



**YKC ABCC AGILITY
(ABCC)**



**AGILITY COMPETITIONS
RULES 2025 (CRUFTS 2026)**



A: HANDLERS

1. The following twelve subcategories will be open for members to compete in:

Large Dogs	Intermediate Dogs	Medium Dogs	Small Dogs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handler 06-11 Years• Handler 12-17 Years• Handler 18-24 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handler 06-11 Years• Handler 12-17 Years• Handler 18-24 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handler 06-11 Years• Handler 12-17 Years• Handler 18-24 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handler 06-11 Years• Handler 12-17 Years• Handler 18-24 Years

2. Only current YKC members may compete in YKC Classes.
3. Handlers may not be swapped after the closing date of the show.
 - i. This means no on-the-day swapping of YKC handlers at any ABCC qualifier.
 - ii. If the entered handler is not running the dog, that entered dog must withdraw from the class.
4. Use the YKC member's age on the first day of the show to work out which age category a YKC member should enter.

B: DOGS

1. To enter the YKC ABCC class, dogs must **NOT** be a Border Collie OR a Cocker Spaniel or any crossbreed that includes either Border Collie or Cocker Spaniel
 - i. The designation: "Working Sheepdog" is counted as a Border Collie
 - a. Rough Collie, Smooth Collie, Bearded Collie & Australian Shepherd are not classed as Border Collies and are therefore eligible to enter this competition
 - ii. Other Spaniel types, other than Cocker Spaniel are eligible to enter this competition
 - iii. A crossbreed that has characteristics of a Border Collie/Cocker Spaniel will be asked to prove that there are is no Border Collie/Cocker Spaniel in the breeding going back 5 generations.
 - iv. A crossbreed that has unknown lineage will count as a Border Collie/Cocker Spaniel if it has characteristics that are associated with a Border Collie/Cocker Spaniel
 - v. The judge of the competition will adjudicate if there are any queries regarding the eligibility of the dog
2. Standard Kennel Club rules regarding which dogs may enter this agility class apply.
3. Bitches in season will not be allowed to compete in any YKC agility competition.
4. Once a dog has competed with a given YKC handler in a ABCC qualifier, that dog may only compete with that handler in any future ABCC qualifiers for the rest of the qualifying season.
5. Dogs of any grade may enter this competition.

C: ABCC QUALIFIERS

1. **By entering a YKC qualifier, the YKC member and anyone representing them (parent/guardian etc) agree to abide by the YKC's Code of Conduct**
2. Unless otherwise specified in this document, ABCC competition and qualifiers will be held following The Kennel Club rules and regulations
 - i. In the event that of a rule clashing, this document will take precedence over and above the Kennel Club regulations.
 - ii. To work out the places for this class, dogs will be ranked first by total number of faults, then by time. The dog with the fewest faults in the fastest time is the winner.
 - a. The rankings of the 12 subcategories are separate.
3. The ABCC qualification class will feature a single agility round.
 - i. The course will be set at approx. G3 standard
4. Standard Kennel Club marking will apply.
5. There will be a prize giving ceremony.
6. Members may enter ABCC competitions even if they have already qualified.



D: ABCC WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE FINAL?

1. **First place at any ABCC qualifier during this season will guarantee a space in the final**
2. To fill any remaining spaces the waterfall roll-down method will be used.
3. The full details of this can be found in the “YKC Waterfall Method” Document available on the YKC website.
4. There are a total of 84 spaces in the ABCC Final
 - i. These spaces will be allocated as follows:
 - a. 21 per age category
 - (1) 7 per height category within each age category
 - b. Any unused spaces in an age or height category will not be lost, and offered to other age categories / height categories.
 - (1) Full details of how this is done can be found in the “YKC Waterfall Method” document
5. Once qualified, the handler and dog combination is locked in for this year’s qualifying season
 - i. The qualified dog may only be handled at Crufts by the same handler that it qualified with
6. The YKC will invite all those who have qualified to enter Crufts via email before Christmas

E: HOW MANY DOGS CAN I QUALIFY FOR ABCC?

1. You may qualify as many different dogs across as many heights as you wish for the ABCC final at Crufts **HOWEVER:**
 - i. **YOU MAY ONLY ENTER A MAXIMUM OF ONE QUALIFIED DOG ACROSS ALL HEIGHTS E.G.:**
 - a. **CORRECT** - 1 x dog in large OR intermediate OR medium OR small
 - b. **INCORRECT** - 1 x dog in each height category
2. A handler is only allowed to swap dogs if they have managed to qualify another dog in the ABCC competition, in this case, they may swap to the other qualified dog.
 - i. This must be reported to the YKC at the earliest opportunity.
 - ii. The cut off for any substitution of entered dogs using this method is 7 days prior to the first day of Crufts.

F: ABCC AT CRUFTS – FINAL

1. **By entering a YKC class, the YKC member and anyone representing them (parent/guardian etc) agree to abide by the YKC’s Code of Conduct**
2. At Crufts, the YKC will calculate the which age category each competitor shall be in based on the YKC members age on the first day of Crufts.
 - i. This may be a different age category to the one the YKC member qualified in.
 - ii. Handlers who turn 25 before the first day of Crufts are not eligible to compete at Crufts in the YKC ring – any qualifications gained for the YKC will be forfeit.
3. The semi-final for the YKC Jumping Cup competition is held at Crufts in the YKC ring.
4. The semi-final will be held over a single jumping Course (no contact equipment).
 - i. This course will be set at grade 3.
5. At Crufts, dogs **MUST** run in strict running order;
 - i. if you are not on the line when your run is due, you will have missed your run.
 - a. The running order for the final will be determined randomly.
 - (1) Each of the heights will be grouped together, but the age categories will be jumbled.



6. Sponsorship and logos

- i. Some YKC members have managed to arrange personal sponsorship and branding deals. YKC members who wish to have branding on their clothing at Crufts must follow the below rules.
- ii. The YKC & Kennel Club also have several sponsors in both the YKC ring and the main arena at Crufts.
 - a. To comply with our sponsors, YKC members may **NOT** have branding on display from the following companies:
 - (1) Dog food or treat supplier
 - (2) Car manufacturer
 - (3) Insurance company
 - b. If a YKC member wishes to have branding from a company not on the above list on an item of clothing, that company's branding must be where a breast pocket would be and must be approximately breast pocket size.
 - c. This restriction on branding from 6.ii.a & 6.ii.b only applies in the following locations:
 - (1) Crufts YKC collecting ring, Crufts YKC ring, Crufts YKC Presentation Area.
 - (2) Crufts Main arena collecting ring, Crufts Main Arena, Crufts Main Arena Presentation Area.

H ■ ABCC FINAL – PRIZEGIVING

1. The following awards will be presented in the YKC ring for the ABCC Final

06-11 Years	12-17 Years	18-24 Years
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st to 5th LRG• 1st to 5th INT• 1st to 5th MED• 1st to 5th SML	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st to 5th LRG• 1st to 5th INT• 1st to 5th MED• 1st to 5th SML	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st to 5th LRG• 1st to 5th INT• 1st to 5th MED• 1st to 5th SML

2. All non-placed competitors will receive a finalist rosette when exiting the prize-giving
 - i. To receive this award, members must be present for the prize-giving.