

An Exciting Year Ahead

The British Agility Association is presently awaiting results of negotiations for staging some major British Finals at prestigious venues & under the media spotlight.

We would like all BAA members to stand an equal chance of participation therefore we are thinking of including the British Trios Challenge as one, with others to be announced later.

Watch the BAA Website & the BAA Magazine to keep abreast of the latest developments



The British Agility Association

*Considering the long-term wellbeing of dogs,
both in Training Methods, & Competition.*

“East Midlands Dog Agility Club”

Presents

BAA GRAND PRIX AGILITY



Winter Series 2008/2009

Schedule for 3 Indoor Agility Shows
Run to British Agility Association Rules

on

Saturday 29th November 2008 (Closing date 1st November 08)

Saturday 10th January 2009 (Closing date 9th December 08)

Saturday 21st March 2009 (Closing date 24th February 09)

At

ARENA UK, Allington, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG32 2EF

Judging Commences 8.30 a.m.

Entry Fees: £3.00 per class or £10 per dog per show (4 runs)
*Please send a separate cheque for each show entered.
Cheques will be banked at the closing date of each show.*

Closing Date for entries: As stated above or earlier if over subscribed.

Show Manager: June Bass
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East Midlands Dog Agility Club

Are proud to present our third series of indoor winter shows to complement our established summer programme of events. All points gained at these shows count towards British Agility Association Promotion, League Tables, and Finals.

Further Dates for BAA Shows

October 18th 2008 Beach-Side at Great Yarmouth
December 6th 2008 Beach-Side at Great Yarmouth
February 21st 2009 Beach-Side at Great Yarmouth
April 14th 2009 Beach-Side at Great Yarmouth
April 25th/26th 2009 EMDAC at Asfordby
May 2nd/3rd/4th/5th/6th 2009 Beach-Side at Waxham, Great Yarmouth
May 16th/17th 2009 EMDAC at Asfordby
June 6th/7th 2009 Midland Counties at Chesterfield
June 27th/28th 2009 EMDAC at Asfordby
July 4th/5th 2009 Midland Counties at Chesterfield
July 16th/17th/18th/19th 2009 *Midsummer Madness* EMDAC at Asfordby
August 1st/2nd 2009 Midland Counties at Chesterfield
August 29th/30th/31st 2009 BAA Finals at Asfordby

Please visit the BAA website at <http://www.baa.uk.net> for further show information, comprehensive on line results service, Schedule & Rules Downloads and much more.

Hosting a BAA Show!

If you are interested in hosting a BAA show in your area please feel free to contact us. We will provide as much advice and assistance as required by the organiser.

For more information please contact June:

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<http://www.baa.uk.net>

BAA Monthly Magazine

Don't miss your copy!

Results, Articles, Quizzes, Training Tips and much more.

Also if you have a story etc you would like to share, simply send it to

Lesley magazine@baa.uk.net

About the venue

The venue is a riding school arena, part of a working equestrian centre.

Please respect the venue to ensure we can use it again! All owners must pick up after their dogs – no exceptions! (owners found not picking up after their dogs will be excluded from future EMDAC shows).

Parking: Please park vehicles as directed.

Off leash exercising of dogs under control is permitted only in the designated area. In all other areas dogs must be strictly on leash at all times. Horses and other livestock will be in the close vicinity, please observe all notices and restrictions that may be in force.

There is a cafeteria inside the arena

We value your comments/suggestions. Please take the time to write down any comments/suggestions and place in our comments box at the show

Directions to venue:

From A1 take the slip road for Allington & Arena UK. The venue is about 1 mile on the right hand side.

An 'On Application' relegation system also operates to allow dogs to move down the levels. For full details of progression system, please refer to 'BAA Rules for Agility Competitions & the BAA website.

SHOW RULES

British Agility Association Rules for Agility Competitions apply to these events.

Copies of full show and competition rules available on request on entry form cost £1.00 (Please include an A5 sae) or from the BAA website.

1. **Training is not permitted on the course either before or whilst under test**
2. **Competitors are required to report for allocated ring duties.**
3. **The show organiser reserves the right to refuse entries.**
4. **In the event of over subscription entries may be limited.**
5. **Competitors enter at their own risk and must sign and date the declaration on the entry form.**
6. **All participating dogs must be aged 18 months or over.**
7. **In the unlikely event that any BAA event is cancelled, the organisers reserve the right to deduct unrecoverable expenses incurred before returning entry fees.**
8. **The show organiser reserves the right to combine/split classes depending on entry levels.**
9. **Please respect the venue and pick up after your dogs (anyone found not picking up after their dog will be excluded from future BAA shows), and also dispose of all rubbish responsibly.**
10. **Competitors are solely responsible for ensuring that they are available for their classes.**
11. **Have fun with your dogs!**

Awards

FIRST PLACE ROSETTE & TROPHY to the WINNER of EACH LEVEL.

Plus

Rosettes to 20% of each height in each Level

Clear round Rosettes in all classes where appropriate.

Pawsability classes - special rosettes for all clear rounds.

Dependent on entries some levels may be combined for awards.

Please read the whole schedule carefully!

There may be some significant differences to what you may be used to!

The Major differences are:

- Reviewed Dog Heights
- 4 jump heights with option of veterans etc: to jump at lower jump height. Maximum permitted jump height is 24 ins,
- Micro jump height is 9 ins. Mini jump height is 13.75 ins, & Medium jump height is 17.75 ins,
- Dogs may retain their status for the entire show year
- Up contacts of contact obstacles will not be marked.
- There will be no tyre obstacle in any class.
- In Introductory & Pawsability classes, refusals are not marked and handlers may carry a silent toy in the ring.
- Lower Dog-Walk & A Frame in Pawsability & Veterans.
- No training allowed on the course either before or whilst under test.

Any dog and handler is eligible to enter BAA shows (though there are some restrictions at the August Bank Holiday Finals Weekend Show). No membership fee or dog registration fee is required. All dogs are automatically registered into the BAA database free of charge when you enter your first BAA show. Your dog will be allocated a BAA registration number which will be on your ring card. Please make a note of this number and use it on all future BAA show entries as it greatly assists in processing your entries, and ensures your league points tallies are maintained correctly.

British "Dog of the Year"

The BAA records all results from all shows and compiles performance league tables in the categories of Introductory, Primary, Novice, Graduate Masters & Veteran. Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the leading Agility Dog of the Year at each jump height in each category.

The leading dogs & handlers from the tables will also qualify for the BAA Grand Prix Tournament Finals at the BAA August Bank Holiday Weekend show. There will separate Finals for Jumping and Agility. At the Finals show there will be a last chance opportunity for all to qualify for the Grand Prix Finals. Perpetual trophies will also be awarded to the Finals winners.

Points are accumulated for performances from all BAA shows during the season including the Winter Series which count towards qualification for the BAA Grand Prix Finals. There are also Trophies for the leading points scoring dogs that will be presented at the Grand Prix Finals weekend.

Pawsability classes will not be included in the points tables or Grand Prix Finals. No points will be awarded for Pairs, Team, invitation, demonstration or non-scheduled Pay on the Day classes. **Points will be awarded in all other scheduled classes unless specifically excluded in the show schedule.**

Other BAA Leagues include:

BAA JUNIOR HANDLER LEAGUE

Points from all scheduled JUNIOR HANDLER classes at BAA shows count toward the "BAA Junior Handler of the Year Award"

and the Junior Handler GRAND PRIX FINAL.

Separate Classes for:

Under 12's Elementary (*For Introductory & Primary capable Handlers*) (Grade 1, 2, & 3 KC)

12 to 16's Elementary

Under 12's Advanced (*For Novice & Above capable Handlers*) (Grade 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 KC)

12 to 16's Advanced

Over 60's Female Handler

(You need to register to be part of these leagues)

Over 60's Male Handler

Contact June 01664 500327 Email: June@emdac.co.uk

Alternative Handler League

British Trio's Challenge (*Three dogs of the same height but different levels, individually collect points at qualifying shows throughout the season, to then collectively qualify for the British Trio's finals.*)

Help!!!!

A condition of entering a BAA show brings a requirement that all competitors give some time, to assist at a ring. It is one of the things you are agreeing to when you sign the entry form.

All competitors will be allocated a time slot when they will be required to make themselves available at a ring. This will be marked on your ring cards. Each ring will have a Ring Manager who will be responsible for allocating tasks and arranging relief so that all can enjoy their dogs. If everyone does their bit, then no one should need to work more than an hour or so! No one is expected to forgo running their dog in the process of helping.

Dogs/handlers that compete under other organisations are required to make initial entry to EMDAC shows at the appropriate level as follows:

Dogs which currently compete in Grade 4 or above (KC) by virtue of handlers wins with another dog may enter at one level below – PRIMARY.

Initial entry levels are:

KC Grade 1	= INTRODUCTORY
KC Grade 2	= PRIMARY
KC Grade 3*	= PRIMARY or NOVICE
KC Grade 4	= NOVICE
KC Grade 5*	= NOVICE or GRADUATE
KC Grade 6	= GRADUATE
KC Grade 7	= MASTERS

*Grades 3 & 5 have a choice of entry level.

For dogs not jumping their regulation BAA jump height they can be entered in either:

Pawsability - for dogs of any age that for whatever reason are not able to jump at their designated jump height as specified in height definitions. Choice of jump height 9, 13.75 or 17.75ins. No dog in this class will be permitted to jump higher than 17.75ins. This category is designed for young dogs just starting their agility careers and also for dogs that are returning to agility after a layoff from illness/injury. Dogs can enter this class at any time and when ready, return to their appropriate ability level & jump height. It also gives opportunity for veteran dogs to enter at lower height before fully committing to veteran classes.

Or alternatively:

Veteran – for dogs of 7 years of age and over. Choice of jump height 9, 13.75 or 17.75ins. No veteran dog will be permitted to jump higher than 17.75ins. Once a dog enters BAA Veteran it will be expected to remain there for the remainder of its agility career and will not be permitted in future shows at either Introductory, Primary, Novice, Graduate or Masters.

Status for all BAA shows in is that effective at 1st October or initial entry level if entering first BAA show after that date. Dogs may retain their status for the entire BAA show season (1st October to September 30th), if the handler wishes. BAA will keep a record of results during the season. At the end of season the top performing dogs will be promoted to next level, for the following season.

CLASS DEFINITIONS

A dog may be entered in ONE height category only, Micro, Mini, Medium or Maxi

Please check definitions below – you may find your dog is eligible at a different height category than you compete elsewhere. You may also have a choice of height category.

Please specify jump height category on the entry form.

Micro

For dogs that measure under 12in at the withers. Jump height will be 9in.

Mini

For dogs that measure 15in or under at the withers. Jump height will be 13.75in.

Medium

For dogs that measure over 14in but less than 19in at the withers. Jump height 17.75in.

Maxi

For dogs that measure over 17in at the withers. Jump height will be 24in.

Level Classification A dog may be entered in *ONE* level only, and must be specified in the appropriate box for each dog on the entry form. Levels are:- Introductory, Primary, Novice, Graduate, Masters, Pawsability* & Veteran.

If you enter at a jump height less than in the size definitions above, you must enter as either Pawsability* or Veteran.

(* Where Pawsability classes are not offered, Pawsability dogs may enter Introductory NFC)

ON THE ENTRY FORM YOU MUST SPECIFY YOUR DOGS BAA REGISTRATION NUMBER – this ensures that your dog is entered at its correct level and it also ensures that your points tally is maintained correctly throughout the year.

For dogs new to EMDAC/BAA please enter level as follows:

All dogs AND handlers new to agility should enter as **INTRODUCTORY**.
Handlers with new dogs that have never competed at Novice or above should enter their new dogs as **INTRODUCTORY**.

For handlers that have competed at Novice or above, their new dogs should enter as **PRIMARY**.

Schedule of Classes

Saturday 29th November 2008

1. Introductory Agility
2. Introductory Jumping
3. Introductory Snakes & Ladders
4. Introductory Helter Skelter
5. Primary Agility
6. Primary Jumping
7. Primary Snakes & Ladders
8. Primary Helter Skelter
9. Novice Plus Agility
10. Novice Plus Jumping
11. Novice Plus Snakes & Ladders
12. Novice Plus Helter Skelter
13. Veteran Agility
14. Veteran Jumping
15. Veteran Helter Skelter
16. Elementary Junior Handler Jumping
17. Advanced Junior Handler Jumping

Novice Plus classes are open to all dogs eligible for Novice level and above –
i.e. all Novice, Graduate & Masters dogs

Placed Rosettes to all heights in all levels

Agility classes have contact equipment, Jumping classes do not.

Class Descriptions: Judges will provide a more comprehensive description at the show where necessary.

Helter Skelter.

Helter Skelter is a jumping course based on a decreasing or increasing circle

Snakes & Ladders.

Snakes & Ladders is loosely based on the board-game, here you have a choice of whether or not to attempt the contact equipment.

Schedule of Classes

Saturday 10th January 2009

1. Introductory Agility
2. Introductory Jumping
3. Introductory Time, Fault & Out Agility
4. Introductory Clockwork Tunnels
5. Primary Agility
6. Primary Jumping
7. Primary Time, Fault & Out Agility
8. Primary Clockwork Tunnels
9. Novice Plus Agility
10. Novice Plus Jumping
11. Novice Plus Time, Fault & Out Agility
12. Novice Plus Clockwork Tunnels
13. Veteran Agility
14. Veteran Jumping
15. Veteran Clockwork Tunnels
16. Elementary Junior Handler Jumping
17. Advanced Junior Handler Jumping

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Time Fault & Out

The judge sets a time and a course; the competitor must complete the course until they are either timed out or faulted out.

Clockwork Tunnels.

Based on the face of a clock, with tunnels acting as the hands & sequences set around the clock face..

Schedule of Classes

Saturday 21st March 2009

1. Introductory Agility
2. Introductory Jumping
3. Introductory Power & Speed
4. Introductory Take Your Own Line Jumping
5. Primary Agility
6. Primary Jumping
7. Primary Power & Speed
8. Primary Take Your Own Line Jumping
9. Novice Plus Agility
10. Novice Plus Jumping
11. Novice Plus Power & Speed
12. Novice Plus Take Your Own Line Jumping
13. Veteran Agility
14. Veteran Jumping
15. Veteran Power & Speed
16. Veteran Take Your Own Line Jumping
17. Elementary Junior Handler Jumping
18. Advanced Junior Handler Jumping

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Power and Speed

Is set in 2 sections, an agility section (power)and a jumping section (speed), the power section is completed first and is not timed , then the speed section which is timed .
Any fault in the power section equals an elimination.

Take Your Own Line Jumping

This is a Jumping course where only the start and finish are numbered you must complete the course in your own way.