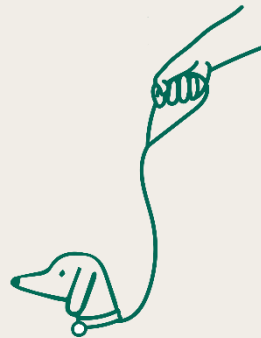




YKC HANDLING



**HANDLING COMPETITIONS
RULES 2024 (CRUFTS 2025)**



A: HANDLERS

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

06-11 Years

12-17 Years

18-24 Years

2. Only current YKC members may compete in YKC Classes.
3. 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. Bitches in season will not be allowed to compete in any YKC Handling competition.
2. All competing dogs must be six calendar months of age or over on the day of competition.
3. Dogs must be registered with the Kennel Club when entering Kennel Club licenced shows.
 - i. Dogs can either be registered on the breed register or the activity register.
 - ii. As of 07/JAN/2020, dogs entering a handling class as their only entry at a show must be on a Kennel Club breed register **OR** the activity register.
 - a. If a dog wishes to participate in both a handling class and a breed class at a show, the dog must be on the relevant breed register.

C: YKC HANDLING 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. YKC Handling qualifiers will be judged in-line with the YKC Handling Judges Criteria, available on the YKC website.
 - i. The winner will be the handler who the judge has deemed to have exhibited their dog the best according to the guidelines mentioned above.
3. When entering a YKC handling class, enter the age category you would be on the first day of the show.
4. YKC members must enter a dog into the class, the dog entered will have the following information recorded:
 - i. Dog's Kennel Club Name.
 - ii. Dog's Breed.
 - iii. Dog's Group.
 - a. Crossbreed dogs should record their group as "Crossbreed".
5. YKC handling classes are not linked to which breeds are being exhibited on the day of the qualifier.
 - i. If a show has qualifiers across multiple days, any breed of dog may be handled on any day, providing the below rule C.6 is followed.
6. When a show holds YKC qualifiers over multiple days, if a YKC member wishes to enter a YKC handling qualifier on more than one day, each YKC handling entry must be with a dog from a different group.
 - i. Simply, rule C.6 is to stop YKC members entering the same group on across multiple days at the same show and thereby having repeated attempts of qualifying that group at the same show.
7. YKC Handling classes may be the first and only entry for a dog at a show.
 - i. You do not have to enter your dog in the relevant breed class at the same show when entering a YKC handling qualifier.
8. Crossbreed dogs may compete in YKC handling competitions.
9. A YKC member may only handle one dog per class.
10. YKC Members may enter YKC handling classes if they have already qualified.
11. YKC Handling qualifiers are listed on the YKC website, please ensure that you are entering a valid YKC qualifier.



D: YKC HANDLING - WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE FINALS?

1. There will be twenty-four categories (8 groups x 3 age categories) for YKC members to qualify for with 8 spaces available for each category (making a total of 192 spaces.)
2. The categories will be subdivided as follows:

Crossbreed	Gundog	Terrier	Hound	Utility	Toy	Working	Pastoral
•06-11	•06-11	•06-11	•06-11	•06-11	•06-11	•06-11	•06-11
•12-17	•12-17	•12-17	•12-17	•12-17	•12-17	•12-17	•12-17
•18-24	•18-24	•18-24	•18-24	•18-24	•18-24	•18-24	•18-24

3. **First place at any YKC Handling qualifier during this season will guarantee a space in the final**
 - i. **The space will be linked to the group of the dog the YKC member handled.**
 - a. **E.g. if a YKC member won a YKC handling qualifier with a Border Collie, that member will be qualified to compete in the Pastoral group.**
4. To fill any remaining spaces the waterfall roll-down method will be used.
 - a. The full details of this can be found in the “YKC Waterfall Method” Document available on the YKC website.
 - ii. Any unused spaces in an age or height category will not be lost, and offered to other age categories
 - (1) Full details of how this is done can be found in the “YKC Waterfall Method” document
 - (2) As the YKC handling competitions run over multiple days, if there are any unused spaces, they will only be offered to other categories that feature on the same day.

E: HOW MANY DOGS CAN I QUALIFY FOR YKC HANDLING?

1. You may qualify as many different dogs across as many different groups as you wish for the YKC Handling finals at Crufts **HOWEVER:**
 - i. **YOU MAY ONLY ENTER A MAXIMUM OF ONE GROUP THAT YOU HAVE QUALIFIED FOR E.G.:**
 - a. **CORRECT** - 1 x dog in only one of the following groups
 - (1) **1 dog from Working group OR,**
 - (2) **1 dog from Pastoral group OR,**
 - (3) **1 dog from Utility group OR,**
 - (4) **1 dog from Toy group OR,**
 - (5) **1 dog from Terrier group OR,**
 - (6) **1 dog from Hound group OR,**
 - (7) **1 dog from Gundog group OR,**
 - (8) **1 dog from Crossbreed group**
 - b. **INCORRECT** - 1 x dog in each group
2. A handler is allowed to swap dogs as long as the new dog is from a group that they have qualified.
 - i. This must be reported to the YKC at the earliest opportunity.
 - ii. After entries have closed, the YKC member may only swap their dog to another dog in the same group. (even if that YKC member had qualified multiple groups)



F: YKC HANDLING AT CRUFTS – FINALS

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. The finals for the YKC Handling competitions are held at Crufts in the YKC ring.
3. The handling competitions at Crufts will be broken down into the following 12 classes (3 per day):

Working & Pastoral Dogs	Terrier & Hound Dogs	Utility & Toy Dogs	Gundog & Crossbreed 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

- i. These classes will be held on the equivalent breed day at Crufts
4. YKC Handling at Crufts will be judged in the same manner as the qualifiers.
5. Awards will be presented in the ring.
6. At Crufts, the YKC member’s age will be calculated as that member’s age on the first day of Crufts.
 - i. The YKC will use this calculated age to determine which age category a YKC member will compete in at Crufts.
 - a. This may be a different age category to the one the YKC member qualified in
 - b. 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.
7. Docked dogs may not be entered into the YKC handling finals competition at Crufts.
8. Dogs will be lined up in accordance with the approximate breed height, this will be determined by the YKC ahead of the competition.

G: YKC HANDLING FINALS – PRIZEGIVING

1. The following awards will be presented in the YKC ring for the YKC Handling Finals:

Working & Pastoral Dogs	Terrier & Hound Dogs	Utility & Toy Dogs	Gundog & Crossbreed Dogs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handler 06-11 Years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st – 5th • Handler 12-17 Years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st – 5th • Handler 18-24 Years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st – 5th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handler 06-11 Years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st – 5th • Handler 12-17 Years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st – 5th • Handler 18-24 Years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st – 5th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handler 06-11 Years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st – 5th • Handler 12-17 Years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st – 5th • Handler 18-24 Years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st – 5th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handler 06-11 Years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st – 5th • Handler 12-17 Years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st – 5th • Handler 18-24 Years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st – 5th



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H ■ YKC HANDLER OF THE YEAR – GRAND FINAL

1. The winner of each of the above handling final competitions at Crufts will be invited to take part in the YKC Handler Of The Year Grand Final held in the YKC Ring on Sunday at Crufts. (12 competitors total)
2. Competitors should use the same dog as they handled in the finals.
 - i. If there is a suitable reason this dog may not be used in the Grand Final, a substitute dog may be used only with the agreement of the YKC.

I ■ YKC HANDLING GRAND FINAL – PRIZEGIVING

1. The following two awards will be presented in the YKC ring for the YKC Handling Grand Final:

YKC Handler of The Year

YKC Handler of The Year

Overall Winner

Reserve

2. All YKC competitors in the YKC Handling Grand Final will receive a YKC Handling Grand Finalist Rosette.