

## **FOR NEW HANDLERS: FILLING OUT AGILITY ENTRY FORMS**

### **For AKC shows:**

First, go to this link for a sample entry form that you can fill in and print out: <http://www.akc.org/pdfs/AEAGL2.pdf>. To fill out any entry form, you will need to have the following information: Dog's name, birth date, AKC registration number, and the name of the Dog's Sire, Dam and Breeder. This information will be on your dog's AKC registration papers. (If you do not know the sire/dam or breeder, it is acceptable to write in "Unknown.") For an AKC trial, your dog must be a purebred dog, and also be registered with the AKC, or have an ILP (Indefinite Listing Privilege) number with them. (If you get an ILP number for your dog, and do not know the true birth date, it is acceptable to use the date of the AKC registration). Getting these registration numbers can take some time, maybe a few months, so plan ahead. You will also be asked to write in your dog's full AKC registered name and his or her 'call name,' the name that you use with your dog every day. And, the form asks for the name and address of the dog's Actual Owner, as listed with the AKC.

For an AKC trial, you can enter one round of Standard and/or one round of Jumpers each day. For more information, their website is [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

Junior Handlers (ages 10-18) will fill in the Junior Handler section, with their AKC Junior Handler number, which can be obtained through the AKC website.

### **For NADAC shows:**

For a NADAC trial, your dog must be registered with NADAC. Their website, with an on-line method to register, is [www.nadac.com](http://www.nadac.com).

An entry form is at: <http://www.nadac.com/Word%20sample%20premium.doc>. Scroll down to page five. For any NADAC trial, you may enter your dog in two rounds of Regular agility each day, two rounds of Jumpers each weekend, and any Games that are offered. You do not have to enter all rounds; the cost is per round entered. Look for any 'package deals,' where you'll pay a little less per run if you enter your dog in all events for the whole weekend.

If you are a Junior Handler (under 17), check those boxes for any classes that you enter, if it applies. Also, if you are a Veteran (handler over 60 OR dog over 7), or if you have a disability, you may enter those classes, if you wish. (See our brochure on NADAC trials.)

### **For Dually Sanctioned shows:**

At any dually sanctioned trial, such as a NADAC/ASCA/AMBOR trial, you could earn qualifying legs and titles in all venues. In order to receive the ASCA/AMBOR titles, though, you must be registered with or get a tracking number from those groups.

If this trial is sanctioned by ASCA, (Australian Shepherd Club of America), the entry form will ask for both a NADAC number and an ASCA number; however, only the NADAC number is required. Any dogs, of any breed, can receive an ASCA Tracking number, and thereby also receive any ASCA titles that they earn. That website is [www.asca.org](http://www.asca.org). If it is sanctioned by AMBOR, (American Mixed Breed Obedience Registry), you may get that number only if your dog is a mixed breed dog, and only mixed breed dogs can receive AMBOR titles. Their website is [www.amborusa.org](http://www.amborusa.org).

**For any show:**

Since you are new to agility, you will enter the Novice (beginning) classes. You can enter either or both the Standard/Regular run (with all of the equipment) and Jumpers (jumps, tunnels, maybe weaves) classes. If this is a NADAC trial, you can also enter any of the Games classes.

You will be in Novice A. Novice B is for those ‘exhibitors’ (those who enter the trial, like you) who have received an agility title on another dog, and now have begun trialing a second (or third) dog. (Don’t laugh, you, too may get hooked on this sport and start looking for another dog). As a Novice A exhibitor, you will compete only against other Novice A handlers and dogs. You will not have to compete against those who have been doing this sport for awhile and have now started a new dog in Novice. Although both groups run the same Novice course, the ribbons and placements are computed separately.

**Your Dog’s Jump Height:**

The next thing to consider is your dog’s jump height. In our club, someone will be glad to help measure your dog for an unofficial estimate of its height at the withers, or shoulders. You will need to fill in your Dog’s Height and the Height Class in which it will be entered (for NADAC), or the Height at Withers and Height Division (for AKC). Go to the websites for those venues to find out your dogs jumping height.

Since you are new to agility and may not have a Height Card yet, the secretary will flag your entry and all dogs without height cards will be measured at the trial. (See our club’s document about Getting Height Cards).

Be sure to indicate which day or days of the show that you are entering, make out the check correctly, and send your entry to the Trial Secretary, whose name and address are usually on the entry form or in the premium.

**Be sure to sign and date your entry, or it will be returned to you!  
If you are a Junior Handler, your parent/guardian must also sign the form.**

You may get an e-mail reply from the secretary, telling you if your entry was received and if you are officially entered in the trial. This is a good time to check your entry, to make sure that all of the information is correct. After the closing date, you may not be able to make any more changes to it.

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