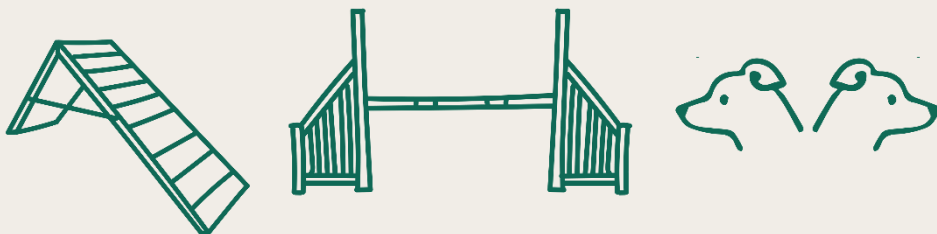




**AGILITY COMPETITIONS
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**SECTION 1:
YKC AGILITY GENERAL RULES**

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A: DEFINITION

1. The YKC hosts various agility competition finals at Crufts. Each individual competition has rules that they all share, and also have rules that make each of them unique.
 2. To fully understand the rules for a particular class you must read both:
 - i. Section 1: YKC Agility General Rules (this section)
 - ii. The specific section detailing the class you are interested in i.e:
 - a. Section 2: Agility Dog of the Year
 - b. Section 3: YKC Jumping Cup
 - c. Section 4: YKC Pairs
 - d. Section 5: Graduate Agility
 - e. Section 6: ABC Agility
 3. These rules are for the Young Kennel Club competitions and must be read in conjunction with the specific agility regulations (H).
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B: CLASSES

1. The YKC offers its members five different classes for members to compete in
 - i. The following three classes have qualifiers at Kennel Club licenced shows which qualify members for the Crufts Finals:
 - a. *Agility Dog of the Year*
 - b. *YKC Jumping Cup*
 - c. *YKC Pairs*
 - d. *YKC Graduate Agility*
 - ii. The following class is a Crufts only competition and is entered by submitting points gained from selected YKC Classes accumulated throughout the calendar year
 - a. *ABC Agility (Anything But a Collie)*
2. All five classes have finals at Crufts

C:

HANDLERS

1. Age categories for YKC members are defined as:

6+

6-11 Years

(Handlers 6 years and up to, but not including 12th birthday)

12+

12-17 Years

(Handlers 12 years and up to, but not including 18th birthday)

18+

18 –24 Years

(Handlers 18 years and up to, but not including 25th birthday)

2. Please note: Agility Dog of the Year will have the 12-17 years age category split into two, to reflect the age categories of the FCI's Junior Open Agility World Cup (JOAWC) competition.
3. When entering a qualifier, enter the age category that the member will be on the first day of the show hosting the qualifier (even if the class isn't on the first day)
 - i. When entering Crufts, enter the age category that the member will be on the first day of Crufts
 - a. The YKC will place you in the correct age category for Crufts
 - ii. If you turn 25 on or before the first day of Crufts, you will be unable to compete in the finals at Crufts
4. You must be a member of the Young Kennel Club before entering any Young Kennel Club classes.

D:

DOGS

1. All competing dogs must be eighteen calendar months of age or over on the day of competition.
2. 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.
3. Dogs must not wear any type of slip, half-slip collar or lead while competing. A flat, close fitting, leather or webbing collar is allowed but only if it has no attachments other than a plain identification panel as an integral part of the collar, i.e. not attached by a ring.
4. To enter a Kennel Club licensed show, you will need to have your dog measured to ensure you compete at the correct height for Small, Medium or Intermediate (large dogs do not require measuring)
 - i. You will need a Kennel Club Agility Record book for the measurer to record your dog's height category in.
 - a. You can obtain an Agility Record Book from the Kennel Club online shop.
5. Food shall not be carried in the hand or given to a dog in the ring.
6. Once a dog has run with one handler in a competition, it may not compete with another handler in the same competition for the remainder of the qualifying year.
7. Bitches in season will not be allowed to compete in YKC qualifying classes nor at Crufts

E: JUDGING CRITERIA

1. All equipment will be as per Kennel Club H Regulations in force at the time and will be appropriate for the size of the dog.
 2. If you are entering a YKC qualifier class at a Kennel Club licenced show, you must enter only full height option classes with that dog at the same show
 3. Standard Kennel Club Agility marking will apply
 - i. All rules will be as per Kennel Club H Regulations in force at the time unless a clash occurs with a ruling in this document, for any YKC agility qualification matter, this document takes precedence
 - ii. The 'YKC Pairs' competition will feature a deviation from standard marking which will be explained in the YKC Pairs rules section.
 4. The course will be identical for all member age groups and dog heights.
 5. There are to be no "Not For Competition" entries
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F: COURSE WALKING

1. At qualifying shows, an opportunity to 'walk the course' will be available before the competition commences.
2. At Crufts, all agility classes will have a time segment allotted for competitors to walk the course
 - i. The time available will be very limited – drastically shorter than standard competitions
 - ii. For each class, all dog heights and age groups will walk the course together
 - a. The jumps will be set at the height of the first competitor and will not be altered during the course walk
 - iii. All YKC members should walk the course by themselves (i.e. no parent walking with them)
 - a. except for:
 - (1) Members of the 06-11 age group
 - (2) Any competitor who has disclosed a disability that would impair their ability to walk the course by themselves
 - b. In both cases, a maximum of 1 adult may accompany the competitor

G:

QUALIFICATION
CRITERIA

1. The waterfall/cascade qualification method will be used to determine who qualifies for the following competitions:
 - i. YKC Jumping Cup
 - ii. YKC Pairs
 - iii. Graduate Agility
2. This method is a modification of a roll down system and will be described in detail below:

STEP 1

3. **Step 1: First Places**
 - i. Win a qualifier in your age and height category during the qualification year.
 - ii. First place will guarantee you a qualification space.
 - a. First places with faults (including time faults) also qualify.
 - iii. Eliminations do not receive placings and therefore do NOT qualify you, even if you were the only person in the subcategory.

STEP 2

4. **Step 2: Cascade**
 - i. The second step is only used if step 1 did not fill all of the available qualification spaces, after all qualifying shows have finished.
 - ii. All those who have not yet qualified but received a 2nd place with NO TIME FAULTS* are then considered:
 - a. If there are more 2nd place competitors than we have qualification spaces left to fill, then all of the 2nd place competitors names will be placed into a random draw.
 - (i) If you received multiple 2nd places throughout the year in a particular competition, your name will go into the draw only once**
 - (ii) Members will be selected at random until all qualification spaces have been filled for that subcategory. At which point step 2 ends.
 - b. If inviting all of the 2nd place competitors would fill all of the remaining qualification spaces exactly, then all 2nd place competitors fill the qualification spaces and step 2 ends
 - c. If inviting all of the 2nd place competitors does not fill up all of the remaining qualification spaces, all of the 2nd place competitors are invited and the process will be repeated for 3rd place, followed by 4th place and so on, until all of the spaces for the subcategory have been filled.

3. On the next two pages you will find a worked example of the waterfall method in action
4. At the end of this document, you will find an appendix which details the YKC's reasons for selecting this particular qualification method, as well outlining why other methods were not selected.

* To ensure that members can demonstrate they can complete a course competitively in a timely manner

** This is to stop people feeling they need to "chase" lots of 2nd or 3rd place

EXAMPLE

1. WORKED EXAMPLE OF THE WATERFALL METHOD

- i. In this example, we are going to assume the following
 - a. 4 qualifying shows for the year
 - b. 10 places on offer
 - c. These results are for the “12-17 – Large” subcategory

PLACE	NORTH DOG SHOW RESULTS			SOUTH DOG SHOW RESULTS			EAST DOG SHOW RESULTS			WEST DOG SHOW RESULTS		
	HANDLER	DOG	FAULTS	HANDLER	DOG	FAULTS	HANDLER	DOG	FAULTS	HANDLER	DOG	FAULTS
1	BOB	STAR	5	BOB	STAR	C	SAM	ZIGGY	5	SOPHIE	FIDO	C
2	JAMES	BUSTER	5	ANNA	SKY	C	BOB	STORM	5	SAM	ZIGGY	C
3	DAVID	TITAN	10	SAM	ZIGGY	C	ZARA	CHASE	10	TINA	PLUTO	6.725
4	LAURA	CHEDAR	10	HEATHER	CHAI	5	SARAH	ROLO	10	HARVEY	SAMSON	10
5	SOPHIE	LEAF	10	ZARA	CHASE	5	ANNA	SKY	20	HARVEY	LUDO	10
6	BOB	PIPPIN	15	SAM	TRIP	5.854	THEO	ROVER	25	FRED	TYBALT	15
ETC												

2. Use Step 1

- i. Step 1 looks for every member who has received a first place at a qualifier. Each member with a first place has their Crufts qualification space guaranteed.
 - a. To represent this, we will colour successfully qualified members in yellow
 - b. We will grey out Bob’s 2nd win as he does not receive 2 qualification spaces
 - c. From the example below, only 3 spaces have been filled so far, therefore we need to move to step 2 to fill the remaining positions

PLACE	NORTH DOG SHOW RESULTS			SOUTH DOG SHOW RESULTS			EAST DOG SHOW RESULTS			WEST DOG SHOW RESULTS		
	HANDLER	DOG	FAULTS	HANDLER	DOG	FAULTS	HANDLER	DOG	FAULTS	HANDLER	DOG	FAULTS
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3. Using Step 2 (x1)

- i. All those who received 2nd places with no time faults are looked at
 - a. Bob and Sam have already qualified, so we can grey them out
 - b. James and Anna have not yet qualified so will receive spaces as accepting them both would not exceed the 10 spaces limit
 - c. We have now allocated 5 out of 10 spaces

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EXAMPLE CONT

4. Step 2 Repeated (x2)

- i. As 10 spaces have still not been filled, 3rd place is now looked at
 - a. Sam is greyed out as they have already qualified
 - b. Tina is removed (in red) as she received time faults
 - c. David and Zara are both given spaces as that brings the total qualified to 7

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5	SOPHIE	LEAF	10	ZARA	CHASE	5	ANNA	SKY	20	HARVEY	LUDO	10
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5. Step 2 Repeated (x3)

- i. Again, 10 spaces have still not been filled; 4th place is now considered
- ii. All 4 members with 4th places have not yet qualified, only 3 spaces are available
- iii. All 4th place names go into a hat (Blue)

PLACE	NORTH DOG SHOW RESULTS			SOUTH DOG SHOW RESULTS			EAST DOG SHOW RESULTS			WEST DOG SHOW RESULTS		
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1. Step 2 conclusion

- i. Of the 4 names in the hat, 3 are selected at random
- ii. Sarah's name was not picked from the hat, therefore she does not qualify
- iii. Laura, Heather and Harvey were randomly selected and will qualify
- iv. 10 spaces have now been filled

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1. Who qualified in this example?

- i. In this example, all those in yellow have qualified
- ii. A special mention should be made to Bob,
 - a. He qualified Star by placing first at the North Dog show

When entering Crufts, Bob may pick either "Star" or "Storm" as the dog he is entering.

4th Place was being considered for spaces, therefore Bob placing 2nd with Storm at the East Dog show allows him to pick that dog. (*n.b. this is not the case for the YKC Pairs competition.*)



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**SECTION 2:
AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR
(ADOTY)**



TLDR: ONE PAGE RULES YKC ADOTY

1. THIS IS A SUMMARY ONLY

- i. PLEASE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FULL YKC ADOTY RULES

2. ADOTY Qualifiers have 2 rounds – 1x Jumping & 1x Agility (like champ classes)

- a. Dogs do not have to run in strict order
 - (1) If a handler is running more than 1 dog, the dog with the earliest running order must run before a dog with a later running order.

3. Qualifying and prizegiving will be on the combined results of the two rounds

4. The age ranges for this class are in line with YKC Team GB age ranges:

- i. [06-11 Years] – [12-14 Years] – [15-17 Years] – [18-24 Years]

5. Courses to be set at Grade 5 standard

- i. Any grade of dog may enter

6. Elimination in either round means your score can't be combined

- a. If eliminated in either round, you are no longer in the running for qualification or prize giving

7. ADOTY classes are directly linked to YKC Team GB qualification

8. Only first place from the combined score will qualify for Crufts in each age and height category

- a. You may continue and are encouraged to enter this class at different shows, even after you have already qualified.
 - (1) Yes, this will make qualification intentionally hard
- b. There will be no roll downs

9. Members may qualify up to 4 dogs for Crufts across all heights

- i. **Example, EITHER;**
 - a. 4 x dogs in the large category
 - b. 1 x dog in each height category
- ii. **NOT**
 - a. 4 x dogs in each height category





AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR (ADOTY) – FULL RULES

A:

DEFINITION

1. The YKC Agility Dog of the Year (ADOTY) competition is the YKC's flagship agility event. The course will include all 3 pieces of contact equipment.
 - i. The ADOTY of the year competition is designed to be a showcase of the very best of YKC agility talent;
 - a. Qualification for this competition is intentionally difficult
2. Those who qualify will go forward to the semi-final held at Crufts in the YKC ring.
3. The semi-final will decide the 32 dogs that will qualify for the YKC Agility Dog of the Year final, held in the Main Arena at Crufts.
4. The ADOTY qualifiers are open to dogs of all grades
 - i. Courses will be of approximately grade 5 standard.

B:

HANDLERS

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

Large Dogs

- Handler 06-11 Years
- Handler 12-14 Years
- Handler 15-17 Years
- Handler 18-24 Years

Intermediate Dogs

- Handler 06-11 Years
- Handler 12-14 Years
- Handler 15-17 Years
- Handler 18-24 Years

Medium Dogs

- Handler 06-11 Years
- Handler 12-14 Years
- Handler 15-17 Years
- Handler 18-24 Years

Small Dogs

- Handler 06-11 Years
- Handler 12-14 Years
- Handler 15-17 Years
- Handler 18-24 Years

C:

QUALIFICATION CLASSES JUDGING CRITERIA

1. The ADOTY qualification heat will feature two individual rounds
 - i. 1x agility
 - ii. 1x jumping
2. The results for the two rounds will be combined providing that;
 - i. Neither round features an elimination or disqualification.
 - a. If dog/handler combination is eliminated in either round, they will no longer be able to qualify for the ADOTY semi-final at that show, nor receive any placing during prizegiving
3. Each round will score [course faults] and [time faults] independently
 - i. This means that each round should have its own course time
4. The combined results will total all of the faults from both rounds:
 - i. The faults for the combined result will be as follows:
 - a. [Agility Course faults] + [Agility time faults] + [Jumping course faults] + [Jumping time faults]
 - ii. The time for the combined result will be as follows:
 - a. [Agility time] + [Jumping time]



AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR (ADOTY) – FULL RULES

5. There will only be prizegiving on the combined results.
 6. Only first place in each [age-category/height] combination will receive an invitation to compete in the ADOTY Semi-final at Crufts
 - i. There will be no roll down or other qualification method except;
 - a. The overall winner of the YKC Jumping Cup Final competition, held in the main arena, will be invited to compete in the YKC Agility Dog of the Year semi-final
 7. There is no cap on qualification spaces for ADOTY
 8. Members are encouraged to enter competitions even once they have qualified.
 9. Those that qualify for the ADOTY semi-finals will be invited to the first performance weekend for the YKC Team GB squad
 - i. More information can be found on the YKC Team GB qualification page.
 - ii. 18-24 age category does not count for this qualification
 - a. there is a potential for one 18-24 member to be considered for the Adult Team GB – see further in this document.
 10. You may qualify as many different dogs across as many heights as you wish for the ADOTY Semi-finals at Crufts HOWEVER:
 - i. YOU MAY ONLY ENTER A MAXIMUM OF **FOUR** DOGS ACROSS ALL HEIGHTS THAT YOU HAVE QUALIFIED INTO THE CRUFTS ADOTY SEMI-FINAL COMPETITION
 11. If you have entered 4 dogs into the ADOTY Crufts semi-final, and one of them is unable to compete, if you have another dog that has also qualified, but not part of the 4 you have already entered, you may substitute those dogs.
 12. The handler may NEVER be substituted.
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E:

SEMI-FINALS

1. The semi-final for the Agility Dog of the Year competition is held at Crufts in the YKC ring.
2. The semi-final will be held over 1x Agility Course.
 - i. This course will be set to grade 5.
3. You always compete in the age category you are on the first day of Crufts,
 - i. for example, if a member qualified as an 11-year-old and turns 12 before the first day of Crufts, they will be invited to compete in the 12-14 age group
4. Each of the sixteen categories will have separate placings and prize-givings
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
6. The running order for the semi-final will be determined in a pseudo-random nature
 - i. Any handlers with more than one dog in a height will have at least three dogs between their runs where possible
 - a. If this is not possible, there will be a 2-minute period between runs



AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR (ADOTY) – FULL RULES

F:

ADOTY QUALIFICATION CRITERIAL FOR THE FINAL

To qualify for a place in the final you must place in the semi-final as follows:

06-11 Years	12-14 Years	15-17 Years	18-24 Years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large Dogs • Intermediate Dogs • Medium Dogs • Small Dogs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large Dogs • Intermediate Dogs • Medium Dogs • Small Dogs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large Dogs • Intermediate Dogs • Medium Dogs • Small Dogs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large Dogs • Intermediate Dogs • Medium Dogs • Small Dogs
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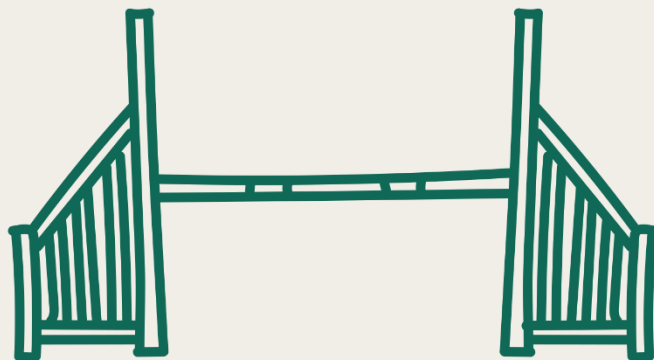
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THE FINAL

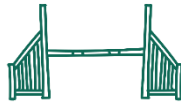
1. The final for the Agility Dog of the Year competition is held in the main arena at Crufts.
2. The final will be over a single grade 5 Agility course.
3. The running order for the final will be determined in a pseudo-random nature
 - i. Any handlers with more than one dog in a height will have at least three dogs between their runs where possible
 - a. If this is not possible, there will be a brief period between runs
4. In the final, for the purposes of scoring, dog height categories are removed and all finalists compete for 1st place in their respective age category.
 - i. dogs will still compete at their appropriate height obstacles
 - ii. 18-24 Category – the winner of this age category will be invited to attend the first pre-selection qualification (PSQ) for the Adult Team GB.
 - a. This is limited to one space only
 - b. Getting to the PSQ is not a guarantee of making the adult team GB team or squad, it just bypasses one hurdle to get to the PSQ
 - c. If the winner is already invited to the PSQ this space will not roll down.
5. There will be an overall winner for the competition.
 - i. The overall fastest dog with the fewest faults will be crowned this year's YKC Agility Dog of the Year.



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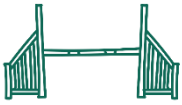
**SECTION 3:
YKC JUMPING CUP
(YKCJC)**



TLDR: ONE PAGE RULES YKC JUMPING CUP



1. THIS IS A SUMMARY ONLY
 - i. PLEASE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FULL YKCJC RULES
2. YKCJC qualifiers will be run over a single jumping round.
3. The age ranges for this class are as follows:
 - i. [06-11 Years] – [12-17 Years] – [18-24 Years]
4. Courses to be set at Grade 3 standard
 - i. Any grade of dog may enter
5. You qualify for the YKC Jumping Cup by winning a YKC Jumping Cup class during the qualifying year.
 - i. Other qualification methods are available – see document
6. Members may qualify up to 1 dog for Crufts across all heights
 - i. **Example, EITHER;**
 - a. 1 x dog in a height category
 - ii. **NOT**
 - a. 1 x dog in **each** height category
7. The semi-final of this competition will be held in the YKC ring at Crufts
8. The final of this competition will be held in the Main Arena at Crufts
 - i. The overall winner of this competition will be entered into the ADOTY semi-final at the same year's Crufts if they have not already qualified for it.





YKC JUMPING CUP (YKCJC)

A:

DEFINITION

1. The YKC Jumping Cup competition is designed to showcase dogs competing over non-contact equipment.
2. The qualification criteria for the YKC Jumping Cup competition are to be more accessible than the Agility Dog of the Year competition.
 - i. Full qualification criteria can be read below.
3. The YKCJC qualifiers are open to dogs of all grades
 - i. Courses will be of approximately grade 3 standard.

B:

HANDLERS

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

Large Dogs

- Handler 06-11 Years
- Handler 12-17 Years
- Handler 18-24 Years

Intermediate Dogs

- Handler 06-11 Years
- Handler 12-17 Years
- Handler 18-24 Years

Medium Dogs

- Handler 06-11 Years
- Handler 12-17 Years
- Handler 18-24 Years

Small Dogs

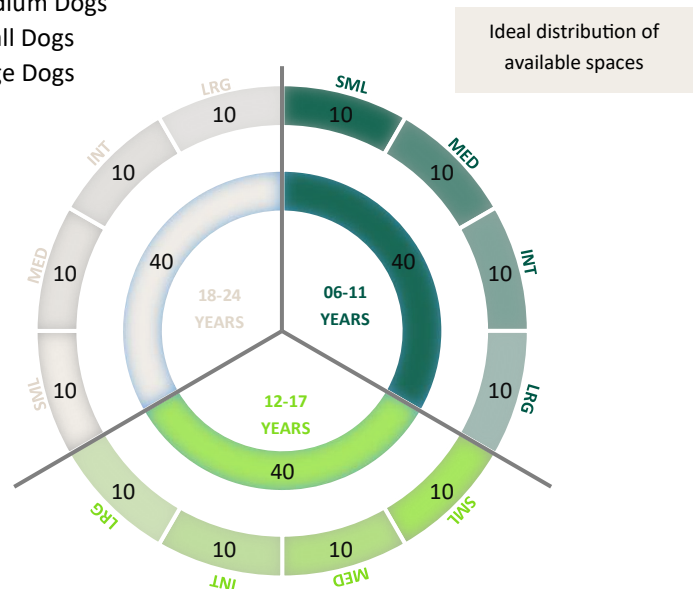
- Handler 06-11 Years
- Handler 12-17 Years
- Handler 18-24 Years

C:

QUALIFICATION SPACES

1. Across all subcategories, there is a soft-cap* of 120 spaces available for members to qualify for.
2. The allocation of spaces will be as follows:
 - i. 40 spaces for each age category
3. Each age category will be further split into each height as follows
 - i. 10 spaces for every subcategory e.g.
 - a. 10 spaces for 06-11 - Large Dogs
 - b. 10 spaces for 06-11 - Intermediate Dogs
 - c. 10 spaces for 06-11 - Medium Dogs
 - d. 10 spaces for 06-11 - Small Dogs
 - e. 10 spaces for 12-17 - Large Dogs
 - ii. Etc

*If there are more than 120 unique 1st places across all YKCJC qualifiers, the YKC will honour each of them even if that means more than 120 total competitors





YKC JUMPING CUP (YKCJC)

4. If a subcategory, does not manage to fill all 10 qualification spaces, the remaining spaces will be randomly (but evenly) distributed between the other heights in that age category until all 40 age category spaces are filled

i. Example:

EXAMPLE

- a. If subcategory: [06-11 – Large Dogs] only has 4 qualification spaces filled, the remaining 6 spaces will be divided out between the [06-11 small/medium/Intermediate] subcategories as seen below:

- (1) [06-11– Large Dogs] = 4
- (2) [06-11– Intermediate Dogs] = 12
- (3) [06-11– Medium Dogs] = 12
- (4) [06-11– Small Dogs] = 12

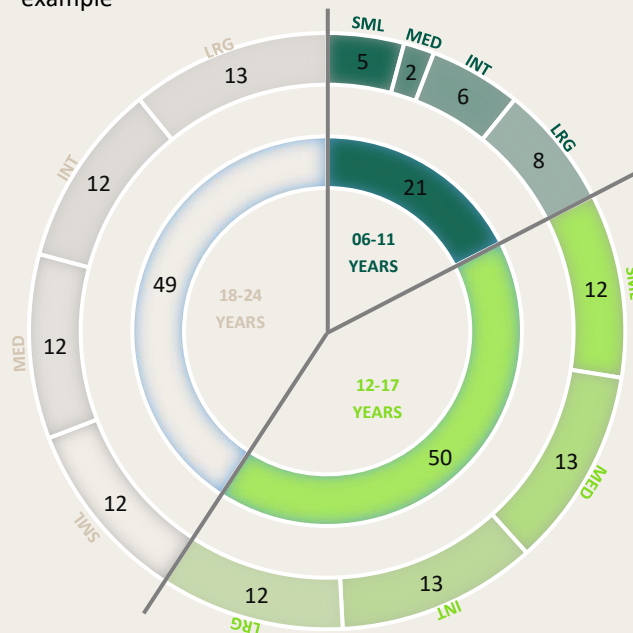
(i) The overall 06-11 age category Total is still 40

5. If an age category is unable to fill all 40 allocated spaces, the spaces will be offered to the other 2 remaining age categories, with half of the available spaces going to each (if an odd number of spaces are available, the youngest eligible age category will be offered the slightly larger share of spaces.)

i. Example

EXAMPLE

- a. If the 6-11 age category could only fill 21 spaces out of the 40 max, 19 spaces would be split between 12-17 and 18-24. The 12-17 category would receive 10 additional spaces, whereas the 18-24 category would receive 9. These spaces will be randomly (but evenly) split between the height categories. See below an example



EXAMPLE OF REDISTRIBUTED SPACES USING ABOVE FIGURES



YKC JUMPING CUP (YKCJC)

D: YKCJC QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

1. You may enter as many different YKCJC qualification heats as you wish, even after you have already qualified with a 1st place
2. You may qualify as many different dogs across as many heights as you wish for the YKCJC semi-final at Crufts HOWEVER:
 - i. **YOU MAY ONLY ENTER 1 DOG INTO THE CRUFTS YKCJC SEMI-FINAL COMPETITION**
 - a. i.e 1 dog in either “small” OR “medium” OR “intermediate” OR “large
 - b. At Crufts, you, as a handler, will only run once out of the 120 total competitors in the YKCJC final
3. If either a dog or handler cannot compete at Crufts, neither can be substituted and the qualification place is forfeited – except:
 - i. If you have qualified more than one dog; you may substitute this dog with another that you have qualified for the YKCJC final
4. The handler may NEVER be substituted
5. If you have successfully qualified a dog for the YKCJC final, you are deemed to have also qualified any other dog in that subcategory where you have received a placing that is equal to or higher than the roll down placings for that subcategory. (This sounds complicated but read the following example)

EXAMPLE

- i. Eg: John is in the 12-17 Age category and has the following placings at qualifiers for YKCJC:
 - a. 1st place with Fido (large dog)
 - b. 2nd place with Misty (large dog)
 - c. 4th place with Skye (large dog)
- ii. At the end of the year, “12-17 Large dogs” category needed to invite some 2nd place handlers to fill the 10 spaces available for the category.
 - a. Therefore, John has qualified both Fido AND Misty but NOT Skye.

6. The YKC will let you know which dogs you may pick from to enter the YKCJC final.
7. Once entries for Crufts have closed, there will be no additional dogs invited to enter the YKCJC final

E: SEMI- FINALS

1. The semi-final for the YKC Jumping Cup competition is held at Crufts in the YKC ring.
2. You may only handle one dog in the Semi Final – regardless of how many dogs you qualified with or what height those dogs are.
 - i. You will have the choice when you enter the competition to choose one of any dogs you have qualified to run in the Semi-final.
3. You always compete in the age category you are on the first day of Crufts,
 - i. for example, if a member qualified as an 11-year-old and turns 12 before the first day of Crufts, they will be invited to compete in the 12-17 age group
4. Each of the twelve categories will have separate placings and prize-givings
5. At Crufts, Dogs **MUST** run in strict running order, if you are not on the line when your run is due, you will have missed your run



YKC JUMPING CUP (YKCJC)

F:

**YKCJC
QUALIFICATION
CRITERIAL FOR
THE FINAL**

- To qualify for a place in the final you must place in the semi-final as follows:

06-11 Years	12-17 Years	18-24 Years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large Dogs Intermediate Dogs Medium Dogs Small Dogs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large Dogs Intermediate Dogs Medium Dogs Small Dogs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large Dogs Intermediate Dogs Medium Dogs Small Dogs
1 st Or 2nd	1 st Or 2nd	1 st Or 2nd
(8 Spaces)	(8 Spaces)	(8 Spaces)

G:

THE FINAL

- The final for the YKC Jumping Cup competition is held in the main arena at Crufts.
- In the final, for the purposes of scoring, dog height categories are removed and all finalists compete for 1st place in their respective age category.
 - dogs will still compete at their appropriate height obstacles
- There will be an overall winner for the competition
 - The overall winner will be invited to compete in the Agility Dog of the Year Semi-Final on Saturday in the YKC ring if they have not already qualified.



**AGILITY COMPETITIONS
RULES 2023 (CRUFTS 2024)**



**SECTION 4:
YKC PAIRS**



TLDR: ONE PAGE RULES YKC PAIRS AGILITY

1. THIS IS A SUMMARY ONLY

- i. PLEASE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FULL YKC PAIRS RULES

2. Pairs will feature two handlers and two dogs

- i. The dogs must compete over the same height obstacles
 - a. E.g. both dogs must be the large height

3. The competition will feature a baton change

- i. One dog and handler compete over an agility course
- ii. The other dog and handler compete over a jumping course
- iii. The person running second will hold the baton in a marked area
- iv. Dropping the baton on handover, or any other issue with the handover, will be marked at 20 faults

4. Eliminations:

- i. If one of the pair gets eliminated, they score 100 faults and that is their total fault count for their section of the run.
- ii. If both of the pair get eliminated, the run will count as a normal elimination
 - a. i.e. no prize giving, placing or time will be given.

5. You qualify for YKC Pairs by winning a YKC Pairs class in the qualifying year.

- i. Other qualification methods are available – see further into the document

6. The age ranges for this class are a slight deviation from standard YKC age ranges:

- i. [06-11 Years] – [12-17 Years] – [Open (06-24 Years)]
- ii. You may only enter one age category per height,
 - a. if you wish to enter the competition with 2 different pairs in the same height and the two people you wish to pair with are in your age category, then you may enter that age category.
 - b. If both of the pairs are the same height, but one of the two different pairs is not in your age category, you must enter the open age category for **BOTH** pairs.

7. Courses to be set at Grade 3 standard

- i. Any grade of dog may enter

8. Members may qualify up to 1 dog for Crufts in YKC Pairs **per** height

- i. **Example, EITHER;**
 - a. 1 x dog **per height** category
 - b. Max: 1 x dog in each height category (4 dogs total)
- ii. **NOT**
 - a. 4 x dogs in **a single** height category



A:

DEFINITION

1. The YKC Pairs competition is designed to offer a co-operative teamwork-based activity for agility competitors to enjoy.
2. YKC pairs will be 4 separate competitions, one for each height (small, medium, intermediate and large)
 - i. only dogs of the same height can compete in a pair.
 - ii. Each height will be open to 3 age groups.

B:

HANDLERS

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

Large Dogs

- Both Handlers 06-11 Years
- Both Handlers 12-17 Years
- Open (Both handlers 06-24 Years)

Intermediate Dogs

- Both Handlers 06-11 Years
- Both Handlers 12-17 Years
- Open (Both handlers 06-24 Years)

Medium Dogs

- Both Handlers 06-11 Years
- Both Handlers 12-17 Years
- Open (Both handlers 06-24 Years)

Small Dogs

- Both Handlers 06-11 Years
- Both Handlers 12-17 Years
- Open (Both handlers 06-24 Years)

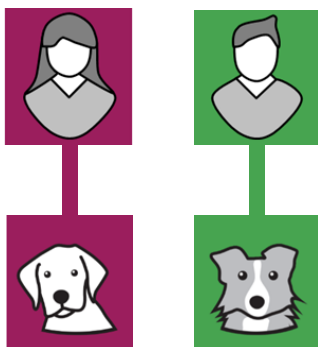
2. The subcategories are explained below:
 - i. **Both Handlers 06-11 Years**
 - a. To enter this class, **both** of the YKC members must be in the age range of 06-11 years on the first day of the YKC qualifying show
 - b. A member may not enter this age category if they have entered the open age category in the same height.
 - (1) If, because of the above, the pair is unable to enter the 06-11 age category, they should instead enter the open age category
 - ii. **Both Handlers 12-17 Years**
 - a. To enter this class, **both** of the YKC members must be in the age range of 12-17 years on the first day of the YKC qualifying show
 - b. A member may not enter this age category if they have entered the open age category in the same height.
 - (1) If, because of the above, the pair is unable to enter the 12-17 age category, they should instead enter the open age category
 - iii. **Open**
 - a. Open is available to everyone
 - (1) A mix of age categories
 - (2) Any 18-24 years members
 - (3) Any pair aged 06-24 years

3. Example

EXAMPLE

- a. Jim is 9 Years old with a large dog
- b. Carol is 13 years old with a large dog
- ii. Because Jim and Carol are in different age categories, they would compete in the open age category for large dogs.

4. To compete in YKC PAIRS, you **MUST** have the following:
 - i. 2 x Different Handlers



- ii. 2 x Different Dogs (that compete in the same height category)

5. Both handlers must be a YKC member before the entry closing date of the qualifying show as specified in the show schedule
6. Each height (Sml / Med / Int / Lrg) is considered as a separate qualifier, you may only enter 1 age category per height.
 - i. As soon as you enter the [open age category] for a height (eg Large), any other entries for that height (eg Large) that includes that handler must also be in the open age category.
 - ii. Example:
 - a. Luke is 8
 - b. Harold is 9
 - c. Jenny is 14
 - (1) If Luke wants to enter large pairs with both Harold forming pair 1, and Jenny forming pair 2, Luke would have to enter the Open class for both.

EXAMPLE

C: UNIQUE JUDGING CRITERIA

1. YKC Pairs will be run as 1x agility and 1x jumping round
 - i. Standard equipment (used by both dogs):
 - a. Jumps, Tunnels, Weaves
 - ii. The first dog will complete the agility section
 - a. Additional equipment may include:
 - (1) A-Frame, See-Saw, Dog walk
 - iii. The second dog will complete the jumping section
 - a. Additional equipment may include:
 - (1) long jump, tire, wall
2. Please note this is a special class, contact equipment can be used more than once and the judge does not have to use every piece of equipment listed above
3. Each section should feature between 13 and 16 obstacles
4. You may choose, after walking the course, who will complete each section
5. The course will be different for the first and the second dogs, however the judge may set a course where both dogs use the same equipment from the "Standard Equipment" list.

6. Altered Kennel Club & Additional Rules

- i. A single Elimination will score 100 faults and will be that dog's final faults total (irrespective of how many faults were accumulated prior to this) the dog will no longer be marked but must complete the course
- ii. The time will always be recorded, unless either;
 - a. the pair are disqualified (see below)
 - b. both dogs are eliminated
- iii. If both dogs are eliminated then, as a pair, they will be marked as eliminated – they cannot receive placings or qualifications
- iv. The pair will be disqualified if either dog fails to make a fair attempt at the course or either dog is deemed out of control
- v. If as a result of the one of the competing dogs/handlers mistake, the timing is stopped before the course is completed, the team's time will recorded as either the course time OR the time at which the clock was stopped, whichever is greater. If the timing equipment malfunctions, this shall be handled as if it was a normal class

7. YKC Pairs will feature a baton change.

- i. The baton will be held by the member who is NOT currently running
- ii. During the handover, the 2nd member and dog may not set off until the baton is in the grip of the 1st member and the 1st dog has completed its course and is under control
- iii. The baton may not touch the floor during the handover, if it does, the pair will have 20 faults added
- iv. The 2nd handler & dog must have their entire body behind the line / inside the box (including the baton -no leaning outside!!) during the handover
- v. The baton must be passed with care to the approaching member, you are not permitted to throw the baton for any reason - doing so will result in the pair being disqualified
- vi. Once the baton has been handed over, and the second dog has cleared the first of its obstacles, the baton is no longer required to be held

8. Handover Rules

- i. The handover box / line should be at the side of the ring typically on the same side as the start / finish line
- ii. The handover box / line should be a sensible distance from the previous / next obstacle. (at least 5 metres)
- iii. Once the first dog has completed its course, there is no requirement for that dog to remain in the ring
- iv. Another person (e.g. parent) may hold the second dog for the second handler and/or help collect the first dog if required.
 - a. This person should do the bare minimum for the second handler.
 - b. This person must stay in the box until the 2nd dog has completed its first obstacle.
 - c. This may include the following:
 - (1) Holding the second dog while the first dog is running
 - (2) Releasing the second dog as soon as the second handler moves outside the box / line
 - (3) Collecting the first dog once the second dog has been released

- d. This may NOT include:
 - (1) Giving any verbal commands or hand signals to dogs outside the box / line (i.e. no double handling)
 - (2) Delaying the release of the second dog to gain an advantage in handling position
 - (3) Using a toy or lure

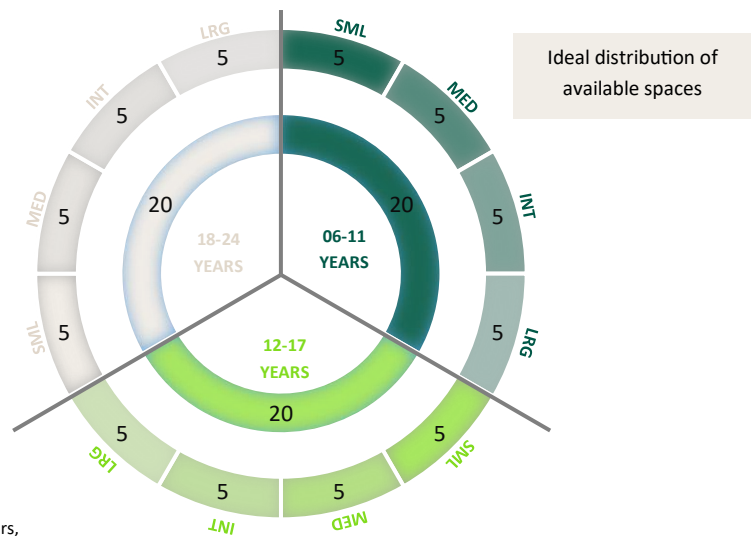
D: ENTRY CONDITIONS

1. A dog may only enter the YKC Pairs qualifier once per show.
2. A handler may enter each height category as a separate qualifier.
3. A handler must only enter one age category per height
 - i. If you have already qualified in a height category you may not enter or compete in that YKC pairs height category again that year unless it is with the same pairing that you have qualified with.
 - ii. If you have already qualified, but have entered a show with another pairing, you **must** forfeit this round.
 - a. We advise only entering shows with the same pair combinations to avoid disappointment.

E: QUALIFICATION SPACES AVAILABLE

Across all subcategories, there is a soft-cap* of 60 Paired spaces (120 members) available for members to qualify for.

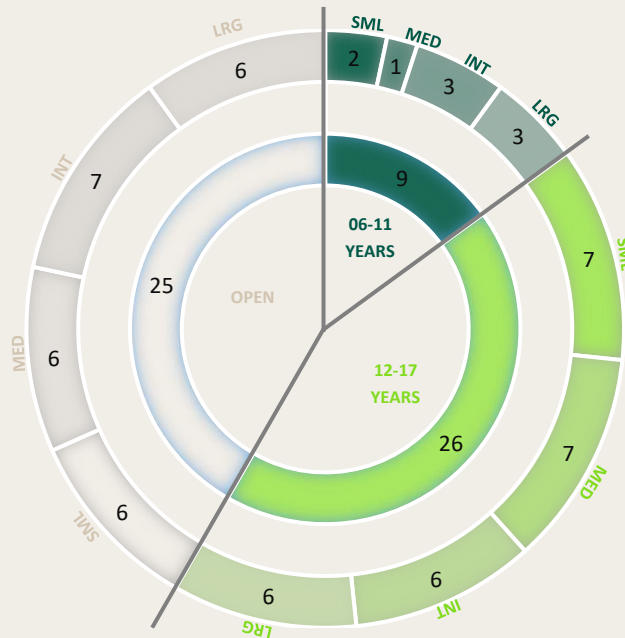
1. The allocation of spaces will be as follows:
 - i. 20 Paired spaces for each age category
2. Each age category will be further split into each height as follows
 - i. 5 spaces for every subcategory e.g.
 - a. 5 spaces for 06-11 - Large Dogs
 - b. 5 spaces for 06-11 - Intermediate Dogs
 - c. 5 spaces for 06-11 - Medium Dogs
 - d. 5 spaces for 06-11 - Small Dogs
 - e. 5 spaces for 12-17 - Large Dogs
 - ii. Etc



*If there are more than 60 unique 1st placed pairs across all YKC Pairs qualifiers, the YKC will honour each of them even if that means more than 60 total pairs

3. If a subcategory (eg 06-11 Age Category – Large Dogs), does not manage to fill all 5 qualification spaces, the remaining spaces will be randomly (but evenly) distributed between the other heights in that age category (eg 06-11– Int/Med/Sml) until all 20 age category spaces are filled
 - i. If an age category (eg 06-11 Age category) still does not manage to fill all 20 allocated pairs spaces, the spaces will be offered to the other 2 remaining age categories, with half of the available spaces going to each (if an odd number of spaces are available, the youngest eligible age category will be offered the slightly larger share of spaces.)
 - a. In this example if the 6-11 age category could only fill 9 pairs spaces out of the 2 max, 11 spaces would be split between 12-17 and Open. The 12-17 category would receive 6 additional spaces, whereas the Open category would receive 5. These spaces will be randomly (but evenly) split between the height categories. See below an example

EXAMPLE



EXAMPLE OF REDISTRIBUTED SPACES USING ABOVE FIGURES

F:

PAIRS QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

1. You may enter as many different YKC Pairs qualification heats as you wish, even after you have already qualified with a 1st place, HOWEVER:
 - i. As soon as you have qualified, you may only enter YKC pairs competitions at that height with the pair you have qualified with
2. You may only qualify 1 dog per height for the Pairs finals at Crufts:
 - i. The maximum number of runs you can qualify for at the YKC Pairs final at Crufts is 4
 - a. 1 x Large Dog
 - b. 1 x Intermediate
 - c. 1 x Medium Dog
 - d. 1 x Small Dog
 - ii. You do not have to be in the same pair for the different heights
3. If a dog is unable to compete at Crufts, you may contact the YKC to ask whether you can replace one (and only one) of the pair's dogs.
 - a. The replacement dog must compete at the same height
 - ii. Reasons may include, but not limited to:
 - a. Bitch in season
 - b. Dog has sustained an injury
 - iii. You MUST receive written confirmation (email) that the YKC have allowed the substitution.
 - iv. The last date substitutions can be made is no later than 7 days before the first day of Crufts
 - a. If a dog is unable to compete after that point, then the pair must withdraw.
4. If both originally qualified dogs from the pair are unable to compete at Crufts, the pair is withdrawn from the competition.
5. The handlers may NEVER be substituted
6. If your pair becomes broken (either no replacement dog or one of the handlers no longer wishes to compete) immediately inform the YKC office.
 - i. The member and dog who still wish to compete will go onto a waiting list to be joined with other members in a similar situation.
7. The YKC will re-pair any members who have been split up from their original pairing. This re-pairing will be done in a first come first served basis, the earlier you let the YKC know, the more likely you will get another partner.
 - i. The YKC will re-pair members based on dog height only, i.e., a 20-year-old could get re-paired with an 8-year-old
 - a. this is not negotiable. If you are unhappy with your pairing you may withdraw from the Crufts final (you will not be re-paired a second time - the person you left will be re-paired though)
 - ii. You do not have to be re-paired; you may instead withdraw from the Crufts final. You may still not re-qualify with another pairing in that dog height.
 - iii. The member whose dog has been injured may switch to a new pair and attempt to requalify only if they have contacted the YKC with written proof from their vet that this is the case AND the YKC have written back and agreed. (Email is fine)
8. A member that did not want to be part of that pairing anymore will not be allowed to requalify (unless it falls under extenuating circumstances, in which case, you must contact the YKC for written permission)

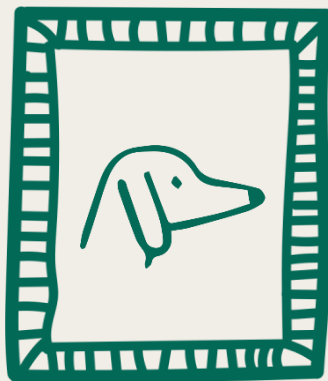
G:

THE FINAL

1. 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
2. The final for the YKC Pairs competition is held at Crufts in the YKC ring.
3. You may only handle one dog in the final per height category
 - i. You may only compete as part of one pair per height category.
4. Age calculations may move a pair from one age category to the next, for example: if a pair qualified as in the 06-11 category and at least one member is 12 years old on the first day of Crufts, that pair will be invited to compete in the appropriate age group.
5. Each of the twelve categories will have separate placings and prize-givings.



**AGILITY COMPETITIONS
RULES 2023 (CRUFTS 2024)**



**SECTION 5:
YKC GRADUATE AGILITY
(GRAD)**



TLDR: ONE PAGE RULES GRADUATE AGILITY



1. THIS IS A SUMMARY ONLY
 - i. PLEASE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FULL YKC GRADUATE AGILITY RULES

2. You qualify for Graduate Agility by entering specific YKC Graduate Agility Classes at selected shows.

3. YKC Graduate Agility qualifiers will be run over 1x Agility round.



4. The age range for this class are in line with YKC age ranges:
 - i. [06-24 Years]

5. Courses to be set at Grade 3 standard

- i. Dogs must be eligible for grade 1, 2 or 3 Standard Kennel Club classes.



6. You qualify for the YKC Graduate Agility final by winning a YKC graduate agility class during the qualifying year.

- i. Other qualification methods are available – see document

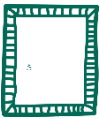
7. Members may qualify up to 1 dog for Crufts in YKC Graduate Agility across all heights

- i. **Example, EITHER;**

- a. 1 x dog in **a** height category

- ii. **NOT**

- a. 1 x dog in **each** height category





YKC GRADUATE AGILITY

A:

DEFINITION

1. The YKC Graduate competition is designed to give grade 1-3 dogs a space to compete against one another while still keeping the YKC age brackets.
 - i. Courses will be of approximately grade 2-3 standard.
 - ii. Courses will feature all 3 pieces of contact equipment
2. For the first time there will be graduate agility classes at shows for members to qualify at selected shows
 - i. Please note: the class Graduate agility class may be attached to a standard Kennel Club Combined 1-3 Agility Classes
 - a. Where this is the case, there will be 2 prize-giving's for that class, one for the standard class and one for the YKC specific class
 - (1) As such, it is possible for YKC members to appear in both prize-givings
 - (2) If the class is a standard combined 1-3 agility class, progression for Kennel Club grades may only be obtained from the Standard Kennel Club combined 1-3 Agility Class

B:

HANDLERS

1. The following 4 categories will be open for members to compete in:

SMALL	MEDIUM	INTERMEDIATE	LARGE
• 06-24 Years	• 06-24 Years	• 06-24 Years	• 06-24 Years

2. YKC members wishing to enter Graduate Agility classes must have done so during the entry process.
 - i. This is important for classes where the Graduate Agility Class is linked to a standard Kennel Club combined 1-3 Agility Class.
 - a. A YKC member MUST enter the class as a YKC member not just as a standard competitor.
 - (1) A YKC member may not join the Graduate Agility competition AFTER the entries have submitted.
 - (2) Once entered as a YKC member into the competition, there can be no swapping of handlers
 - (i) If the YKC handler cannot run, the run is forfeit.

C:

DOGS

1. Dogs are only eligible to enter YKC Graduate competitions if they are eligible to enter one of the following classes;
 - i. Grade 1
 - ii. Grade 2
 - iii. Grade 3
2. Dogs do NOT have to be grade 3 or lower when competing at Crufts the following year.
 - i. The dog may win out of Grade 3 and still compete in this class at Crufts so long as the dog was grade 3 or below when it qualified.

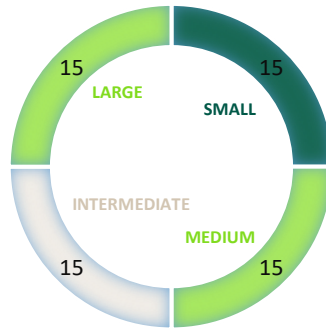


YKC GRADUATE AGILITY

D:

QUALIFICATION SPACES

1. Across all subcategories, there is a hard-cap of 60 spaces available for members to qualify for.
2. The allocation of spaces will be as follows:
 - i. 15 spaces for each Height Category



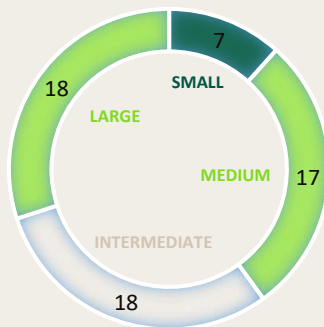
Ideal distribution of available spaces

3. If a height category is unable to fill all 15 allocated spaces, the spaces will be offered to the other 3 remaining age categories,
 - i. Each remaining age category would an equal share (typically a third) of the available spaces
 - a. if an odd number of spaces are available, the youngest eligible age category will be offered the slightly larger share of spaces

ii. Example

- a. If the small height category could only fill 7 spaces out of the 15 max,
 - (1) 8 remaining spaces would be split between evenly between Medium, Intermediate and Large.
 - (i) The Medium category would receive 2 additional spaces,
 - (ii) The Intermediate category would receive 3 additional spaces.
 - (iii) The Large category would receive 3 additional spaces.
- b. See below diagram

EXAMPLE



EXAMPLE OF REDISTRIBUTED SPACES USING ABOVE FIGURES



YKC GRADUATE AGILITY

E: QUALIFICATION SPECIFIC CRITERIA

1. You may enter as many different Graduate Agility qualification heats as you wish, even after you have already qualified with a 1st place
2. You may qualify as many different dogs across as many heights as you wish for the Graduate Agility final at Crufts HOWEVER:
 - i. **YOU MAY ONLY ENTER 1 DOG INTO THE CRUFTS GRADUATE AGILITY FINAL COMPETITION**
 - a. i.e 1 dog in either “small” OR “medium” OR “intermediate” OR “large
 - b. At Crufts, you, as a handler, will only run once out of the 60 total competitors in the YKC Graduate final
3. If either a dog or handler cannot compete at Crufts, neither can be substituted and the qualification place is forfeited – except:
 - i. If you have qualified more than one dog; you may substitute this dog with another that you have qualified for the YKC Graduate Agility final
4. The handler may NEVER be substituted
5. If you have successfully qualified a dog for the Graduate final, you are deemed to have also qualified any other dog in that subcategory where you have received a placing that is equal to or higher than the roll down placings for that subcategory.
(This sounds complicated but read the following example)
 - i. Eg: John has the following placings at qualifiers for YKC Graduate Agility:
 - a. 1st place with Fido (large dog)
 - b. 2nd place with Misty (large dog)
 - c. 4th place with Skye (large dog)
 - ii. At the end of the year, “Large dogs” category needed to invite some 2nd place handlers to fill the 15 spaces available for the category.
 - iii. Therefore, John has qualified both Fido AND Misty but NOT Skye.
6. The YKC will let you know which dogs you may pick from to enter the Graduate Agility final.
7. Once entries for Crufts have closed, there will be no additional dogs invited to enter the Graduate Agility final

F: THE FINAL

1. The final will take place in the YKC ring at Crufts.
2. 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
3. Awards will be given per age category
 - i. There will be a winner for each age category
 - a. There will also be one overall winner



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**SECTION 6:
YKC ABC AGILITY**



TLDR: ONE PAGE RULES ABC AGILITY



1. THIS IS A SUMMARY ONLY
 - i. PLEASE READ IN CONJUCTION WITH THE FULL YKC ABC AGILITY RULES
2. You qualify for ABC agility by submitting points gained from:
 - a. YKC Jumping Cup classes
 - b. YKC Agility Dog of the Year classes.
 - ii. Points must be gained by the handler & dog entering
 - iii. The dog must be eligible to enter an ABC classes
3. The age ranges for this class are in line with YKC age ranges:
 - i. [06-11 Years] – [12-17 Years] – [18-24 Years]
4. The Course in the final to be set at Grade 3 standard
 - i. Any grade of dog may enter
5. Members may qualify up to 1 dog for Crufts in YKC ABC Agility across all heights
 - i. **Example, EITHER;**
 - a. 1 x dog in a height category
 - ii. **NOT**
 - a. 1 x dog in **each** height category
6. The amount of qualifications spaces available for each height is not equal.
 - i. Large and Intermediate have the most spaces available
 - ii. Medium has fewer spaces available
 - iii. Small has the fewest spaces available
 - a. This is due to most collie / collie crosses, are found in the Large and Intermediate height categories.



A:

DEFINITION

1. The YKC ABC Agility competition is designed to give non-Border Collie dogs an opportunity to compete with each other at Crufts.
 - i. Members will gain points by competing with ABC dogs in either;
 - a. YKC Agility Dog of the Year
 - b. YKC Jumping Cup
2. Details on how to qualify can be found under heading: “E – QUALIFICATION SPECIFIC CRITERIA”

B:

HANDLERS

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

06-11 Years	12-17 Years	18-24 Years
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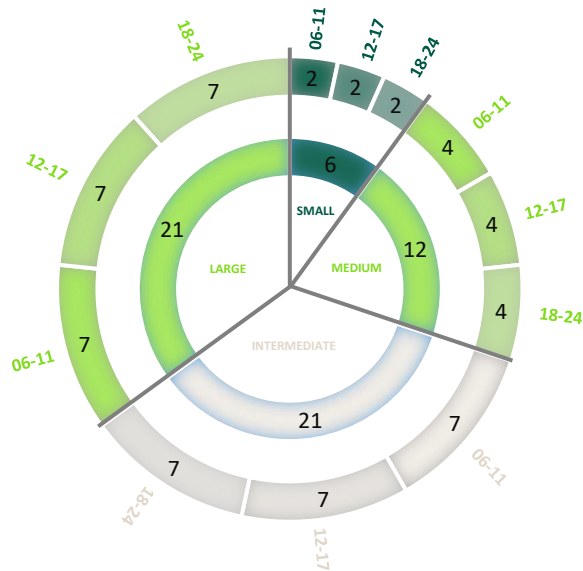
DOGS

1. To submit points for a dog, it must not be a Border Collie or any crossbreed that includes Border Collie
 - i. The designation: “Working Sheepdog” is Counted as a Border Collie
 - ii. A crossbreed that has characteristics of a Border Collie will be asked to prove that there are is no Border Collie in the breeding going back 5 generations.
 - iii. A crossbreed that has unknown lineage will count as a Border Collie if it has characteristics that are associated with a Border Collie
 - a. The judge of the competition will adjudicate if there are any queries regarding the eligibility of the dog
2. Dogs are only eligible to enter if they have accumulated points in either;
 - a. YKC Agility Dog of the Year
 - b. YKC Jumping Cup
3. A dog may only be entered into this competition once, even if multiple handlers could qualify with the same dog.



D: QUALIFICATION SPACES

1. Across all subcategories, there is a hard-cap of 60 spaces available for members to qualify for.
2. The allocation of spaces will be as follows:
 - i. **21 spaces** for Large Dogs
 - ii. **21 Spaces** for Intermediate Dogs
 - iii. **12 Spaces** for Medium Dogs
 - a. It is less common for collie or collie cross breeds to compete in the medium height category, hence fewer spaces available
 - iv. **6 Spaces** for Small Dogs
 - a. It is very uncommon for collie or collie cross breeds to compete in the small height category, hence even fewer spaces available
- v. The height category spaces will be further subdivided into each age category as seen below:



Ideal distribution of available spaces

1. If an age subcategory in any particular height, does not manage to fill all qualification spaces, the remaining spaces will be randomly (but evenly) distributed between the other age categories in that height category until all height category spaces are filled

EXAMPLE

i. Example:

- a. If subcategory: [Medium Dogs - 06-11] only has 1 qualification space filled, the remaining 3 spaces will be divided out between the [Medium Dogs 12-17] & [Medium Dogs 18-24] subcategories as seen below:

- (1) [Medium – 06-11] = 1
- (2) [Medium – 12-17] = 6
- (3) [Medium – 06-11] = 5

(i) The overall medium height category Total is still 12

2. If a height category is unable to fill all allocated spaces, the spaces will be offered to the other 3 remaining height categories, with a third of the available spaces going to each (if an odd number of spaces are available, the spaces will be allocated from large to small

i. If, within a height category, there is still an odd number of spaces are available, priority will go to the youngest eligible age category.

ii. Example

EXAMPLE

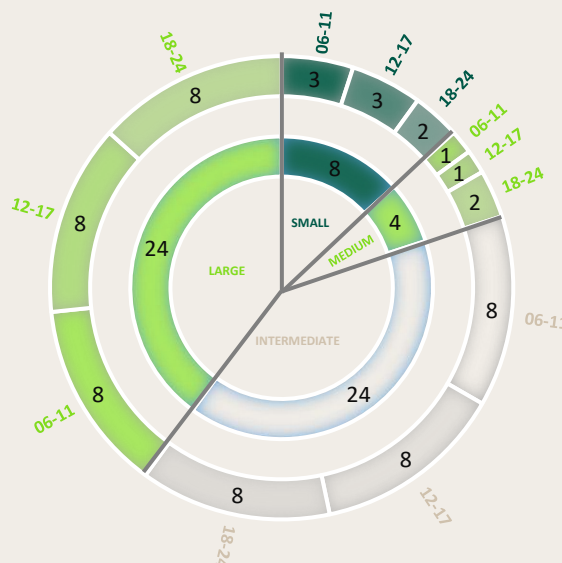
- a. If the Medium height category could only fill 4 spaces out of the 12 max, 8 spaces would be split between Large, Intermediate and Small height categories.

b. The breakdown would be as follows;

- (1) The [Large] category would receive 3 additional spaces
- (2) The [Intermediate] category would receive 3 additional spaces
- (3) The [Small] category would receive 2 additional spaces

(i) The additional spaces will be evenly distributed throughout the age categories, priority will be given to the youngest age categories first

(ii) See below diagram



EXAMPLE OF
REDISTRIBUTED SPACES
USING ABOVE FIGURES

E:

QUALIFICATION SPECIFIC CRITERIA

1. To qualify for the final, members have to accumulate points in by placing in either:
 - i. YKC Jumping Cup Classes
 - ii. YKC Agility Dog of the Year Classes
 - a. ADOTY classes will take the results from the individual rounds, not the combined score.
2. Points will be awarded for placings in the above competitions as follows:

20 Points for 1 st	15 Points for 6 th
19 Points for 2 nd	14 Points for 7 th
18 Points for 3 rd	13 Points for 8 th
17 Points for 4 th	12 Points for 9 th
16 Points for 5 th	11 Points for 10 th
2 Points for completing the course below 10 th place	

3. Points obtained are taken from ADOTY and YKCJC classes in a given calendar year.
4. You must submit your total points gained via online form.
6. Once entries for Crufts have closed, there will be no additional dogs invited to enter the Graduate final
7. Points must be submitted to the YKC office via an online form only.
8. If a member submits more than one dog for the competition, the dog with the highest points total will be used as that member's entry.
9. A handler may only compete once in the YKC ABC Agility Class

F:

THE FINAL

1. 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
2. Awards will be given per age category
 - i. There will be a winner for each age category
 - a. There will also be one overall winner



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**SECTION 7:
SHOW SECRETARY INFORMATION**



SHOW SECRETARY INFORMATION

A:

1. This section is for Show Secretaries that are holding YKC Crufts Agility Qualifiers
2. In this section you will find the following
 - b. Suggestions on how you may wish to run the classes
 - c. Latest schedule wording for YKC classes
 - d. What the YKC will supply before your show
 - e. What the YKC requires to be sent after the competition

DEFINITION

B:

SUGGESTIONS ON HOLDING YKC AGILITY CLASSES

1. When holding any one of the YKC Agility Qualifier competitions you will be effectively holding 12 (or in some cases 16) classes per qualifier.
 - i. Because of this, we recommend running a YKC qualifier as 4 classes similar to how “graded” classes operate
 - a. The YKC would recommend putting all age categories in the same height class
 - (1) In the same way you might run a large graded 1-3 class for instance
 - (2) Using Agility Dog of the year as an example the classes would look as follows:
 - (i) Class 1: YKC Agility Dog of the Year - Large Dogs
 - (a) 6-11 years
 - (b) 12-14 Years
 - (c) 15-17 Years
 - (d) 18-24 Years
 - (ii) Class 2: YKC Agility Dog of the Year - Intermediate Dogs
 - (a) 6-11 years
 - (b) 12-14 Years
 - (c) 15-17 Years
 - (d) 18-24 Years
 - (iii) Class 3: YKC Agility Dog of the Year - Medium Dogs
 - (a) 6-11 years
 - (b) 12-14 Years
 - (c) 15-17 Years
 - (d) 18-24 Years
 - (iv) Class 4: YKC Agility Dog of the Year - Small Dogs
 - (a) 6-11 years
 - (b) 12-14 Years
 - (c) 15-17 Years
 - (d) 18-24 Years
 1. *Please note that the YKC pairs classes run “Open” age category instead of 18-24 years
 - b. We recommend this as some class sizes maybe very small (typically the 6-11 age range)
 - (1) In class sizes that are very small, members are increasingly likely to miss their run as they may be busy running another course
 - c. This method would require your show processor to collect the age category data and make sure that 12 sets of results are generated from the 4 classes. (or in ADOTY’s case 16 sets of results)
 - d. All 12 classes should have different results and prize-givings
2. GRADUATE AGILITY NOTES:
 - i. If holding a YKC Graduate agility qualifier, you may either schedule
 - a. 1 x YKC Graduate Agility Qualifier (featuring all 4 heights) **OR**;
 - b. Hold one of each of the following:

EXAMPLE



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- (1) 1x Combined Small Grade 1-3 Agility
 - (2) 1x Combined Medium Grade 1-3 Agility
 - (3) 1x Combined Intermediate Grade 1-3 Agility
 - (4) 1x Combined Large Grade 1-3 Agility
- c. The above combined classes will be standard KC classes that anyone can enter, but additionally YKC members (if letting the show know as part of their entry) will have an additional presentation based on the scores of only the YKC competitors.
- (1) YKC members that enter this class they would be eligible for placings in both the standard KC class AND the YKC Graduate class.
- d. If choosing to use the Combined G1-3 Agility option, the show MUST run all 4 classes as shown above
- (1) i.e. all classes must be for Grades 1-3 and all must be agility
 - (2) The classes do not need to be on the same day, nor do they need to be the same course nor the same Judge.



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C:

SCHEDULE WORDING

1. **YKC AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR (ADOTY)**
 - i. This schedule information MUST be read in conjunction with the full set of YKC Agility rules available on the Young Kennel Club website
 - a. By entering this class, you confirm that you have read and understood the accompanying full set of YKC rules and that you agree to abide by said rules
 - ii. Members must be a YKC member before entering the competition
 - iii. YKC ADOTY qualifiers will feature 2 separate rounds;
 - a. 1x Agility
 - b. 1x Jumping
 - iv. Results will be based on the combined results of these rounds
 - v. YKC ADOTY Classes have 4 different age categories for you to enter
 - a. *06-11 Years*
 - b. *12-14 Years*
 - c. *15-17Years*
 - d. *18-24 Years*
 - vi. Each of the above age categories will have a subcategory featuring all 4 different height classifications
 - a. *Small*
 - b. *Medium*
 - c. *Intermediate*
 - d. *Large*
 - vii. Members should enter the age category they would be on the first day of this show.
 - viii. Only First place in each subcategory will guarantee qualification to Crufts 2024
 - a. You may enter this class even if you have previously qualified in this class
2. **YKC JUMPING CUP (YKCJC)**
 - i. This schedule information MUST be read in conjunction with the full set of YKC Agility rules available on the Young Kennel Club website
 - a. By entering this class, you confirm that you have read and understood the accompanying full set of YKC rules and that you agree to abide by said rules
 - ii. Members must be a YKC member before entering the competition
 - iii. YKCJC Classes have 3 different age categories for you to enter
 - a. *06-11 Years*
 - b. *12-17 Years*
 - c. *18-24 Years*
 - iv. Each of the above age categories will have a subcategory featuring all 4 different height classifications
 - a. *Small*
 - b. *Medium*
 - c. *Intermediate*
 - d. *Large*
 - v. Members should enter the age category they would be on the first day of this show.
 - vi. First place in each subcategory will guarantee qualification to Crufts 2024
 - a. Further qualification methods can be viewed by reading the full rules
 - b. You may enter this class even if you have previously qualified in this class



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3. YKC PAIRS

- i. This schedule information MUST be read in conjunction with the full set of YKC Agility rules available on the Young Kennel Club website
 - a. By entering this class, you confirm that you have read and understood the accompanying full set of YKC rules and that you agree to abide by said rules
- ii. Members must be a YKC member before entering the competition
- iii. YKC Pairs Classes have 3 different age categories for you to enter
 - a. *Both Members aged 06-11 Years*
 - b. *Both Members aged 12-17 Years*
 - c. *Open (Members aged 06-24)*
 - (1) *At a show, you may only enter 1 age category per height – if in any doubt, enter the open category – full details can be found in the Full rules.*
- iv. Each of the above age categories will have a subcategory featuring all 4 different height classifications
 - a. *Small*
 - b. *Medium*
 - c. *Intermediate*
 - d. *Large*
- v. *In total there are 12 different classes for members to enter*
- vi. *When entering YKC Pairs competitions, both dogs must compete over the same height equipment*
- vii. *There will be a baton change – the agility dog will go first*
 - a. *You may decide which dog is completing the agility round after walking the course*
- viii. Members should enter the age category they would be on the first day of this show.
- ix. First place in each subcategory will guarantee qualification to Crufts 2024
 - a. Further qualification methods can be viewed by reading the full rules
 - b. If you have already qualified for the final in a certain height, you may enter future YKC pairs qualifiers at that height but **ONLY WITH** the exact pairing you have already qualified with

4. YKC GRADUATE AGILITY

- i. This schedule information MUST be read in conjunction with the full set of YKC Agility rules available on the Young Kennel Club website
 - a. By entering this class, you confirm that you have read and understood the accompanying full set of YKC rules and that you agree to abide by said rules
- ii. Members must be a YKC member before entering the competition
- iii. Dogs entered into this competition must be either;
 - a. Grade 1
 - b. Grade 2
 - c. Grade 3
- iv. YKC Graduate Classes have 1 age category for you to enter
 - a. *06-24 Years*
- v. Each of the above age categories will have a subcategory featuring all 4 different height classifications
 - a. *Small*
 - b. *Medium*
 - c. *Intermediate*
 - d. *Large*



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- vi. Graduate agility classes may be attached to Standard Kennel Club Combined Graded 1-3 Agility Classes.
 - a. Where this occurs, two prize-givings will be awarded, one for the Standard KC Class, and one for the YKC Graduate Class.
 - (1) A YKC member can be in both prize-givings if placed high enough
 - (i) Progression for Kennel Club grades may only be achieved via the Standard Kennel Club class.
 - (ii) If the show has opted for the combined 1-3 agility class route, you must have entered this class as a YKC member during your entry – if you do not let the show know at the entry stage, you will only be eligible for the Standard Class, not the YKC Graduate section.
 - (iii) If you have entered the class as a YKC member, you may not substitute the handler for any reason, and must forfeit the run if the YKC member is not able to run the dog.
- vii. Members should enter the age category they would be on the first day of this show.
- viii. First place in each subcategory will guarantee qualification to Crufts 2024
 - a. Further qualification methods can be viewed by reading the full rules
 - b. You may enter this class even if you have previously qualified in this class

C: WHAT THE YKC WILL SUPPLY

1. Below is a list of items the YKC will supply for your show:
 - i. ADOTY Qualifier
 - a. Rosettes & Certificates for the following:
 - (1) 12 sets of 1st – 3rd
 - ii. YKCJC Qualifier
 - a. Rosettes & Certificates for the following:
 - (1) 12 sets of 1st – 3rd
 - iii. YKC Pairs Qualifier
 - a. Rosettes & Certificates for the following:
 - (1) 12 sets of 1st x2
 - iv. Graduate Agility
 - a. Rosettes & Certificates for the following:
 - (1) 4 sets of 1st – 3rd
2. Please note, the YKC will **NOT** supply any of the following:
 - i. Trophies
 - ii. Rosettes or Certificates to lower placings
 - iii. Prize money
 - iv. Results sheet

D: WHAT THE YKC NEEDS BACK FROM YOU

1. A full set of results from each of the YKC qualifying classes including:
 - i. Class Name
 - ii. Place
 - iii. YKC Members Name
 - iv. YKC Membership Number
 - v. Dog's KC name
 - vi. Dog's KC number
 - vii. Total Faults
 - viii. Time
2. The information above shall be required as soon as possible, but no later than 3 weeks after the last day of the show.
3. Please submit via email to: ykc@thekennelclub.org.uk



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**SECTION 8:
APPENDIX**

A:

CONSIDERED QUALIFICATION METHODS

1. The YKC have considered multiple different qualification techniques to choose which would be the best for our members which will be outlined below:
2. **First place only – Partially Accepted**
 - i. This method would require you to gain a 1st place at qualifying show. No other result would be acceptable.
 - ii. Pros
 - a. Very simple to understand
 - b. Guarantees a high standard of competitor
 - iii. Cons
 - a. If a competitor wins a qualifier, either:
 - (1) Any subsequent wins block other people from qualifying
 - (2) The competitor is forbidden to compete in this competition further
 - b. If one of the classes has no entries or all competitors are eliminated, the qualification space is lost
 - iv. Conclusion
 - a. For most YKC competitions, this method is too simplistic and would result in either 1 person blocking multiple people from qualifying or would bar a competitor from entering heats;
 - b. The YKC have adopted this method for the new, prestigious ADOTY competition, where the best of the best are to be showcased.
3. **League Table – Rejected**
 - i. This method would allocate points to each place (down to 20th) of the qualifier. Dog and Handlers would gain points at each show, with the highest X number of competitors making it through to the finals
 - ii. Pros
 - a. Each win or place gets you one step closer to the final
 - b. Competitors are allowed and encouraged to enter as many shows as possible
 - c. Makes use of all allocated spaces
 - iii. Cons
 - a. This method rewards competitors who are able to travel, rather than the highest skilled competitor
 - (1) Some families may not be in a financial position to travel to every YKC show, therefore making qualification potentially a question of: “are you rich enough to compete”
 - b. Winning a qualifying heat may not qualify you
 - c. You will only know if you have qualified at the end of the year
 - iv. Conclusion:
 - a. The YKC does not wish to implement a system whereby you must continually chase points. It is not our desire to make people poorer for attempting to qualify. League based systems work when qualifiers are all local, as the distance barrier is removed, however on a national scale, such as YKC qualifiers, it is not a fair method.
 - (1) It should be noted that we do allow a league table for two of our agility events, both ABC Agility and Graduate Agility. These classes are different as they use points gained from standard Kennel Club licensed classes. These classes are typically very plentiful and should not require you travel unduly far in order to enter shows.

4. First Place & Roll Down - *Rejected*

- i. This method is similar to the first method discussed, however, instead of previous winners blocking the progress other competitors, if a previous winner did win again, the qualification space would roll down to the next competitor in the category who had not yet qualified.
- ii. Pros
 - a. Largely well understood
 - b. Allows members who have already qualified to compete without withholding places from other competitors
- iii. Cons
 - a. A person coming 2nd at the first event of the season would not qualify whereas potentially a person coming 10th (for example) at the last event of the season might
 - (1) This would give an advantage to those entering shows at the end of the year
 - b. The roll down list would need serious thought into how dogs across different height categories would roll down
 - c. If any delay in gathering results occurs, it would be unclear if you have received a roll down place or not
 - d. It is not possible to guarantee the skill level based on a roll down system
 - e. If one of the classes has no entries or all competitors are eliminated, the qualification space is lost
- iv. Conclusion:
 - a. As the YKC shows are not evenly distributed throughout the UK at all times during the year, certain regions may find more of their shows at the beginning of the year, rather than end. People attending shows at the start of the year have less of a chance of qualifying. It also can be confusing and demoralising when someone who gained 10th place was able to qualify whereas your 2nd place does not.

5. Points based system - *Rejected*

- i. A hybrid between a league and a first place only option, this method awarded points based on whether you came 1st [30 points], 2nd [15 points] or 3rd [10 Points]. If you accrued 30 points across the year then you successfully qualified.
- ii. Pros:
 - a. Once attaining 30 points, you were guaranteed a qualification space
 - b. Allows people who keep coming 2nd or 3rd to the same people a route to still qualify
 - c. Does not force anyone to chase points
- iii. Cons:
 - a. It was still possible for members to block progression for others as the points did not roll down.
 - (1) If there was a roll down of points, too many people would qualify
 - b. It was not clear how many competitors would qualify in a given year
- iv. Conclusion:
 - a. This was the YKC's preferred qualification method until 2023. Upon review, this method just pushes the blocking down to the third-place position, and attaining 3 x third places is challenging, especially in certain competitions. As such the YKC has moved to a different qualification method in 2023.

6. Giant Combined Scoresheet - Rejected

- i. This method would combine all of the results from every YKC qualifier into 1 giant results sheet. Instead of having course time and faults determine the winner, the course time would be converted into average speed (m/sec) by also capturing the course length.
- ii. Pros
 - a. This would capture the fastest dogs completing courses with the fewest faults which should theoretically guarantee a level of skill
 - b. Promotes a healthy competitive scene as going for a steady clear may not be sufficient to gain qualification.
- iii. Cons
 - a. Not all courses are created equal – some courses may feature long winding course sections that will arbitrarily lower any competitors average speed if the judge set a particularly “twisty” course.
 - b. Additionally, weather conditions would also have a major impact on whether or not you had a good chance of qualifying for the finals, as poor weather conditions will adversely affect your average speed.
 - c. Qualification would be unknown until the end of the year
 - d. In practice, skill is not guaranteed as the fastest dog around a simple course with mostly straight lines does not indicate whether the dog would be similarly as good around a more complex course.

7. Random Ballot - Rejected

- i. This method would get rid of all qualifiers and simply allow any member to submit a ballot and receive an equal chance of being selected to compete.
- ii. Pros
 - a. Very simple
 - b. Method of selection is “fair” – although problematic
- iii. Cons
 - a. Has nothing to do with skill
 - b. Does not promote the activity of participating in agility
 - c. No guarantee of any agility prowess
 - (1) Even if you have a grade 7 dog, if the handler has 0 experience, then the dog is not guaranteed to perform well
 - d. Just opting for a ballot removes all YKC qualifiers and removes opportunities for our members to compete against those in a similar age bracket
- iv. Conclusion
 - a. The YKC wants to promote youth competitions, not remove them.

8. Top X invited to a semi-final - Rejected

- i. This method would see the top X number of competitors from each qualifying heat invited to complete in a semi-final (location unknown) before Crufts, with the placings of that determining who is invited to Crufts.
- ii. Pros
 - a. By condensing the qualification process down to a competition, all competitors who make it to the semi-finals have the same chance, over the same course, in the same conditions to qualify.
 - b. Would allow the qualifiers to let through more participants
 - c. Could allow more qualifiers as the burden of qualifying for Crufts is up to the semi-final, not the qualifying heats

- (1) One of the largest problems we have for Crufts qualifiers is that Crufts is only 4 days long. Trying to cram every dog discipline with multiple classes, each with 3 age categories is incredibly difficult and heavily restricts the number of qualifiers we are able to offer to clubs.
- iii. Cons:
 - a. Location. If we were to hold a 1-day semi-final it would have to take place in the midlands (we would need to be as equally unfair to Scotland as we would be to Cornwall). This in itself makes it unfair if you live nowhere near the midlands.
 - b. The semi-final would need to be held in November, after all our qualifiers had concluded. Holding an event in November would necessitate that it must be an indoor venue.
- iv. Conclusion:
 - a. This option was heavily considered, but ultimately rejected based on the two cons above. Members from Northern Ireland, Scotland and any of the south coastal regions of England would be disenfranchised by a centralised semi-final.

9. Waterfall Method – *Accepted*

- i. This method would see all those getting 1st place qualifying for final. Any qualification spaces not filled by the 1st places would be randomly awarded to competitors who achieved a 2nd place at qualifiers. Any qualification spaces not filled by the 2nd Places would be randomly awarded to competitors who achieved 3rd place. Etc
- ii. Pros
 - a. 1st Place Guarantees qualification
 - b. No member can block the qualification of another member
 - c. All competitors who achieved a certain place are on an equal footing
 - (1) E.g. all 2nd place competitors in a subcategory are just as likely to be selected as each other
 - d. Because qualification is only awarded at the end of the year, all qualification spots can be filled
- iii. Cons:
 - a. One of the most complicated qualification methods
 - b. All those who did not come first will need to wait till the qualification year is over to know if they have qualified
 - c. Randomly allocated spaces can feel unfair if you were unsuccessful
- iv. Conclusion:
 - a. The YKC will try out this new method of qualification across all of its qualifiers, whilst it does have some issues, namely the complexity and the late announcement of who has qualified, the YKC believes this method will strike a balance between allowing previously qualified members to continue competing and to allow those not yet qualified to still have a chance of reaching the finals.