

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. Courses will be designed by the Judges for the WAO, EO, AWC & GF of the current year to allow those that are aiming for those competitions to practise the style of courses they may face.

Regular Show General Rules • Open to all A4A Senior & Champion Level Performance dogs. • 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 between them must also include a 6m pipe tunnel, a 3m straight pipe tunnel, a long jump, a spread and a tyre. A wall may or may not be included. • There will be a maximum of 22 obstacles permitted. • Course size should be a minimum of 35m long with show managers encouraged to provide a 40m long ring where 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. • Any late entries will run before those pre-entered. • 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.

Heat Scoring • Standard Agility 4 All Marking will apply. • Faults are converted into seconds. 5 faults = 5 seconds. • Time faults treated the same as course faults. • An elimination = 100 faults. • Dogs eliminated on course will be given a time of 100 seconds. • 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 • 10 Masters Series Heats • 1st & 2nd Overall qualify for Final unless they gained elimination in the jumping or agility round • 1st place in the agility or jumping round qualifies 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. • At Grand Finals an elimination = 100 faults + course time. Example CT of 60 seconds would give a total score of 160.

Prizes • Heat entry fee = £15. • £5 of the entry fee placed in 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 will gain the letters MA after their A4A name • Winner of the final will win the title of the A4A Masters Champion, a status that remains with the winning dog.

****New from 2024****

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: 1st in Agility 2, 1st in Jumping 2, 1st Overall 4, 2nd Overall 3, 3rd Overall 2 and 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

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

fund. In the event of a tie, performance at the A4A Grand Finals will be the deciding factor.

Date	Show	Venue	Designer
12 th April 2025	The EDGE	Lydiard Tregoze, Swindon, SN5 3NY	Marko Mäkelä
21 st April 2025	A4A Easter	Dowty's Sports & Socials Club, Down Hatherley Ln, Gloucester GL2 9QH	Aaron Froude
3 rd May 2025	Bark Side May	Newbury Showground, Priors Court, Hermitage, Thatcham, RG18 9QZ	Zsuzsa Veres
26 th May 2025	Bounce and Squeak	Brookfield Farm, Sproston Green, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7LN	Belmiro Sousa
7 th June 2025	Phase Purple	Murray House Livery, CA4 8DH	Jan Sprij
28 th June 2025	Jurassic Coast	Party Field, Harcombe, Sidmouth, EX10 0PE	Roman Lukac
4 th July 2025	K9 Brats	Kelsall Hill Equestrian Centre, Organsdale Farm, Middlewich Road, Tarporley, CW6 0SR	Jocke Tangfelt
3 rd August 2025	A4A SummerFest	Dowty's Sports & Socials Club, Down Hatherley Ln, Gloucester GL2 9QH	Stefanie Semkat
25 th August 2025	Hawbridge	Hawbridge, Tirley, Gloucester, GL19 4HJ	Annika Norris
13 th September 2025	Bark Side North	Dog Sports Derby, DE65 5BA	Rhys Parrin

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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 count 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. • An elimination = 50 faults. • Dogs eliminated on course will be given 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.

Final Qualification • 10 Heats • Top 2 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.

Date	Show	Venue
29 th March 2025	Phase Purple	Kirkley Hall, NE20 0AQ
19 th April 2025	Easter	Dowty's Sports & Social, Down Hatherly Lane, Gloucester, GL2 9QH
24 th May 2025	Bounce & Squeak	Brookfield Farm, Sproston Green, Cheshire, CW4 7LN
21 st June 2025	Jurassic Coast	Party Field, EX10 0PE
5 th July 2025	Ins & Outs	Bendall & Sons, New Farm, Marksbury, BA2 9HJ
6 th July 2025	K9 Brats	Kelsall Hill Equestrian Centre, Organsdale Farm, Middlewich Road, Tarporley, CW6 0SR
20 th July 2025	DASH	East Worldham, Alton, GU34 3AT
27 th July 2025	Summerfest	Dowty's Sports & Social, Down Hatherley Lane, Gloucester, GL2 9QH
23 rd August 2025	Hawbridge	Hawbridge, Tirley, GL19 4HJ
31 st August 2025	Agility Antics	Bakewell Showground, Agricultural Way, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1AQ

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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. • An elimination = 50 faults. • 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. • Eliminations will not progress to the Final from the Semi-Final • The Semi-final & Final will be held at the Agility 4 All Grand Finals and follow the same rules as the heats.

Date	Show	Venue
16 th February 2025	A4A Valentines	Cotswold RDA, Cheltenham Racecourse, GL50 4SH
16 th March 2025	Bounce & Squeak	Kelsall Hill Equestrian Centre, Organsdale Farm, Middlewich Road, Tarporley, CW6 0SR
5 th April 2025	Phase Purple	Murray House Livery, CA4 8DH
18 th May 2025	Red Run	Swanton Morley Village Hall, NR20 4NP
22 nd June 2025	Jurassic Coast	Party Field, Harcombe, Sidmouth, EX10 0PE
7 th July 2025	Ins & Outs	Bendall & Sons, New Farm, Marksbury, BA2 9HJ
26 th July 2025	A4A SummerFest	Dowty's Sports & Socials Club, Down Hatherley Ln, Gloucester GL2 9QH
15 th August 2025	Bounce & Squeak	Brookfield Farm, Sproston Green, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7LN
24 th August 2025	Hawbridge	Hawbridge, Tirley, Gloucester, GL19 4HJ
6 th September 2025	Agility Antics	Bakewell Showground, Agricultural Way, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1AQ



The Sean Cameron Photographic Beginners Steeplechase Final 2025

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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. • An elimination = 50 faults. • 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 qualified for the Beginners Steeplechase at the Grand Finals in a previous year are not eligible to qualify. • The top 10 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. • Eliminations will not progress to the Final from the Semi-Final

Date	Show	Venue
9 th February 2025	Phase Purple	Kirkley Hall, NE20 0AQ
15 th February 2025	A4A Valentines	Cotswold RDA, Cheltenham Racecourse, GL50 4SH
13 th April 2025	The EDGE	Lydiard Tregoze, Swindon, SN5 3NY
5 th May 2025	Bark Side May	Newbury Showground, Priors Court, Hermitage, Thatcham, RG18 9QZ
10 th May 2025	Simply Animals	Lower Doghill Farm, Grains Road, Shaw. OL1 4SS
17 th May 2025	Red Run	Swanton Morley Village Hall, Swanton Morley, NR20 4NP
29 th June 2025	Jurassic Coast	Party Field, Harcombe, Sidmouth, EX10 0PE
2 nd August 2025	A4A SummerFest	Dowty's Sports & Socials Club, Down Hatherley Ln, Gloucester GL2 9QH
16 th August 2025	Bounce & Squeak	Brookfield Farm, Sproston Green, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7LN
17 th August 2025	Hawbridge	Hawbridge, Tirley, Gloucester, GL19 4HJ

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General Rules • Open to all dogs from all levels and all heights. • Dogs of ANY different heights can be mixed within the pair. 250, 300 and 400 dogs will run over 250 height and 500 and 600 dogs will run over 500 height. Therefore, the pair could consist of both dogs running 250 height or both dogs running 500 Height or 1 dog running 250 height and 1 dog running 500 height. • There is no Select option in this qualifier. • 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. • ***NEW FROM 2025*** 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 section will go 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. • The Steeplechase section will be made up of standard jumps and tunnels • Spread jumps should be set at Novice specifications. • Course design should be considered an 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. • Pairs must run in strict running order, failure to do so will result in elimination.

Scoring • Standard Agility 4 All Marking will apply. • An elimination = 50 faults. • A faulted baton change will incur 10 faults • Time faults treated the same as course 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 lowest score will be deemed the winner. • 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 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.

Date	Show	Venue
15 th March 2025	Phase Purple	Murray House Livery, CA4 8DH
18 th April 2025	A4A Easter	Dowty's Sports & Socials Club, Down Hatherley Ln, Gloucester GL2 9QH
11 th May 2025	DASH @ Dogs Day Out	East Worldham, Alton, GU34 3AT
17 th May 2025	Red Run	Swanton Morley Village Hall, Swanton Morley, NR20 4NP
23 rd May 2025	Bounce & Squeak	Brookfield Farm, Sproston Green, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7LN
27 th June 2025	Jurassic Coast	Party Field, Harcombe, Sidmouth, EX10 0PE
31 st July 2025	A4A SummerFest	Dowty's Sports & Socials Club, Down Hatherley Ln, Gloucester GL2 9QH
22 nd August 2025	Hawbridge	Hawbridge, Tirley, Gloucester, GL19 4HJ
1 st September 2025	Agility Antics	Bakewell Showground, Agricultural Way, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1AQ
14 th September 2025	Bark Side North	Dog Sports Derby, DE65 5BA

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. • There is no Select option in this qualifier. • All teams will be competing against each other in one competition. • 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. • The Team Relay will follow Agility 4 All rules with course design rules of WAO Team Speedstakes. (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.) • 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. • In the Team Relay 250, 300 and 400 dogs will run at 250 height and 500 & 600 dogs will run at 500 height. Course design must therefore take into account the possibility of 2 different heights. See A4A baton change over rules • Handlers may be entered in more than one team. • Dogs may only compete in one team in any heat and can only qualify once for the final. • Team Relay must run in strict running order, failure to do so will result in elimination. • Only 1 dog and/or 1 handler may be used as a reserve in the Final and the makeup of the team must adhere to the combination that qualified. From 7 days prior to the Final up to check in, a reserve can only be used if the dog or handler are proved unfit to run.

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 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 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 lowest score will be deemed the winner. • In the event of a tie the team relay score will decide the winner. • Any extraordinary circumstances to be ruled by Agility 4 All. **Final Qualification** • 10 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.

Date	Show	Venue
20 th April 2025	A4A Easter	Dowty's Sports & Socials Club, Down Hatherley Ln, Gloucester GL2 9QH
2 nd May 2025	Bark Side May	Newbury Showground, Priors Court, Hermitage, Thatcham, RG18 9QZ
25 th May 2025	Bounce & Squeak	Brookfield Farm, Sproston Green, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7LN
22 nd June 2025	Jurassic Coast	Party Field, Harcombe, Sidmouth, EX10 0PE
5 th July 2025	Ins & Outs	Bendall & Sons, New Farm, Marksbury, BA2 9HJ
5 th July 2025	K9 Brats	Kelsall Hill Equestrian Centre, Organsdale Farm, Middlewich Road, Tarporley, CW6 0SR
19 th July 2025	DASH	East Worldham, Alton, GU34 3AT
26 th July 2025	A4A SummerFest	Dowty's Sports & Socials Club, Down Hatherley Ln, Gloucester GL2 9QH
22 nd August 2025	Hawbridge	Hawbridge, Tirley, Gloucester, GL19 4HJ
13 th September 2025	Phase Purple	Murray House Livery, CA4 8DH



The Big Bang Dog Training Equipment Steeplechase Showcase 2025

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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 • The class will consist of one steeplechase course still counting for A4A progression design • 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. • Handlers may enter more than one dog into a heat and qualify more than one dog for the Final. • **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. • An elimination = 50 faults • 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 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.

Date	Show	Venue
12 th April 2025	The EDGE	Lydiard Tregoze, Swindon, SN5 3NY
4 th May 2025	DASH to the Bark Side	Newbury Showground, Priors Court, Hermitage, Thatcham, RG18 9QZ
10 th May 2025	DASH	East Worldham, Alton, GU34 3AT
29 th June 2025	Jurassic Coast	Party Field, Harcombe, Sidmouth, EX10 0PE
6 th July 2025	Ins & Outs	Bendall & Sons, New Farm, Marksbury, BA2 9HJ
19 th July 2025	Phase Purple	Murray House Livery, CA4 8DH
3 rd August 2025	Summerfest	Dowty's Sports & Social, Down Hatherley Lane, Gloucester, GL2 9QH
16 th August 2025	Hawbridge	Hawbridge, Tirley, GL19 4HJ
17 th August 2025	Bounce & Squeak	Brookfield Farm, Sproston Green, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire, CW4 7LN
7 th September 2025	Agility Antics	Bakewell Showground, Agricultural Way, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1AQ

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The Edge Dog Shop Games Challenge

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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 clearly stated in 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.

Final Qualification • Qualification for the 2025 Semi-final will be by a dog and handler partnership winning 3 games classes with a qualifying score between 1st July 2024 and 30th June 2025. Wins may be gained at regular or at select height. • The Semi-final to be held at the A4A SummerFest show 2024, on Friday 1st August • The top 20 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 at A4A SummerFest 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.

****New from 2024****

Partnerships can qualify for the semi final and final at either their regular height or select height. If all 3 qualifying wins are not achieved at the select height, but the handler wishes to run at select height, they must request this prior to the semi-final/final running order being drawn. Running at select height in the final will forfeit any other events qualified in. All extraordinary circumstances will be ruled by A4A.

****New from 2025****

The overall winner of the Games Challenge at the A4A Grand Finals starting from Grand Finals 2025 will automatically be invited back to compete in the Games Challenge Final at A4A Grand Finals the following year.

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The A4A Junior Open 2025



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 20th May 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 • The way to qualify for the Junior Open final is through a Junior league table taken from normal Agility 4 All Class results. (10 spots per height). • A dog may only run in one Junior final, if it qualifies in two heights or with two handlers the dogs 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 and follow the Junior Open Rules. • 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 30th September they will lose their spot.

Junior League • Full height performance classes held at A4A shows from 1st January 2025 until 31st August 2025 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.

Junior Open (Final) • There will be a separate competition for each height. • Course level will be set at a Novice level • Course time is to be at Novice rates of travel. • The Junior Open final will be run over an Agility course & a Jumping Course. The results of these will be combined to give the winner. •

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. • An elimination = 50 faults. • Dogs eliminated on course will be given 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.

Junior Bursary. A bursary of £50 will be awarded to each height winner at the Grand Finals. The bursary must be spent on Dog agility training and will be paid on submission of the receipt for training.

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.
- The first qualification a handler and dog obtain will stand. They may not withdraw and qualify again in 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 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 (1st measure or over 2 measure) 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 Masters Heats, dogs can run in different heights in different heats. If they qualify for Grand Finals in different heights they will be required to specify which height they wish to run at before provisional running orders are produced.
- 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. At the Grand Finals all paperwork is produced on the day hence the inclusion of this rule.
- 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 5 dogs between the handler's dogs. If this is not possible the handler will be given a 5-minute break between dogs. At the Grand Finals a handler may state at check in, that they do not want their running order changed so they maintain the running order advantage. If this is the case a 2-minute break will be given. 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 at any stage if a space becomes available.

****NEW FROM 2025** GRAND FINALS GOLDEN TICKET**

The winner of the A4A Nationals in each standard height at A4A Summerfest from 2025 will be awarded a 'Golden Ticket' for the A4A Grand Finals that same year, meaning they are able to enter any event at Grand Finals they are eligible for, and haven't already qualified for.

Bitches in Season at Grand Finals

Bitches in season will be able to compete at the Grand Finals 2025. 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 "BIS". 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 actually competing. Handlers must provide their own mat for their BIS to start from during the Grand Finals