

**The Agility Association of Canada and  
Absolute Agility  
Proudly Host the 2018 AAC Nationals**



**Thursday August 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Maxville Fairgrounds**  
**Maxville, Ontario**  
Outdoors, on Grass, Rain or Shine

**National Closing dates by Region:**

(Every region has 2 weeks from the completion of their Regional event to enter Nationals)

**MB/SK/NU & NS – June 4<sup>th</sup>**

**AB/NWT & ON West - June 11<sup>th</sup>**

**ON East – June 18<sup>th</sup>**

**BC Mainland/YK, BC Island & NB/PEI - June 25<sup>th</sup>**

**NL – July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**QC - July 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Final Closing Date for ALL REGIONS: Monday, July 9, 2018**

## **Our Judges:**

**BC-** Tracey Mallinson

**SK-** Darren Plummer

**MB-** Craig Peters

**ON-** Shelley Price

**QC-** Claude Dionne

**NB-** Trish Levesque

**NS-** Carolyn Dockrill

Substitute/Relief Judge: **ON-** Jennifer Laird

## **2018 AAC National Championships Venue**

The 2018 Agility Association of Canada (AAC) National Championships will be held at the Maxville Fair Grounds. The Maxville Fair Grounds Special Event Site has hosted such great events as the Highland Games, Maxville Fair and K9 Sportfest. The site has will has many serviced camping sites, lots of green area for rings and walking your dogs, lots of buildings to be used through out the weekend and nothing better than flush toilets!! We will be a competitor crating area both outside for those driving and inside for those flying in, an off-leash area, a watering station, canine healthcare providers and a wide variety of vendors all located close to the competition rings. This is certain to ensure that the 2018 AAC National Championships are successful and enjoyable for all involved.

## **2018 AAC National Saturday Banquet**

Presented by **PRESTIGE CATERING**

Select one of the mouth watering main dishes: Chicken with Peppercorn Sauce, Grilled Salmon with Red Pepper Jelly or Cheese Tortellini Parma Rosa Sauce.

After you have picked your main then we will have a buffet where you can pick your own sides!

Salad choices will be: Caesar salad, Broccoli salad and Summer salad with raspberries.

To go with your meal: Rice pilaf, roasted potatoes and steamed vegetables.

Rolls will also be available

Tea, Coffee and assorted desserts will finish this amazing selection!

Please register on the AAC Nationals entry form.

2018 Nationals website: <http://aacnationalchampionships.com/>

All times listed below are tentative.

Please check event website for most current schedule after the closing date.

<b>Tentative Schedule of Events</b>	
<b>Thursday, Aug 16<sup>th</sup></b>	
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Competitor and Volunteer Registration
9:00 am – 11:30 am	Warm-up Run (Touch and Go) Priority to JH and PreQual
9:00 am- 10:00 am	Dog Measurements
10:00 am – 4:00pm	PreQual and Junior Nationals
4:00 pm	Junior Awards
5:00 pm	Building for Warm Up
<b>Friday, Aug 17<sup>th</sup></b>	
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Competitor and Volunteer Registration
8:00 am – 11:30 am	Warm-up Games (Touch and Go)
10:30 am- 11:30 am	Dog Measurements
12:00 pm	Sanctioned Round One- SC1, MJ1, MA1, MS1
2:30 pm	Sanctioned Round Two- SC2, MJ2, MG1, MS2
5:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies
6:00 pm	Building for National Events
<b>Saturday, Aug 18<sup>th</sup></b>	
7:15 am – 7:45 am	Late Competitor Registration & Dog Measurements
7:15 am – 7:45 am	General Walk Through of all rings
8:00 am	General Judges Briefing
8:15 am	Round 1 Walk Through
8:30 am	National Round 1 - Day 1 First Dog on the Line
11:15 am	Round 2 Walk Through
11:30 am	National Round 2 - Day 1 First Dog on the Line
2:30 pm	Round 3 Walk Through
2:45 pm	National Round 3 - Day 1 First Dog on the Line
5:00 pm	Estimated last dog finishes
5:30 pm	Day 1 Individual Event Ribbons Available (Self Serve)
6:30 pm	Banquet
<b>Sunday, Aug 19<sup>th</sup></b>	
7:15 am – 7:45 am	General Walk Through of all rings
8:00 am	General Judges Briefing
8:15 am	Round 1 Walk Through
8:30 am	National Round 1 - Day 1 First Dog on the Line
11:15 am	Round 2 Walk Through
11:30 am	National Round 2 - Day 1 First Dog on the Line
2:30 pm	Round 3 Walk Through
2:45 pm	National Round 3 - Day 1 First Dog on the Line
5:00 pm	Estimated last dog finishes
5:15 pm – 6:00pm	Steeplechase finale
6:00 pm (or sooner)	Overall Placement Presentation
6:30 pm	Day 2 Individual Event Ribbons Available (Self Serve After Overall)

## Accommodations

**-Best Western Parkway Inn & Conference Centre** as our GOLD sponsor.

There is a AAC discount for all competitors, please call and mention the AAC upon booking.  
Location is 35 minutes from the Maxville Fairgrounds

- Standard room with 1 queen bed = \$159.00 per night
- Large room with Fireplace and 1 or 2 queen beds = \$169.00 per night
- Deluxe rooms with king bed = \$199.00 per night All prices are +hst

[1515 Vincent Massey Drive](#)  
[Cornwall, Ontario K6H 5R6](#)  
Canada [+1 613-932-0451](#)

View photos and hotel information here :

[https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotel-rooms.66019.html?iata=00171880&ssob=BLBWI0004G&cid=BLBWI0004G:google:gmb:66019](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.66019.html?iata=00171880&ssob=BLBWI0004G&cid=BLBWI0004G:google:gmb:66019)

**Comfort Inn Cornwall** has rooms set aside for the AAC Nationals.

Please call and mention the AAC Nationals for the group rate. There is a pet fee, please inquire about this cost.

Location is 35 min from the Maxville Fairgrounds  
[1625 Vincent Massey Dr., Cornwall, ON K6H5R6](#)  
Tel. [613-937-0111](#) Toll Free. [877-888-5293](#)

<http://www.comfortinncornwall.com/>

### **Travelodge Ottawa East**

Accepting bookings now, \$139.99 for rooms with one queen bed, and \$149.99 for rooms with one king bed or two double beds.

Mention Nationals to get your PET FEE WAIVED !!

### **Bed and Breakfast's in the area that accept dogs**

\*\* But confirm upon booking \*\*

**The Escapade & The Serenity** are pet friendly : François (and Nicole) Coallier Casselodge  
B&B [www.casselodge.ca](http://www.casselodge.ca)

**Dora Bill's Bed and Breakfast** [18387 County Rd 22](#)  
[Maxville, Ontario K0C 1T0](#) 1 (613) 527-3021 <https://www.bbcanada.com/1767.html>

**The Abbey Inn** [21489 Butternut Lane \(Glen Nevis\)](#)  
North Lancaster, Ontario K0C 1Z0 1 (613) 347-1602 <https://www.bbcanada.com/12862.html>

**Auberge Chesley's Inn** [40 First Street West](#)  
[Cornwall, Ontario K6J 1B9](#) 1 (855) 936-1112 (toll free)  
<https://www.bbcanada.com/13973.html>

## Sponsors and Vendors

The 2018 Nationals Committee has secured the backing of many sponsors and vendors. Please support our sponsors and vendors who are materially contributing to the success of the AAC Nationals. A full list of sponsors and vendors is available at the Supporters and Vendors pages on the AAC Nationals website.

## Volunteers

The success of the 2018 Nationals depends on volunteers! If you have a spouse, partner, family members or friends who can help out, please have them use the "Contact Us" page on the Nationals website. We have a large number of volunteer positions still waiting to be filled. No experience is necessary and all volunteers will be offered a variety of gifts, including an official event t-shirt, free lunch for full day volunteers and a front-row seat at this prestigious event.

## 2018 AAC Nationals Pre-Qualifier

The Pre-Qualifier event will be held on Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Please see the AAC website for eligibility requirements and a copy of the official Pre Qual entry form. Competitors must have been given the permission of the National Steering Committee (NSC) to be approved before entering Nationals. Once approved the competitor must submit both Pre Qual and National entry form. If you unfortunately do not qualify for Nationals, your Nationals entry fee will be refunded. Any sanctioned events, warm up rounds or clothing orders will NOT be refunded.

## Canadian Junior Championship

As has been the case for the past two years, junior handlers (18 years or under on December 31, 2018) who qualify at their Regionals and enter the Nationals will be competing for dual aggregate rankings: once in their dog's height class, and once as junior handlers. In addition to the "Top Junior Handler" trophy for the Junior Championship winner, rosettes will be awarded for the top ten aggregate scores by juniors. This class is a true "Canadian Junior Championship", and gives the country's elite young competitors their chance to stand on the podium, in the spotlight, and receive the applause they deserve.

There is no additional entry fee. **Please make sure you check the "Handler 18 years of age or under" box on their National Championship entry form.** When you do this, you will automatically be entered in the Junior Championship class and you will still be competing in your dog's height class.

## **National Championship Prizes and Awards**

- Rosettes for 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place in each class and jump height will be awarded for each of the six individual National Championship rounds.
- Rosettes for 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place will be awarded to aggregate winners in each class and jump height.
- National Championship 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy will be awarded to aggregate winners in each class and jump height.
- The Junior Stakes National event occur on the Thursday before Nationals.
- Lifetime Achievement Awards will be awarded at the Saturday evening banquet.
- For any event, additional awards and/or prizes may be awarded by the Nationals Organizing Committee at their discretion.

## **National Championship Eligibility**

- All dogs who qualified at their designated Regional championship or at the Nationals Pre-Qualifier with 350 or more points are eligible to compete in the 2018 National Championships.
- All 15 height division champions from the 2017 AAC National Championships will receive an invitation to compete in the 2018 National Championships. This entitles them to bypass the Regional Championship event if they so choose and be granted free entry (including Banquet) to the National Championships.
- Dogs who have achieved their AAC Lifetime Achievement Award prior to the closing date of the 2018 AAC National Championships will be eligible to enter the National Championships without the need to qualify via any Regional qualifying event. Normal Nationals entry fees will apply.
- Competitors, through submission of entries, acknowledge that they are aware of the rules and regulations of AAC.
- Dogs less than 18 months of age, bitches in season, dogs suffering from any injury or illness that affects the dog's physical or mental performance, and ANY dog which demonstrates signs of aggression towards people or other dogs shall NOT be permitted to compete in the National Championships.
- National Championship Qualifiers must supply a dog AAC # on their entry form. All dogs must run at the height and category in which they currently compete in AAC events.
- National Championships are subject to all AAC rules and regulations except where indicated in the Regional and National Rules and Guidelines.

## Reminders for Competitors

- Dogs must remain on leash and under control at all times when not competing or warming up, except in specific off-leash areas at the trial site that will be marked.
- Breakaway tires will be used in all Rings
- All obstacles conform to current AAC Specifications.
- Electronic timing will be used for all events.
- Jumps will be available in designated area for the purpose of warm ups only.
- Dogs must be exercised in designated areas only. You must pick up after your dogs on the show grounds, at your hotel and everywhere you may be. Anyone found not picking up will be excused from the trial site with no refund.
- Competitors shall have the right to videotape portions of this event for their personal use only. No portion of this event may be taped for commercial purposes without the permission of AAC.
- Through entry to this event each competitor grants to the AAC and its representatives and/or agents all rights and permission to use or appropriate his/her and his/her dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia of identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast transmission or distribution in any format or media now known or hereafter to become known. All competitors hereby release AAC and its representatives and/or agents from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of publicity, right of personality or any similar right.
- No bitches in season will be permitted on site. In the event that there is a complaint of suspicion of a bitch in season on site, any intact females may be checked by a veterinarian. A filing fee for complaints may be assessed. Competitors that enter the 2018 AAC Nationals facility knowing their bitch is in season will have the bitch excluded from the AAC Nationals with no reimbursement of funds. If a competitor voluntarily withdraws their bitch prior to entering the event site, they will be reimbursed a full refund of entry fees with a vet certificate minus administration fee of \$25.00
- Breed Specific Legislation is in effect in Ontario. ANY Pit Bull Terrier, a Staffordshire Bull Terrier, an American Staffordshire Terrier, an American Pit Bull Terrier or a dog that has the appearance of a "Pit Bull" MUST BE ENTERED in the CKC CGN testing to be allowed to compete in the 2018 AAC National Championships.
- There shall be no refunds for entries withdrawn after the closing date or, in the event the dog is absent on the day of the event or any portion of the event, cancellation of the event due to inclement weather, or if the dog and/or handler are dismissed from competition, regardless of the reason for such dismissal. Refunds will only be provided for bitches in season or injured dogs, provided notification is received by the trial secretary prior to the first day of the National Championships. Full refunds will be issued by the AAC for dogs pulled prior to the closing date. An administration fee of \$25.00 will be withheld from entries needing to be refunded after the closing date. A veterinarian's (DVM) certificate is required for this refund to be given. Any handler who is found to abuse a dog will be disqualified and asked to leave the trial site immediately.
- Individual confirmations will be sent to each competitor upon receipt of his/her entry. This information will also be posted to the AAC Nationals website. Each competitor

is responsible for confirming with the Trial Secretary the correct class, jump height, and any additional information. If you require confirmation of delivery of your entry, send it via Express Post or courier with delivery confirmation with no signature required by the Trial Secretary.

- No refunds on banquet or clothing will be issued after the closing date. Clothing may be picked up by a fellow competitor or mailed at the applicant's expense.
- There will be a \$30.00 service charge for returned cheques. Overpayments of \$10.00 or less will not be refunded.
- **Nationals competitors are encouraged to wear their Regionals shirts on Sunday.**

## **2018 AAC Nationals Championship Rounds—Class Descriptions**

### **Standard and Jumpers Rounds:**

Scoring follows AAC rules with the following exceptions:

- All refusals faulted five faults per occurrence.
- Each off-course and obstacle non-completion faulted twenty faults.

### **Gamblers Rounds:**

- 40 second opening time for all classes.
- Veteran dogs receive 20% more time for gamble completion.
- Veteran dogs opening points multiplied by 1.2.
- Successful gambles are worth thirty-five points.
- There are no refusals in either mini gambles or the final gamble.



## 2018 AAC NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE FINALE REQUIREMENTS

The 2018 AAC National Steeplechase Championship Program will consist of three rounds. The first two rounds will be unlimited entry, AAC Sanctioned Steeplechase events, judged according to current AAC rules and regulations and **OPEN TO ALL DOGS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN AAC SANCTIONED EVENTS**. The third round will be by 'Invitation Only'. Invitation will be determined by YPS in rounds one and two. Top placing dogs will continue to the Steeplechase Finale on Sunday and will be eligible for prize money.

### Dogs must compete in both rounds to be eligible for the final round.

#### **Round 1 & 2: Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Closing date for entries: July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

For Exhibition Only runs will not be eligible for the Steeplechase Finale.

#### **Round 3: Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The top competitors (minimum of 3 dogs, maximum of 5 dogs) from each height will be invited to compete in the 2018 Ontario Regionals Steeplechase Championship finale. This event will take place after the last Ontario Regionals aggregate event has been completed. Competitors will start with a clean slate and will run in reverse order, with the highest placing dogs from the combined scores in each height class running last in the final round.

Running order will be:

Special, Veteran and Veteran Double Dropped height classes (i.e., 4S, 4V, 4VV, 8S, 8V, 8VV, etc) will be combined for running purposes only, with the Special dogs running first in each class.

Regular dogs (8R, 12R, 16R, 20R, 24R)

### **Prizes and Awards**

Rounds 1 & 2: Placement ribbons for 1st – 4th place in all height divisions

Qualifying rosettes for all qualifying scores

Title rosettes for competitors achieving the Masters Steeplechase Dog of Canada title and Expert and Versatility titles.

Round 3: Finalist T- shirts will be presented to all dogs competing in the final round.

Placement ribbons will be awarded for 1st – 5th place in all classes.

Awards and prize money will be distributed in each jump height. Final decisions on the number of placements per jump height to be awarded prize money will be dependent on the number of dogs participating in the final round within each height class. The total amount available for prize money will depend on the number of entries received.

**AGILITY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA (“AAC”)  
PARTICIPATION WAIVER AND RELEASE**

Handler Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Dog”)      AAC Dog ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Dog”)      AAC Dog ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog 3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Dog”)      AAC Dog ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry by AAC and Absolute Agility (the “Organizing Club”) and the opportunity to have the Dog participate, compete in and/or be judged at this event or trial (the “Event”), I, the undersigned, agree as follows:

1. I certify that I am the actual owner of the Dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner of the Dog and that the Dog is not a hazard to persons, property or other dogs.
2. I agree that AAC or the Organizing Club for the Event may refuse my entry for any reason that it deems to be sufficient.
3. I understand and acknowledge that participation in the Event carries certain risks, including, but not limited to injuries (including serious injuries and death) to myself, the Dog, another dog under my control or persons attending as my guests (my “**Related Parties**”), damage to property and other losses. I waive any and all claims that I have or may have in the future against, and release from all liability and agree not to sue AAC, the Organizing Club or any of the directors, executives, committees, representatives, employees, volunteers or agents of either AAC or the Organizing Club (the “**Personnel**”) for any injury, death, property damage or other loss that I or my Related Parties sustain due to any cause whatsoever, including negligence, breach of contract, breach of duty, statutory or otherwise, or mistakes or errors of judgment of any kind.
4. I assume full responsibility for the conduct of myself and my Related Parties during the entirety of the Event. I agree to indemnify and save harmless AAC, the Organizing Club and the Personnel from and against any and all claims that may be made against them or costs, fees, expenses or liability (including, without limitation, lawyers’ fees on a solicitor and own client basis) incurred by AAC, the Organizing Club or the Personnel that may arise due to:
  - (a) any act or omission of myself, my Related Parties or any party for whom I am liable at law; or
  - (b) aggressive behaviour by the Dog or any other dog under my control.
5. I have read, and do understand the rules of competition and the additional rules (if any) appearing in the trial schedule for the Event, as well as the policies of AAC pertaining to discipline (collectively, the “**Rules**”). I agree to abide by the Rules and to conduct myself and the Dog in accordance with the Rules. I understand that myself and/or the Dog may be subject to disciplinary procedures or sanctions for breach of the Rules and agree to respect and be bound by any disciplinary decision made by AAC.
6. I understand that AAC and/or the Organizing Club may, in the course of administering the Event or conducting its activities generally, collect, use or disclose my personal information and that any personal information collected, used or disclosed by AAC and/or the Organizing Club will be treated in accordance with AAC policy and applicable privacy and personal information laws. I hereby consent to the collection, use and disclosure by AAC and/or the Organizing Club of my personal information.

**Media Release & Rights of Privacy Waiver**

I Hereby Grant to AAC and its affiliated companies, representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permission to use or appropriate his/her and their dog’s name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia of identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media known now or in the future.

**Waiver of Rights to Privacy, Publicity & Personality**

Further, I hereby release Agility Association of Canada Inc, and its affiliates, representatives, agents and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of publicity, right of personality, or any similar rights.

7. I have been given the opportunity to read and understand the terms of this Agreement before signing it, and have in fact done so. I understand that by signing this Agreement, I am restricting my legal rights and I sign this Agreement voluntarily and of my own free will.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Parent or Guardian must sign if the Handler is under 18 years of age.*

Date (dd/mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry not valid unless Agreement is signed, dated and submitted with the correct fee.**



Camping on Site \$30.00 per night no service (Circle nights needed) Wed    Thurs    Fri    Sat    Sun	\$30.00/ night	
<b>Saturday Banquet</b> <b>(Show # of each meal)</b>  <b>MAIN DISH SELECTION</b> ___ Chicken with Peppercorn Sauce ___ Grilled Salmon with Red Pepper Jelly ___ Cheese Tortellini Parma Rosa Sauce	Qty ___ @ \$35.00  PLEASE look in the premium for more info on the Saturday Banquet	
	<b>ENTRY SUBTOTAL</b>	
	Total Funds Enclosed: 3% will be added to all Credit Card and Paypal payments	

## **A SEPARATE EVENT FOR JUNIORS: THE JUNIOR STAKES**

A separate event will be held for junior handlers on Thursday, August 16, 2018. No qualification is required for this event, and handlers and dogs need not be entered in the National Championship.

Here's how it works:

- The event is open to junior handlers who will be 18 years of age or under on August 16, 2018.
- It will be divided into two divisions: Novice and Open (see below for details).
- It will consist of two rounds: one standard and one jumper. Scores will be combined, and the winner in each division will be the team with the best aggregate for the two rounds.
- The winners of each division will receive a trophy and rosette. Placement rosettes will also be awarded in each division.
- To enter, handlers and dogs must be registered with the AAC. Handlers must have an AAC Junior Handler number. Dogs must have an AAC registration number.
- Dogs may jump their regulation height or one height lower.
- Dogs may only run the course once.

There are two divisions, as follows:

### **(1) THE NOVICE STAKES:**

This division is for handlers aged 12 and under on the December 31, 2018  
The Novice Stakes will be judged under AAC Advanced JH rules.

### **(2) THE OPEN STAKES**

This division is for handlers aged 13 – 18 before December 31, 2018  
The Open Stakes will be judged under AAC Masters JH rules.

***If you have questions, please e-mail Christine Gardner: [cmgardner@videotron.ca](mailto:cmgardner@videotron.ca)***

Regulation equipment may include single non-wing jumps, single wing jumps, tunnels, dogwalk, teeter, frame (set at 5'), weaves (6 or 12), wall and tire.

Entry fee: \$35 (includes both rounds)

Please enter and pay for this event separately.

# AAC 2018 **NOVICE STAKE** NATIONALS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Please return this signed entry form, the accompanying General Agreement, and the appropriate entry fees (in Canadian funds payable to AAC) to:

**AAC 2018 Nationals Entries**  
**C/O Heather Taylor**  
**55269 Glen Erie Line**  
**RR#2 Vienna, ON**  
**N0J 1Z0**

Entries must be postmarked by Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Incomplete entries (including NSF cheques) will be considered invalid. No post-dated cheques will be accepted and no refunds will be issued after the final closing date. All fees include applicable taxes. On-line entries are also being accepted.

Please see the AAC Nationals website for details.

Junior Stakes Handler's Information		
Handler's name:	Name of Dog's owner if not handler:	
Address:	City:	
Province/State:	Postal/Zip Code:	
Telephone:	E-mail:	
AAC Junior Handler Number:		
I am between 13 - 18 as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2018 <input type="checkbox"/>		
I am 12 years or under as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2018 <input type="checkbox"/>		
Date of Birth including year:		
On Site Emergency Contact:		
<b>Please have your on site person have all other contact info as needed</b>		
Dog's Information (please use a separate entry for each dog)		
Call name:	Breed:	Height at withers:
Date of birth:	AAC#:	
Class entry (please circle one):	OPEN	NOVICE
Jump height for this event (please circle one):		
4"      8"      12"      16"      20"      24"		
Entry Fees		
<b>JUNIOR STAKES Entry Fee</b>	\$35	
<b>Total Funds Enclosed:</b>		