

AGILITY COMPETITION

The goal of the Competition Agility class is to continue the progression of skills learned in Advanced Agility to perform longer sequences between the dog/handler team on American Kennel Club (AKC) agility equipment, with special emphasis placed on dog safety. Flatwork and advanced coursework will be covered in this class. Focus will be on rewarding the proper performance of all obstacles and execution of advanced handling skills. Emphasis will be placed on acceleration/deceleration, obstacle discrimination, weave pole entries and layering.

Prerequisites for enrollment in Competition Agility class are applicable to the dog seeking enrollment in the class:

To be eligible for Competition Agility class at TCKC the dog/handler team must have taken TCKC's Agility Sequencing class at least once. The team must also be actively competing for agility titles in some venue. It is recommended that the dog/handler team have earned the equivalent of both the AKC Novice Jumper With Weaves and AKC Novice Standard titles in order to comprehend and carry out the exercises presented in Competition Agility.

Dogs should be able to correctly perform individual obstacles, including but not limited to a high percentage of accuracy completing 12 straight-line weaves poles, handled on both sides. Dogs must be under the handler's control at all times. Dogs that are aggressive in any manner will be dismissed from class.

Individuals who are interested in enrolling in Competition Agility, who do not meet the requirements stated above, must schedule a one-on-one evaluation with the course trainer or TCKC's Agility Coordinator.