results. Course time 106% of winners time to encourage runs with competitive individual time. Results combined where least faults win with time as a tie breaker.



## WIN ON

The top 2 in each height from the combined results will qualify to represent Team GB.



## WIN ON CRITERIA

The win on partnerships must not have gained any time faults, have a maximum of 5 faults and met the minimum MPS Criteria in both runs.



## EVENTS

At JOAWC, all team members will compete in both the team & individual event.

# JOAWC Team Composition

Agility Team GB 2025



Appendix 15