

The 2026 Masters Series

The aim of the Masters series is to encourage a high level of competitive running in A4A classes and improve the overall standard of top-level agility in the UK. The Masters has been created for dogs and competitors whose goal is to compete at both National and International level. The Masters is also intended to attract the highest standard of judging over challenging agility and jumping courses.

General Rules • Open to all A4A Senior & Champion Level Performance dogs. • There is a separate competition for each height. • Agility and Jumping classes with results combined. • Both classes must follow the equipment rules of Champion agility and jumping but must also include a 6m pipe tunnel and a 3m straight pipe tunnel. • Between the Agility and Jumping rounds the tyre, wall, long jump and spread must be tested at least once. • There will be a maximum of 22 obstacles permitted. • Ring size should be a minimum of 35m long with show managers encouraged to provide a 40m long ring, where the venue allows. • Handlers must run in strict running order in both rounds, failure to do so will result in elimination. The agility round will be run in reverse order of the jumping round results. • Where a handler is running 2 dogs drawn close together the first dog may be moved up the running order to obtain 3 dogs between the handler's dogs. If this is not possible the handler will be given a 3-minute break between dogs.

Scoring • Standard Agility 4 All Marking will apply. • Faults are converted into time. 5 faults = 5 seconds. • Time faults are treated the same as course faults. • An elimination = 100 faults plus course time. • Dogs with the lowest score will be deemed the winner. • In the event of a tie the result from the agility class will be the deciding factor. • NFC runs are not permitted in Masters classes. • Any extraordinary circumstances to be ruled by Agility 4 All.

Final Qualification • 8 Masters Series Heats • 1st & 2nd Overall qualify for Final unless they gained elimination in the jumping or agility round • 1st place in the agility and jumping rounds qualify for final regardless of score in the other round • The annual Masters final will be held at the Agility 4 All Grand Finals • The final will follow the same format as the heats. • Qualification will not roll down

Prizes • Entry fee = £15. • £5 of the entry fee placed in the heat prize fund. • Each height has its own prize fund and will be divided as per Masters "Prize Money Guide." • £1 from each entry fee will be placed in the final prize fund. • At the final each height has its own prize fund and will be divided 1st = 50%, 2nd = 25%, 3rd = 15%, 4th = 10%. • Winner of each Masters final will gain the letters MA after their A4A name

70p from each entry will be placed in a masters prize fund to encourage consistency across heats. At each heat the following points will be awarded in each height:

Agility Round Winner	2	2nd Overall	3
Jumping Round Winner	2	3rd Overall	2
1st Overall	4	4th Overall	1

Performance across a partnership's best 5 heats is used to calculate the score, with the highest score in each height winning the prize fund. In the event of a tie, performance at the A4A Grand Finals will be the deciding factor.

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Date	Show	Venue
6 th April	Easter	Dowty's Sports & Social, Down Hatherley Lane, Gloucester, GL2 9QH
2 nd May	Barkside May	Newbury Showground, Priors Court, Hermitage, Thatcham, RG18 9QZ
25 th May	Bounce and Squeak	Brookfield Farm, Sproston Green, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7LN
30 th May	Ins & Outs	Bendall & Sons, New Farm, Marksbury, BA2 9HJ
8 th June	Phase Purple	Estate House, Boothby, Brampton, CA8 2HD
2 nd August	Summerfest	Crowcroft Farm, WR13 5ED
31 st August	Hawbridge	Hawbridge, Tirley, Gloucester, GL19 4HJ
TBC	Dog Sports Derby	Bent Ln, Church Broughton, Derby DE65 5BA

The aim of this competition is to reward consistent performance across Agility and Jumping classes and not simply to reward just the winner of a single run. It also aims to encourage new handlers and/or young dogs to increase their consistency and their ability to produce two good runs in one day.

General Rules • Open to all Beginner and Novice dogs which are entered in both the Agility and Jumping class on the day. • There will be a separate competition for each height. • Agility and Jumping class with the results combined. • Course level will be Beginner. • Spread jump will be set at Beginner specifications • Course time is to be at Beginner rates of travel. • Each class also attains its own results and counts towards A4A progression. • There will be select height options in these classes but they will not be a qualifier. Only regular heights are counted for the qualifier.

Scoring • Standard Agility 4 All Marking will apply. • The dog with the least faults will be deemed the winner with time used as a tie break. • Dogs eliminated on course will be given 50 faults and a time of 50 seconds. • In the event of a tie the result from the Agility will be the deciding factor. • Any extraordinary circumstances to be ruled by Agility 4 All. • Dogs eliminated in both sections are not eligible to qualify.

Final Qualification • 10 Heats • 1st and 2nd from each heat qualify for the Final. • Dogs eliminated in either, but not both, rounds may qualify for the final. • The Final will be held at the Agility 4 All Grand Finals. • The Final will follow the same format as the heats. • Qualification will roll down

Date	Show	Venue
15 th March	Phase Purple	Estate House, Boothby, Brampton, CA8 2HD
4 th April	Easter	Dowty's Sports & Social, Down Hatherley Lane, Gloucester, GL2 9QH
9 th May	DASH @ DDO	East Worldham, Alton, GU34 3AT
24 th May	Bounce and Squeak	Brookfield Farm, Sproston Green, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7LN
27 th June	Jurassic Coast	Party Field, Harcombe, Sidmouth, EX10 0PE
4 th July	Ins & Outs	Bendall & Sons, New Farm, Marksbury, BA2 9HJ
5 th July	K9 Brats	Brookfield Farm, Sproston Green, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7LN
26 th July	Summerfest	Crowcroft Farm, WR13 5ED
29 th August	Hawbridge	Hawbridge, Tirley, Gloucester, GL19 4HJ
26 th September	Agility Antics	Bakewell Showground, Agricultural Way, off Haddon Road, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1AQ

General Rules • Open to all dogs from Novice to Champion level. • There will be a separate competition for each height. • All levels will run over the same course with each level attaining its own results counting towards A4A progression. • Course design level should be of a Senior Agility course. • Spread jump will be set at Novice specification • Course time calculated with Senior Rate of Travel. • The results of the 3 levels will then be combined. • There will be select height options in these classes but they will not be a qualifier. Only regular heights are counted for the qualifier.

Scoring • Standard Agility 4 All Marking will apply. • The dog with the least faults will be deemed the winner with time used as a tie break. • In the event of a tie a runoff will be required. • Any extraordinary circumstances to be ruled by Agility 4 All.

Final Qualification • 10 Heats • Top 2 from each heat qualify for the Semi-final. • The top 10 from the Semi-final will progress to the Final. • The Semi-final & Final will be held at the Agility 4 All Grand Finals and follow the same rules as the heats. • Qualification will roll down.

Date	Show	Venue
5 th April	Easter	Dowty's Sports & Social, Down Hatherley Lane, Gloucester, GL2 9QH
19 th April	Phase Purple	Estate House, Boothby, Brampton, CA8 2HD
26 th April	EDGE	Lydiard Park, Hook Street, Lydiard Tregoze, Swindon, SN5 3NY
10 th May	DASH @ DDO	East Worldham, Alton, GU34 3AT
17 th May	Red Run	Swanton Morley Village Hall, Manns Lane, Swanton Morley, NR20 4NP
25 th July	Summerfest	Crowcroft Farm, WR13 5ED
22 nd August	Bounce and Squeak	Brookfield Farm, Sproston Green, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7LN
30 th August	Hawbridge	Hawbridge, Tirley, Gloucester, GL19 4HJ
3 rd September	K9 Brats	The Albert Wilson Memorial Field, Ffordd Penrhwylyfa, Prestatyn, LL19 8AH
20 th September	Agility Antics	Bakewell Showground, Agricultural Way, off Haddon Road, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1AQ



Sean Cameron Photographic Beginners Steeplechase 2026

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General Rules • Open to all Beginner Steeplechase dogs. • There will be a separate competition for each height. • The class will consist of one steeplechase course still counting towards normal A4A progression. • There will be select height options in these classes but they will not be a qualifier. Only regular heights are counted for the qualifier.

Scoring • Standard Agility 4 All marking will apply. • The dog with the least faults will be deemed the winner with time used as a tie break. • In the event of a tie a runoff will be required. • Any extraordinary circumstances to be ruled by Agility 4 All.

Final Qualification • 10 Heats • Top 2 from each heat qualify for the Semi-final. • Dogs that have competed in the Beginners Steeplechase at the Grand Finals in a previous year are not eligible to qualify. • The top 10 non-eliminated dogs from the Semi-final will progress to the Final. • The Semi-final and Final will be held at the Agility 4 All Grand Finals and follow the same rules as the heats. • Qualification will roll down

Date	Show	Venue
15 th March	Bounce and Squeak	Kelsall Hill Equestrian Centre, Organsdale Farm, Middlewich Rd, Cheshire, CW6 0SR
25 th April	EDGE	Lydiard Park, Hook Street, Lydiard Tregoze, Swindon, SN5 3NY
30 th & 31 st May	Simply Animals	Lower Doghill Farm, Grains Rd, Shaw, Oldham OL1 4SS
7 th June	Phase Purple	Estate House, Boothby, Brampton, CA8 2HD
28 th June	Jurassic Coast	Party Field, Harcombe, Sidmouth, EX10 0PE
3 rd July	Ins & Outs	Bendall & Sons, New Farm, Marksbury, BA2 9HJ
25 th July	Summerfest	Crowcroft Farm, WR13 5ED
23 rd August	Hawbridge	Hawbridge, Tirley, Gloucester, GL19 4HJ
5 th September	K9 Brats	The Albert Wilson Memorial Field, Ffordd Penrhwyfya, Prestatyn, LL19 8AH
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Big Bang Dog Training Steeplechase Showcase 2026

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General Rules • Open to dogs from Novice to Champ Steeplechase level. • There will be a separate competition for each height • All levels will run over the same course with each level attaining its own results counting towards A4A progression • Course design level should be of a Senior Steeplechase course • Course time calculated with Novice Rate of Travel • The results of the 3 levels will then be combined • There will be select height options in these classes but they will not be a qualifier.

Scoring • Standard Agility 4 All Marking will apply. • The dog with the least faults will be deemed the winner with time used as a tie break. • In the event of a tie a runoff will be required. • Any extraordinary circumstances to be ruled by Agility 4 All.

Final Qualification • 10 Heats • Top 2 from each heat qualify for the Final. • The top 10 non-eliminated dogs from the semi-final will progress to the final • The semi-final & final will be held at the Agility 4 All Grand Finals and follow the same rules as the heats. • Qualification will roll down

Date	Show	Venue
3 rd April	Easter	Dowty's Sports & Social, Down Hatherley Lane, Gloucester, GL2 9QH
3 rd May	Barkside May	Newbury Showground, Priors Court, Hermitage, Thatcham, RG18 9QZ
7 th June	Phase Purple	Estate House, Boothby, Brampton, CA8 2HD
28 th June	Jurassic Coast	Party Field, Harcombe, Sidmouth, EX10 0PE
4 th July	K9 Brats	Brookfield Farm, Sproston Green, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7LN
5 th July	Ins & Outs	Bendall & Sons, New Farm, Marksbury, BA2 9HJ
1 st August	Summerfest	Crowcroft Farm, WR13 5ED
22 nd August	Hawbridge	Hawbridge, Tirley, Gloucester, GL19 4HJ
23 rd August	Bounce and Squeak	Brookfield Farm, Sproston Green, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7LN
26 th September	Agility Antics	Bakewell Showground, Agricultural Way, off Haddon Road, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1AQ

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Split Pairs 2026

General Rules • Open to all dogs from all levels and all heights. • Dogs of ANY different heights can be mixed within the pair. 200, & 300 dogs will run over 200 height and 400, 500 & 600 dogs will run over 400 height. A pair could consist of both dogs running 200 height or both dogs running 400 Height or 1 dog running 200 height and 1 dog running 400 height. • Dogs who have been competing in their select height in progression classes on the same day may compete in the split pairs, as long as they jump the correct height for their measured height. E.g. a 400 dog who has competed at 300(s) throughout the day may compete in the split pairs, but must jump 400. • All pairs will be competing against each other in one competition. • Handlers may enter more than one pair. • Dogs may only compete in one pair in any heat and can only qualify once for the final.

Course Design • The course will consist of two separate sections, with one dog completing the Jumping section and the other dog completing the Steeplechase section. • The jumping course will run first. • There will be a baton change between the first and second handler, see A4A baton rules. • The Jumping section will be made up of jumps and tunnels and a 12-pole weave, and may contain the long jump, spread, set at novice specifications, and wall. • The Steeplechase section contains jumps and tunnels only. • Course design should be considered easy senior level • Each section must contain between 12- 15 obstacles. • Course time at the discretion of the judge • All Pairs, both pre-entries and late entries must declare which dog is doing which section by the time the late entry for the class closes.

Scoring • Standard Agility 4 All Marking will apply. • A faulted baton change will incur 10 faults • Time faults are treated the same as course faults. • An elimination = 50 faults. • If a handler is eliminated, they must make a sportsman-like attempt to finish the course correctly, failure to do so will incur 50 seconds being added to the time. • If the timing is stopped inadvertently by one of the handlers or dogs before the end of the run the course time will be given as the pairs time. • The pair with the least faults will be deemed the winner with time used as a tie break. • In the event of a tie a runoff will be required. • Any extraordinary circumstances to be ruled by Agility 4 All. • Pairs must run in strict running order, failure to do so will result in elimination.

Final Qualification • 10 Heats • Top 2 pairs from each heat qualify for the Final. • The Final will be held at the Agility 4 All Grand Finals and follow the same format as the heats. • Qualification will roll down. • In the event of a partnership being unable to attend the final, their pair will be placed on a list of broken pairs, to be paired up with others in the same position.

Date	Show	Venue
14 th March	Phase Purple	Estate House, Boothby, Brampton, CA8 2HD
3 rd April	Easter	Dowty's Sports & Social, Down Hatherley Lane, Gloucester, GL2 9QH
16 th May	Red Run	Swanton Morley Village Hall, Manns Lane, Swanton Morley, NR20 4NP
13 th June	Simply Animals	Lower Doghill Farm, Grains Rd, Shaw, Oldham OL1 4SS
26 th June	Jurassic Coast	Party Field, Harcombe, Sidmouth, EX10 0PE
27 th July	Summerfest	Crowcroft Farm, WR13 5ED
22 nd August	Bounce and Squeak	Brookfield Farm, Sproston Green, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7LN
28 th August	Hawbridge	Hawbridge, Tirley, Gloucester, GL19 4HJ
21 st September	Agility Antics	Bakewell Showground, Agricultural Way, off Haddon Road, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1AQ
TBC	Barkside North	Dog Sports Derby, Bent Ln, Church Broughton, Derby DE65 5BA

Team Tournament 2026

General Rules • Open to all dogs from all levels and all heights. • Teams consist of 3 handlers and 3 dogs made up of any combination of heights. • Dogs complete an individual agility round followed by a team relay. • In the Team Relay 200 & 300 dogs will run at 200 height and 400, 500, & 600 dogs will run at 400 height. • Dogs who have been competing in their select height in progression classes on the same day may compete in the team tournament, as long as they jump the correct height for their measured height in both rounds. E.g. a 400 dog who has competed at 300(s) throughout the day may compete in the team tournament, but must jump 400 in the individual round and the relay. • All teams will be competing against each other in one competition.

Course Design • There will be an individual Agility run and a 3 dog Team Relay • The Agility will follow standard A4A Agility rules with Novice course time. • In the Team Relay each dog will perform 15 to 20 obstacles. An A frame and 12 pole weave must be included in both relay courses. All other equipment is allowed with the exception of Seesaw and Dog Walk. • Standard A4A Marking is used in both rounds • Spread jumps should be set at Novice specifications. • Course design should be considered an easy Senior level • Course time in relay at the discretion of the judge. • Course design must therefore take into account the possibility of 2 different heights.

Scoring • Standard Agility 4 All Marking will apply. • The results from the 3 individual Agility runs and the Team Relay will be combined • Time faults are treated the same as course faults. • In the individual run an elimination = 50 faults and will be given a course time of 50 seconds. • If a handler is eliminated in the relay, they will get 50 faults and they must make a sportsman-like attempt to finish the course correctly, failure to do so will incur 50 seconds being added to the team time. • A faulted baton change (A4A baton change over rules) will incur 10 faults. • If the timing is stopped inadvertently by one of the handlers or dogs before the end of the run the course time will be given as the teams' time. • The team with the least faults will be deemed the winner with time used as a tie break. • In the event of a tie the team relay score will decide the winner. • Any extraordinary circumstances to be ruled by Agility 4 All. • Team Relay must run in strict running order, failure to do so will result in elimination.

Final Qualification • 8 Heats • Top 1st placed team from each heat qualify for the Final. • The Final will be held at the Agility 4 All Grand Finals. • The Final will follow the same format as the heats. • Qualification will roll down • Handlers may be entered in more than one team but dogs may only compete in one team in any heat and can only qualify once for the final. • Only 1 dog and/or 1 handler may be used as a reserve in the Final. From 7 days prior to the Final up to check in, a reserve can only be used if a dog or handler are proved unfit to run.

Date	Show	Venue
14 th March	Phase Purple	Estate House, Boothby, Brampton, CA8 2HD
1 st May	Barkside May	Newbury Showground, Priors Court, Hermitage, Thatcham, RG18 9QZ
23 rd May	Bounce and Squeak	Brookfield Farm, Sproston Green, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7LN
26 th June	Jurassic Coast	Party Field, Harcombe, Sidmouth, EX10 0PE
4 th July	Ins & Outs	Bendall & Sons, New Farm, Marksbury, BA2 9HJ
25 th July	Summerfest	Crowcroft Farm, WR13 5ED
21 st August	Bounce and Squeak	Brookfield Farm, Sproston Green, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7LN
28 th August	Hawbridge	Hawbridge, Tirley, Gloucester, GL19 4HJ



The Edge Dog Shop Games Challenge Final 2026

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General Rules • Open to all levels and all heights running in one competition. • The semi-final and final will consist of a Gamblers course and a Snooker course.

Scoring • Standard Agility 4 All Marking will apply. • The judge will use the Senior and Champion level games rules. • The judge can include additional rules providing they are clearly stated in the briefing. • Both points and times will be combined from the 2 classes • Eliminations score 0 points and will be given a time of 100 seconds • The dog with the most points in the fastest time will be deemed the winner • In the event of a tie the competitor with the most Gamblers points in the fastest time will be deemed the winner. • Any extraordinary circumstances to be ruled by Agility 4 All.

Qualification • Qualification for the 2026 Semi-final will be by a dog and handler partnership winning 3 games classes with a qualifying score between 1st July 2025 and 30th June 2026. Wins may be gained at regular or at select height. • The Semi-final to be held at the A4A Summerfest show 2026, on Friday 31st July 2026 • The top 25 from the Semi-final will qualify to compete at the Games Challenge Final to be held at Agility 4 All Grand Finals.

Semi-final and Final • At the Semi-final and at the Games Challenge Final at the Grand Finals, the gamble values can be changed and bonus points may be available at the discretion of the judge. • Dogs may run at either their select or regular height in the Semi-final and Final. A dog that runs at their regular height in the semi final may run at their select height in the Final, but must be declared no less than 7 days before the final. A dog that runs at their select height in the Semi-final must run at their select height in the Final, unless measured into a different height category. In all cases, the dog running at their select height in either round will be unable to compete in any other event at the Grand Finals 2026.

New from 2025 The overall winner of the Edge Dog Shop Games Challenge Final will automatically be invited to take part in the Games Challenge Final at the A4A Grand Finals in the following year. In the event that they place in the top 25 in the Edge Dog Shop Games Challenge Semi Final, qualification will roll down to 26th.

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The A4A Junior Open 2026



The aim of this competition is to encourage Junior handlers to compete against their peers in the sport of Agility and prepare them for their future competitions.

General Rules • Open to all handlers who were born on or after 31st August 2007 • Open to all levels and all heights. • There will be a separate competition for each height including select heights but only the 5 regular height leagues will qualify for the Junior Open at the Grand Finals.

Final Qualification • A Junior league table will be taken from Performance Agility 4 All Class results. (10 spots per height). **For 2025 and onwards, Steeplechase Points will no longer count.** • A dog may only run in one final, if it qualifies in two heights or with two handlers the dog's A4A registered owner will decide which final and with which handler the dog runs with. • The Final will be held at the Agility 4 All Grand Finals. Junior handlers will be contacted shortly after the close of the league via the email address on their handler account and if they have not confirmed attendance by 10th October they may lose their spot.

Course Design • The course should be set at a Novice Level, with a Novice Course time used. • The dog with the least faults will be deemed the winner with time used as a tie break. • There will be a maximum of 22 obstacles permitted.

Junior League • Agility, Jumping and Games held at A4A shows from 1st January 2026 until 31st August 2026 will offer the opportunity for Juniors to gain points. • Only classes with A4A progression points will count with progression points being used for the league. • Points for the league may be gained in both regular and select heights as each will have its own league. However only the regular height leagues will qualify for the Junior Open at the Grand Finals. • If a partnership competes in two different heights over the year they will appear in both league tables. • Junior handlers must include their Date of Birth on their A4A account to be eligible for the league. The league will automatically include handlers with eligible DOB.

General Grand Final and Heat Rules

- Once a dog has qualified to compete at a particular final with a handler it will be unable to qualify again for that specific final with another handler in the same year.
- The first qualification a handler and dog obtain will stand. They may not withdraw and qualify again at a different height or at a later date.
- If a dog is measured into a higher height category after qualifying for an event in a lower height, they will be moved into the higher height category. If a dog measures into a lower height after qualifying they must compete at the height they qualified in. If a handler is found to have run in the wrong height or been ineligible due to not following A4A measurement rules they will be removed from the event.
- If a measurement is due on the day of the heat then this must be carried out before they run in the qualifier. If it is not and they are in the wrong height they will be removed from the event.
- In Masters Heats, dogs may run at any height they are eligible for, regardless of what height they have competed at on that day.
- In Pairs and Teams, dogs may compete in any height they are eligible for in other classes on that day, but must compete as per their measured height or higher in all rounds of these events.
- All events at The Grand Finals are invitation events with an entry fee. All handlers will be required to purchase and wear official clothing whilst competing. Clothing will be available for collection at the event, and if the handler is unable to compete and collect, best efforts will be made to forward the clothing on. Please contact A4A directly to arrange.
- Handlers must have checked in during the check in time specified on the check in and briefing timetable. If they have not checked in by then they will be unable to run.
- Where a handler is running 2 dogs drawn close together in a heat or at the finals, the first dog will be moved up the running order to obtain 3 dogs between the handler's dogs. If this is not possible the handler will be given a 3-minute break between dogs. Time starts as the first dog crosses the finish line and stops as they enter the ring.
- In the A4A Grand Prix, Steeplechase Showcase & Beginners Steeplechase eliminations at heats will not qualify for the Grand Finals. Eliminations in semi-finals will not progress to the final of any event.
- Reserves may be called into any event, except Masters, at any stage if a space becomes available.

Bitches in Season at Grand Finals

Bitches in season will be able to compete at the Grand Finals 2026. This must be declared at check in and if possible, please notify the office before. These dogs will remain in their running order but will be highlighted on the public running orders in the venue with an asterisk. We would ask all handlers with bitches in season to respect other competitors by keeping their dogs away from the competition area when they are not competing. Handlers must provide their own mat for their BIS to start from during the Grand Finals