



# **AGILITY TEAM CANADA**

# presented by the Canadian Kennel Club 2024 ATC EO, AWC, SOAWC TRYOUTS



Hosted by: Infiniti Dog Sports

Friday – Sunday, April 5-7, 2024

Ancaster Fairgrounds

630 Trinity Road

Jerseyville, Ontario LOR 1R0

One ring, indoors on packed silica sand footing.

Equipment: Galican Equipment provided by:

**Run It! Ultimate Agility Equipment** 

Judge: Neil Ellis, United Kingdom



Entries Open: January 5, 2024

Entries Close: Friday, February 23, 2023, EST (@ 11:59 p.m. MST)

Online Entry Only: Enter online @https://forms.gle/piZbPAqpvua3vpMs5

ATC Competition Event Dates			
JOAWC/SOAWC	Opglabbeek, Belgium	July 18-21, 2023	Sentower Park
FCI European Open (EO)	Southam, United Kingdom	August 1-4, 2023	Burston Polo Club
FCI Agility World Championships (AWC)	Opglabbeek, Belgium	October 1-6, 2023	Sentower Park

# **Tryouts Organizing Committee**

Chair:Theresa RectorVolunteer Co-ordinator:Tabatha VearyOnsite Volunteer Co-ordinator:Jeannette Hoppus

Assistants: Becky Borton and Penny Hewitt
Awards and Sponsorship Co-ordinators: Annette Spitters and Petra Hell

Vendor Co-ordinator:

ATC Team Leader

Fundraising Seminar Co-ordinator:

Crating and RV:

Penny Hewitt

Theresa Rector

Linda Barton

Theresa Rector

Scoring Committee:Ann Carrington, Theresa Rector, and Justine DavenportSelection Committee:Theresa Rector (Team Leader), Nicole Brown (Management

Team), Maya Celuch (Competitor)

# **Tryouts Overview**

#### **Format**

The event will be run over 3 days and include 5 Rounds total. Candidates and their dog(s) will run every Round. The 5 rounds are as follows:

- 3 Standard Agility courses
- 2 Jumping (with weaves) courses

The Agility and Jumping courses will be different for the Large/Intermediate dogs and the Medium/Small dogs.

#### **FEO RUNS**

Tryouts are open to other agility handlers to attend as a skill-building/development opportunity. These entrants will be classed as FEO. FEO run scores will be available; but will not be included in the competition scoring. If the event fills (the maximum number of runs that can be judged is reached), then preference for Tryouts entry spots will be given to Candidates applying for ATC.

# **Team Application Submission Steps**

Step 1: Complete and submit the Intent to Apply form by Friday, January 5, 2024 (by 11:59 p.m. MST).

This is simple! Complete the Intent to Apply form at: https://forms.gle/GksuQC8567vjP98Y7

Step 2: Enter Tryouts and Team Application(s) Friday, February 23, 2024 (by 11:59 p.m. MST). The online forms will be posted January 5, 2023. https://forms.gle/piZbPAqpvua3vpMs5

Step 3: E-transfer the fee to the ATC Treasurer by the entry closing date at: <a href="mailto:cKCATCPayments@gmail.com">CKCATCPayments@gmail.com</a>



# **Tryouts Entry and Fees**

To be considered for EO and/or AWC ATC and/or SOAWC, all handler/dog teams (Candidates) must have submitted an **Intent to Apply by January 5, 2024 (by 11:59 p.m. MST)** and enter Tryouts using the ATC Tryout Entry Form by the entry closing date, **February 23, 2024 (by 11:59 p.m. MST)**.

#### Online entry only

- Online applications for EO, AWC and SOAWC ATC are available at: <a href="https://forms.gle/piZbPAqpvua3vpMs5">https://forms.gle/piZbPAqpvua3vpMs5</a>
- A separate entry for "For Exhibition Only" (FEO) runs is available at: https://forms.gle/51PYNHC7sXaxgpj8A
- A Separate Application and entry for JOAWC will be available in early January.

**Application Fee** - An Application Fee of \$150/dog is required for those wishing to tryout out for and be considered for a spot on the EO and/or AWC team. For those that are offered a spot on either EO or AWC, this fee will be applied towards the deposit fee required upon acceptance of the spot. If a Candidate is offered a spot with that dog and does not accept it, the fee is forfeit and will be allocated to the team to help cover management fees. If a Candidate/dog is offered a spot on more than one team, and accepts one of the spots, the fee is applied to their deposit for that team. If a Candidate/dog is not offered a spot, the fee will be returned. The application fee is non-transferrable between dogs.

#### **Fees**

All entry fees must be received by the closing date for your entry to be considered valid. Entries will not be accepted after the closing date. Only 1 entry fee per dog, regardless of the number of teams you are applying for.

- Early Bird Tryouts Entry: \$180
   Due Friday, February 2, 2024 (by 11:59 p.m. MST).
- Tryouts Entry (after February 2): \$200
   Entry Closes Friday, February 23, 2024 (11:59 p.m. MST).
- Application Fee for those wishing to be considered for EO and/or AWC \$150.
   Payable via separate E-transfer between March 30, 2024 and before the start of Tryouts on April 5, 2024.
   Please do not send before March 30.
- SOAWC/JOAWC Applicants can choose to enter only 3 runs or all 5 runs. Please note if you are applying for EO or AWC, you must run all 5 runs.
  - o 3 runs only (2 Agility and 1 Jumping) \$108 early bird and \$120 after February 2, 2024
  - o All 5 Runs \$180 Early Bird and \$200 After February 2, 2024.
- FEO FEES for those interested in running FEO.
  - o Friday only \$40
  - Saturday only \$80
  - Sunday only \$80
  - o All 5 runs \$180 Early Bird, and \$200 after February 2, 2024.

E-transfer the fee to the ATC Treasurer by the entry closing date at: CKCATCPayments@gmail.com

## **Refund Policy**

Full refunds are available <u>before Tryouts entry closes</u> for dogs or handler injury or illness. A signed letter from the dog's veterinarian or handler's doctor must be submitted with the request for a refund to the ATC Treasurer at <a href="mailto:ckcatcpayments@gmail.com">ckcatcpayments@gmail.com</a> No refunds will be given after the entries close for any reason.



## **Volunteer Gift or Donation**

Many volunteers are donating their time to help run Tryouts. The Tryouts Organizing Committee has worked to enlist enough volunteers so all competitors can focus on running their dogs without the need to volunteer. To show your appreciation, please help us provide volunteer gifts and prizes. Please bring volunteer gift with you to Tryouts.

# **Tryouts Site Information**

The Tryouts are at the Ancaster Fairground, indoors on packed silica sand. There are bleachers available for seating in the main arena. Washrooms and showers are also located in the main arena building.

**All dogs must be on leash at all times,** except when in the ring or warm up area. Exercise and toilet your dogs in the designated areas. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s). Scoop the poop and use the garbage containers on site to dispose of the waste. Please **do not allow your male dogs** to pee on the building, whether outside or indoors. Any exhibitor failing to follow these rules may be excused from Tryouts without a refund.

This is a non-smoking event site. Dispose of cigarette butts appropriately, not on the ground.

# **Crating**

There is **no crating** inside the main arena or around the ring. 10'x10' horse stalls are available to rent for crating in a separate attached and heated building at a **cost of \$100** for the weekend (Friday to Sunday). Sign up for a stall when completing your online entry. Payment is due with your total fees for Tryouts. This fee is non-refundable, but can be transferred to another competitor.

Your assigned stall area must be clean and all garbage disposed of at the end of the weekend.

#### **Parking**

There is **some parking** next to the main arena, around the main arena, or between the buildings (except for vendors). Please keep fire lanes clear. Extra parking is available in the main parking lot.

### **Volunteers**

Tryouts cannot take place without the assistance of many volunteers. **Remember to thank and be polite to event volunteers.** Verbal abuse of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in immediate dismissal from Tryouts.

#### Equipment

All equipment is made by Galican. Rubberized contacts, including a slatted dogwalk will be used.

## **Bitches in Season**

Bitches in season can run at Tryouts. They will run in the regular running order and must start on a mat that the event host will provide.

#### **RV Hookups**

RVs are welcome at the Ancaster Fairgrounds. Only electrical hookups are available. There are no water or sewer hookup facilities. RVs must be pre-booked and paid for. **The cost for an RV hookup for Tryouts (Friday-Sunday) is \$110.** Additional days are \$20 per day. Register for an RV spot when completing your online entry. This fee is non-refundable.

#### **Accommodation Information**

There are a variety of pet-friendly hotels and Airbnb rentals in the surrounding areas of Ancaster, Hamilton, Brantford, Burlington, and Cambridge. Check pet policies when making reservations, as many hotels have pet fees and/or dog limits.



## **Food**

A food vendor will not be on site. There are many restaurants, fast food franchises, and coffee shops located 5-10 minutes away from Ancaster Fairgrounds.

## **Local Emergency Veterinarian**

#### **Hamilton Regional Emergency Veterinary Clinic**

50 Dundurn Street South, Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4W3

#### **Covid Protocols**

Local Covid regulations and requirements will be followed.

# **Tryouts Fundraiser**

Fundraising shirts will be available for purchase. More information will be provided in the Facebook group.

# **Directions to the Tryouts Venue**

- Venue: Ancaster Fairgrounds
- Address: 630 Trinity Road, Jerseyville, Ontario LOR 1R0

The fairgrounds are located in Ancaster's west end at the intersection of Highways 2 and 52.

## From the East (Pearson International Airport)

Get on ON-427 S. Take Queen Elizabeth Way and ON-403 W to Hwy 52/Hamilton Regional Rd 52 in Hamilton. Take exit 55 from ON-403 W. Follow Hamilton Regional Rd 52 to the fairgrounds.

#### From the West (London area)

Follow ON-401 E to ON-403 E to Hwy 52/Hamilton Regional Rd 52 in Hamilton. Take exit 55 from ON-403. Continue on Hamilton Regional Rd 52 to your destination.

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## **Format**

The event will be run over 3 days and include 5 Rounds total. Candidates and their dog(s) applying for EO and AWC will run every Round. Those apply for SOAWC can run a minimum of 3 (2 agility, and 1 jumping) up to all 5 runs.

The 5 rounds are as follows:

- 3 Standard Agility courses
- 2 Jumping (with weaves) courses

The Agility and Jumping courses will be different for the Large/Intermediate dogs and the Medium/Small dogs. Those applying for SOAWC or JOAWC will run the same courses for their height as the dogs applying for EO or AWC teams.

## **FEO Runs**

FEO runs will run at the beginning of the jump height. These runs will be judged unless they are training runs. Scores from these runs will be available, but will not be included in the competition scoring. If the event fills (the maximum number of runs that can be judged is reached), then preference for Tryouts entry spots will be given to Candidates applying for ATC.



## **Tentative Event Schedule**

This is not a final schedule. The organizing committee reserves to right to make changes following the Tryouts Entry Closing date of February 23, 2024.

Date	Activity	
Friday, April 5	Check in and Competitor set up. Tentative time: 9:00 a.m.	
	Warmup/equipment familiarization. Pre-registration only. <u>Tentative time</u> : 9:00 am – 12:00 pm	
	Measuring and vet check <u>tentative start time</u> : 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Pre-registration for a measuring time slot is required. This will be posted separately.	
	Course Walk: 1:30	
	Agility 1 – Small/Medium	
	Agility 1 – Intermediate/Large	
Saturday, April 6	Jumping 1 – Medium/Small	
	Jumping 1 – Large/Intermediate	
	Agility 2 – Medium/Small	
	Agility 2 – Large/Intermediate	
Sunday, April 7	Jumping 2 – Small/Medium	
	Jumping 2 – Intermediate/Large	
	Agility 3 – Small/Medium	
	Agility 3 – Intermediate/Large	
	Final Awards	

**Note on Awards:** Awards for each individual class will be held at the completion of the class. Competitors placing in the top 3 for each round MUST BE PRESENT for awards. Final awards will be held at the end of the day Sunday.

## **Course Maps**

Paper copies of Tryouts course maps will not be available. Courses will be posted within the Tryouts Facebook Group, *Agility Team Canada EO & AWC Tryouts 2024*, and/or at the competition site.

# **General Eligibility Requirements**

- All Candidates must complete the Intent to Apply process (due January 5, 2024).
- All Candidates interested in earning a spot on EO, AWC, SOAWC ATC must submit the relevant applications by February 23, 2023, and attend Tryouts (April 5-7, 2024).
- All Candidates must be Canadian citizens or residents of Canada for the past 24 months.
- All Candidates must be CKC members in good standing and have a valid CKC membership number by Tryouts entry closing (February 23, 2024).
- Each Dog/Handler team applying for EO or AWC teams, must have completed 4 CKC Agility runs (any class, any level) or have volunteered for and equitable number of classes at a CKC Agility event. These 4 runs may be waived by the ATC Management Team at their discretion or if alternative options are agreed upon by the candidate and the ATC Management team.
- Candidates may apply for more than one team, i.e. SOAWC, JOAWC, EO and/or AWC provided they meet all the eligibility criteria for each team.
- The Candidate competing with the dog at Tryouts must be the only handler who will compete with the dog at the EO, SOAWC and/or AWC.

- All Candidates with Small, Medium, Intermediate and Large dogs will follow the jump height measurement specifications as outlined by the FCI Agility Regulations.
- All Candidates must be willing to acquire any documentation required for entry into the European Union (i.e., valid passport), and adhere to any health mandatory requirements (including Covid restrictions and vaccination requirements).
- All Candidates must be willing to acquire any documentation required for their dog (i.e., official Canadian Food Inspection Agency veterinary certificate, and vaccination certificate) required for travel/entry into the European Union (EU).
  - Note: The dog's microchip number must be recorded on the CFIA **and** vaccination certificates. Both forms require that the rabies vaccination date, vaccine manufacturer and product name, vaccine batch number, and date the vaccination is valid to are input. ISO compatible microchips are the only ones recognized in Europe.
- In accordance with FCI Agility Regulations, all ATC applicant dogs must be 24 months or older on the day the competition begins to be eligible to participate at the SOAWC (July 18-24, 2024), EO (August 1-4, 2024), or the AWC (October 1-6 2024).
- A parent or legal guardian must accompany any Candidate under the age of 18 years to Tryouts and to the EO, JOAWC, and/or AWC events, at their own expense.
- All Candidates attending Tryouts are subject to mandatory COVID vaccination requirements required for travelling within Canada as well as to the United Kingdom and/or to Belgium.

# **SOAWC Eligibility Requirements**

- All EO ATC Candidate dogs must be CKC Registered or have a Miscellaneous Registration (MSC), Performance Event Number (PEN), or a Canine Companion Number (CCN). This information is required on the EO ATC application form.
  - CCN Registered Dogs: Mixed breeds are required to have a CCN number in accordance with the CKC Policy of spay/neuter and have a CKC approved microchip. Details for a CCN are outlined in the CKC Policy & Procedures Manual, Chapter 6: a) In order for a dog to receive a Canine Companion Number the following criteria must be met: (1) The dog must be either a mixed breed or unrecognized breed as defined herein. (2) Mixed breed dogs must be spayed or neutered. Unrecognized breeds are not required by CKC to be spayed or neutered. (3) The dog must be identified with a Canadian Kennel Club approved microchip.
- SO AWC Age Classification For Handlers 55+. It is the year in which the handler was born that is taken into account, not the actual date of birth. There are two classifications:
  - o 055 55 to 65 years old
  - o O65 over 65 years old
- Cropped and/or docked dogs are not allowed to compete in Belgium in 2024.

## **EO Eligibility Requirements**

- All EO ATC Candidate dogs must be CKC Registered or have a Miscellaneous Registration (MSC), Performance Event Number (PEN), or a Canine Companion Number (CCN). This information is required on the EO ATC application form.
  - CCN Registered Dogs: Mixed breeds are required to have a CCN number in accordance with the CKC Policy of spay/neuter and have a CKC approved microchip. Details for a CCN are outlined in the CKC Policy & Procedures Manual, Chapter 6: a) In order for a dog to receive a Canine Companion Number the following criteria must be met: (1) The dog must be either a mixed breed or unrecognized breed as defined herein. (2) Mixed breed dogs must be spayed or neutered. Unrecognized breeds are not required by CKC to be spayed or neutered. (3) The dog must be identified with a Canadian Kennel Club approved microchip.
- Cropped and/or docked dogs <u>are allowed</u> to compete in the UK in 2024.

# **AWC Eligibility Requirements**

- All AWC ATC Candidate dogs must have a valid CKC registration number (This includes Miscellaneous Class and Purebred ERN and CCN registered dogs).
- Cropped and/or docked dogs are not allowed to compete in Belgium in 2024.
- All AWC Candidates must be willing stay at the designated ATC Hotel (to be announced) for the AWC event.

# **Jump Height Categories**

The jump heights at Tryouts will be the same as those outlined within the FCI Agility Regulations. Four categories exist for FCI international competitions:

Jump Height Category	Dog Measurement	Tryouts Jump Height	FCI Heights
Small	Dogs measuring less than 35 cm (13 $3/4$ ") at the withers.	12"	30 cm
Medium	Dogs measuring 35 cm (13 3/4") or more and less than 43 cm (16 7/8") at the withers.	16"	40 cm
Intermediate	Dogs measuring 43 cm (16 7/8") or more and less than 48 cm (18 7/8") at the withers.	20"	50 cm
Large	Dogs measuring 48 cm (18 7/8") or more at the withers.	24"	60 cm

#### All Candidate dogs must compete in the height category they measure into.

All dogs competing at Tryouts will be measured by the FCI judge present or others as named by the ATC Team Leader. Small and Medium dogs who have an official FCI measurement from the European Open or Agility World Championships from prior years, or those dogs in the Large Category who attended Tryouts in 2023, do not need to be measured at Tryouts.

Candidate dogs measuring over the original jump height applied for, can run at the jump height the Tryouts Judge measures them into. Alternatively, these dogs have the option of running FEO at the original jump height.

**IMPORTANT**: If your dog measures out of the height category at EO, SOAWC, JOAWC, or AWC events the dog will **NOT BE ALLOWED TO RUN AT ALL.** It is imperative that the dog is measured and entered into the correct category based on the height cut-offs. Due to stricter measuring procedures at the EO and AWC competitions, Small, Medium, and Intermediate dogs within 1" of the cut-off should be prepared to be:

- Measured multiple times at the Tryouts.
- Measured by two measuring judges of record at the EO or AWC events.

# **Tryouts Scoring and Team Selection**

To select the most competitive dog and handler teams to represent Canada at the European Open, SOAWC, and FCI AWC 2023. For more information about the scoring and selection process, refer to the separate document titled, 2024 ATC Tryouts Scoring and Selection Protocol – Final Revised. For the SOAWC, please see the document titled 2024 ATC Tryouts Scoring and Selection Protocol – SOAWC. Applicants for JOAWC will have a separate application form. You will find these documents:

- On the ATC website (www.ckcagilityteam.ca), click Tryouts in the upper right menu bar.
- In Files on Facebook Group titled, 2024 ATC Tryouts Scoring and Selection Protocol-Final Revised and 2024 ATC Tryouts Scoring and Selection Protocol – SOAWC
- By contacting the ATC Team Leader at <u>agilityteamcanada@gmail.com</u>, and requesting a copy of the Scoring and Selection Document.

# **Rules and Regulations**

To ensure reliable scoring, the FCI judge will use the FCI Rules as defined in the document, *Agility Regulations of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale*, which will be in effect at the 2024 EO, SOAWC/JOAWC and AWC events. Scoring will be adjusted to reflect all FCI rule changes that directly affect the 2024 EO, SOAWC/JOAWC and AWC events. For a copy of the FCI Agility Regulations refer to: <a href="http://fci.be/en/Agility-45.html">http://fci.be/en/Agility-45.html</a>).

## **Scoring Protocol**

**Note:** Refer to the 2024 ATC Tryouts Scoring and Selection Protocol-Final Revised and 2024 ATC Tryouts Scoring and Selection Protocol – SOAWC for complete scoring details.

# Announcement of SOAWC, EO ATC and AWC ATC 2024 and Invitations

NO TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE AT TRYOUTS. Following Tryouts, the ATC Team Leader will contact successful Candidates with Letters of Invitation to the SOAWC, EO and/or AWC ATC Team(s). Once the rosters are confirmed, a general announcement will be made. This is expected to be within two weeks of Tryouts. No announcements of any kind related to any of the ATC teams on social media are permitted until the final roster is confirmed.

## **ATC Team Deposit**

There is an **initial non-refundable deposit of \$500/dog** due upon acceptance of the invitation for each team (SOAWC/JOAWC, EO and/or AWC ATC) in which a candidate and dog accepts an offered a spot. The application fee will be applied to this initial \$500 deposit. If a Candidate is offered a spot on more than one team with the same dog, and accepts more than one spot, the full \$500 is required for the each additional spot. The application fee is non-transferable and is specific for the dog that it is attached to. Those handlers with multiple dogs are not able to transfer the application deposit from one dog to another dog. If a handler earns more than 4 spots on the same EO or SOAWC Team or more than 2 spots on the AWC team, then they will not lose their deposit if they turn down the additional spot on that <u>same team</u>. However, if they applied for one of the other teams, and earned a spot on the other team, the application fee for that dog will be forfeit if they turn down the spot on the other team.

A second deposit <u>up to \$500/dog</u> will be required at a later date. The exact amount will be communicated by the Team Leader or Treasurer once fundraising and sponsorship amounts are confirmed.

The deposits will be applied towards uniforms, Management fees, entry fees, practice rental fees and other expenses related to each team. Management fees are estimated between \$300-\$400 per dog. More information on the exact amount will be provided with an invitation to the team.

Once a Candidate has accepted, they will have one week to e-transfer the deposit to the ATC Treasurer at: <a href="mailto:cKCATCPayments@gmail.com">CKCATCPayments@gmail.com</a> If the deposit is not received within this period, the next Candidate on the selection roster will receive an invitation.

If the Candidate is offered on ATC position as a Reserve, the deposit will be requested if they are called on to compete at the EO and/or AWC events. Following this invitation, the Reserve will have one week to submit the deposit before the next Reserve is invited.

# **Notice to Tryouts Participants**

# **Refund Policy**

Full refunds are available <u>before Tryouts entry closes</u> for dogs or handler injury or illness. A signed letter from the dog's veterinarian or handler's doctor must be submitted with the request for a refund to the ATC Treasurer at <u>CKCATCPayments@gmail.com</u> There will be <u>no refunds for any reason after the closing date</u>. If a dog/handler is dismissed from the Tryouts, regardless of the reason for the dismissal, no refund will be given.



## **Rules of Conduct**

All competitors and FEO participants are expected to read the information below, and must acknowledge and initial they have read this information on their Tryouts entries.

Agility Team Canada, Infiniti Dog Sports (event hosts), and the Tryouts event promote dog agility pursuant to regulations consistent with international standards as a competitive, spectator sport. All competitors, Tryouts hosts, event personnel, and ATC Management must conduct themselves in a professional and sportsman-like manner consistent with the foregoing statement of purpose, and seek to uphold, and enhance, where possible, the image of the sport and ATC through such conduct and actions.

Tryouts participants (exhibitors/owners) must always demonstrate **extremely good sportsmanship** while participating in ATC Tryouts. Anything considered disrespectful by ATC Management and the event hosts, whether it be towards the event, persons, organizers, or volunteers, in person or on any form of media, is strictly forbidden and will be dealt with swiftly and effectively.

Each competitor acknowledges through their entry to the Tryouts event that their participation is a privilege and not a right. By virtue of their entry, competitors acknowledge and agree to comply with *CKC Agility Rules and Regulations* and agree to accept any sanctions that may be imposed for failure to comply, including dismissal from the event.

It is understood that exhibitors/owners alone are responsible for the behaviour of their dogs, children, and any guests. Any exhibitor/owner whose dogs, children or guests create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behaviour may be asked to remove the offending dogs, children, or guests from the event grounds at the discretion of the event hosts or Agility Team Canada management representatives.

The judge has responsibility for determining when it is appropriate to excuse a dog and competitor from the ring based on matters related to competitor misconduct. The Tryouts event hosts and ATC Management have responsibility for determining when an infraction should result in dismissal of a dog, competitor, or any person attending the event, from Tryouts (as outlined in the CKC Agility Rules and Regulations).

The following list provides examples of infractions on which Tryouts event hosts, ATC Management, and/or the judge may act:

- Abuse of a dog on the grounds or within any of the buildings in which Tryouts is held.
- Actions that may have the appearance of abuse of a dog.
- Willful misconduct or interference with a competitor's right to compete at the event.
- Dog aggression.
- Failure to exercise due diligence in the control of the behaviour of their dog by a competitor.
- Intimidation and/or impolite confrontation of the judge, event organizers, volunteers, spectators, or other competitors, whether at the event or through social media.
- Creating excessive delays as a failure to respect the authority of event officials and the judge.

## **Media Rights Release**

All rights to video tape, televise, advertise, photograph, promote and otherwise exploit the Tryouts event are vested in Agility Team Canada. All exhibitors/owners and spectators in attendance who appear in any resultant effort grant the use of their likeness and voice without further consent. Exhibitors/owners may video tape their own individual runs for personal use.

# **Social Media Code of Conduct/Rules**

Cyber bullying of any kind towards the CKC, ATC, Tryouts organizers, exhibitors/owners, and/or volunteers **will not be tolerated**. Examples of cyber bullying include; but are not limited to: communications that seek to intimidate, manipulate, falsely discredit, put down, try to control, rudely confront or demand, and comments that intend to incite further issues. Further ATC is committed to maintaining an environment that is built on mutual respect and is free from racism, discrimination, and harassment. Any behaviour that is hateful towards race, colour, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, ethnicity, sex, and/or gender will not be tolerated. Any of these cases may sanction removal from all associated social media pages and may even lead to expulsion from ATC events and teams.

## **Waiver of Liability**

The person who signs this agreement represents that he/she is authorized to enter into this agreement on behalf of both the exhibitor and the owner of the participating dog. In consideration of acceptance of this entry: Exhibitor/owner certifies that any and every dog they bring to this facility, whether participation or not, is not a hazard to persons, dogs, or property and assume all responsibility, liability and expenses resulting from damages causes by their dog(s). Exhibitor/owner releases **Agility Team Canada (ATC)**, and their agents, officers & members and THERESA RECTOR, INFINITI DOG SPORTS and will defend them and hold them harmless from all present and future loss, injury, damage, claims, demands and liabilities involving your dog, and or others equipment. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing hold harmless provisions, exhibitor/owner hereby specifically assume sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save 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 damages because of bodily injuries, including death, at any time in consequence of my (our) participation in the event or training, howsoever such injury or death may be caused and whether or not the same may have been caused or may have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents or any other persons.

Exhibitor/owner acknowledge all hazards presented by the training facility, event and the event premises, including but not limited to, the condition of grounds, lighting, security, measures or lack of, electrical appliances, fittings, parking areas, fences or the ability for a dog to escape from the training area, the presence of unfamiliar animals and people, the possibility of another ill animal or your own getting ill, and agility equipment; exhibitor and owner assume the risk of any harm arising from and any and all of these including allowing their dogs to run wearing collars, stop pad protectors, bitch in season pants, or any similar items. Everyone must be very careful to watch their dogs on the property, clean up after yourselves and your dogs. We reserve the right to excuse any person for what we deem excessive harshness, or any dog we feel cannot safely perform the obstacles. We reserve the right to excuse any person for what we deem as aggressive or abusive towards another person or dog.