



THE AKC AGILITY INVITATIONAL: FAST FACTS

- ❖ **676** dogs are entered to compete in the 16th annual AKC Agility Invitational. The **top five** ranked agility dogs in each of the 197 AKC recognized breeds, plus the **top five** All-American Dogs, are invited to attend this prestigious event. The event qualifying period ran from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.
- ❖ Winners will be crowned in five height classes: 8", 12", 16", 20", 24"
- ❖ On Saturday, dogs will run Master-level Standard and Jumpers with Weaves courses. On Sunday, dogs will run Master-level Hybrid and Jumpers with Weaves courses. After the completion of four rounds over two days, the top dogs in each jump height will move to the finals. The Finals are open only to the top 59 dogs overall through the four rounds of competition.
- ❖ **63** Agility Grand Champions (AGCH), **103** Master Agility Champions (MACH), and **38** Preferred Agility Champions (PACH) will compete in the 2021 Invitational. Other champions entered include **159** Champions, **49** Grand Champions, **three** Triple Champions, **two** Field Champions and **three** Obedience Trial Champions.
- ❖ Ohio has the largest number of entrants, with **57** dogs entered.
- ❖ **159** different breeds ranging from the Alaskan Malamute to the Yorkshire Terrier will compete in the 2021 event. Several rare breeds entered include the Bracco Italiano, Catahoula Leopard Dog, Eurasier, and Portuguese Podengo.
- ❖ Awards will be provided for all dogs that run clear during each individual round. Additionally, cash prizes will be awarded for the Top Group winners after two rounds and the Top Clear Round and Top International Clear Round dogs will be awarded after Round 3. Four Top Scoring Dogs awards for dogs with an obedience title, a rally title and a tracking title and dogs with a conformation championship title will be awarded after Round 3. After Round 4, medallions will be awarded to Top Bred-By Exhibitor, Top Junior and Top Dog for each breed, if sponsored by the Parent Club.
- ❖ The 11th annual [AKC Junior Agility Competition](#) will run Friday morning prior to the weekend's AKC Agility Invitational. The **77** Juniors participating in the AKC Junior Agility Competition will be running both Standard and Jumpers with Weaves courses in either

the Junior Superior (for Juniors under 14 years of age) or Excellent Classes (at least 14 years old, but under 19 years old). The winner from each height from this event is invited to compete at the 2021 AKC Agility Invitational.

- ❖ To learn more about the AKC Agility Invitational, visit <http://www.akc.org/events/agility/invitational/>

AKC Agility Invitational Course Information

- ❖ **Master-level:** This level of competition is for dogs and handlers that are working at the top level in AKC Agility. There are 18 to 20 obstacles on this course. Dog/handler teams competing at this level demonstrate their superior skills in moving quickly and efficiently with close communication and teamwork through challenging agility courses. The Master level is the class where dog/ handler teams can earn the title, Master Agility Champion (MACH)/Preferred Agility Champion (PACH), from the Regular or Preferred Classes.
- ❖ **Standard Class:** The Standard class has contact obstacles (A-frame, dog walk and seesaw), which have yellow “contact zones” at each end. The dog must place a least one paw in the contact zone in order not to receive a fault. The Standard class also has a variety of jumps; weave poles, pause table and tunnels.
- ❖ **Jumpers with Weaves:** This class does not have contact obstacles or a pause table. It's a very fast-paced course.
- ❖ **Hybrid Class:** The Hybrid Class contains the same obstacles as the Standard Class, except for the dog walk.