

ON A WHIM AGILITY

Presents Our 5th AAC Sanctioned Agility Trial

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Saturday August 16 & Sunday August 17, 2025

FREE Ice Cream!

West Niagara Fairgrounds, 7402 Mud St W, Grassie ON

Richardson Building, Indoors, Packed Dirt

One Ring 100'x125', Fully Fenced

Electronic Timing, Rubberized Contacts, Saloon Tire

Judges: Ian Cranstone, Billie McLean, Stuart Mackay

Entry via Google [Entry Form](#) - Limited Entry

Entries Open: July 21, 2025, 10am

Close Date: August 3, 2025 (or when full)

Classes Offered and Running Order

Saturday	Sunday
Starters Standard 1 – IC	Starters Standard 2 – SM
Advanced Standard 1 – SM	Advanced Standard 2 – SM
Masters Standard 1 – IC	Masters Standard 2 – BM
Steeplechase 1 – IC	Steeplechase 2 – BM
Starters Gamblers 1 – IC	Starters Snooker 1 – BM
Advanced Gamblers 1 – SM	Advanced Snooker 1 – BM
Masters Gamblers 1 – IC	Masters Snooker 1 – BM
Starters Jumpers 1 – IC	Starters Jumpers 2 – SM
Advanced Jumpers 1 – IC	Advanced Jumpers 2 – SM
Masters Jumpers 1 – IC	Masters Jumpers 2 – BM

Entries: Online Entry Only

Online Entry accepts AAC Participation Waiver and Release ([read here](#))

Classes: (HST included)

Regular Runs: \$22 per class

FEO and Junior Handlers: \$16 per class

Late entry fee (after closing): \$25 per class

Camping: \$35/night

Payment: E-transfer to onawhim.agility@gmail.com, payment must accompany entry for entry to be valid.

Camping: On site camping, with electrical hookups only, is available starting the night before each trial. Campers may remain the last night of the trial and must vacate the premises by 10am the next morning. Camping is on stone dust on the midway pad – 15, 20, 30 and 50 amp service is available. Campers are responsible for seeking out water and pump out locations. Campers may arrive by 9am Friday morning. Do not drive on the grass. Do not use the ponds. The gate will be closed overnight, and the entire property is fenced, but there will be no security overnight.

Start Times:

Measuring – 8:30am

Briefing/Walk Through – 8:45am

First dog on the Line – 9am

In case of changes, check your confirmation.

Confirmations: All confirmations will be emailed and posted on the website one week before trial.

Height/ID Cards: Entries must be accompanied by a photocopy or photo of your dog's height card, unless we already have it on record. If you do not e-mail it to the club or present it at trial check-in, your dog must be measured. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Measuring: All competing dogs must be registered with the AAC and have a valid Dog Identification Card. An application for an ID card can be downloaded from www.aac.ca. Dogs under 2 years of age must be measured. Measuring will be done before the trial starts and during course builds.

Food: Lunch and snacks will be available for purchase.

Volunteering: Everyone must pitch in to help run this trial. Thank you to all who go above and beyond. Please sign up!

Move Ups: Move Ups may be allowed with as much notice as possible.

Refunds: There will be no refunds for withdrawn entries, except for injured dogs and bitches in season with a veterinarian's note. Absolutely no refunds once the Trial has started.

Weather: Trials will run rain or shine. Dress for the weather as it may be cool in the building.

Accessibility Option (AO): AAC has an accessibility option for seniors (65+) or handlers of any age with a disability. This gives modified course times and/or points regarding qualifying run requirements, for the entire trial. Proof of age or disability will not be requested. This option is included on entry form.

Prizes and Awards: In each of the Standard and Games rounds, self-serve ribbons will be available for 1st to 4th in each height division. Qualifying ribbons, self-serve, will be awarded to all dogs that achieve a qualifying score in any class. We have Title Ribbons – please inform us of your Title!

Veterinarian On Call: Hamilton Region Emergency Vet Clinic
505 King St W, Hamilton L8P 1B9
905-529-1004

Niagara Veterinary Emergency Clinic
3300 Merrittville Hwy #1A, Thorold, ON L2V 4Y6
905-641-3185

Accommodations: (Information Subject to Change)

Sandman Hotel, 560 Centennial Pkwy N, Hamilton, 289-389-7203, 25km
Aug 15/16/17 - Block of Pet-Friendly Rooms on Hold until June 30, 2025
\$179/night plus 17.52% taxes, pet fees waived but must register for pet friendly room

1. Call 1-800-SANDMAN, reference 'On A Whim Agility Trials August'
Block Code 2508ONAWHI, request pet-friendly room

If rooms are no longer available, please email onawhim.agility@gmail.com and we will try to secure more rooms if available.

Comfort Inn, 183 Centennial Pkwy N, Hamilton, 905-560-4500, 22km
10 Rooms for Dogs, 2 Pets/Room, Pet Fee \$20/night (not per pet), Free Breakfast

Quality Inn & Suites, 11 Windward Dr, Grimsby, 905-309-8800, 11km
6 Rooms for Dogs, Pet Fee \$25/pet/night, Free Breakfast

Trial Secretary: Liz Ostrander, onawhim.agility@gmail.com, text 519-546-7135

Venue:**Directions:**

From QEW Eastbound, take exit 71 onto Christie St, go right on Christie St and right on Mud St W for 250m.

From QEW Westbound, take exit 68 onto Bartlett Ave, go left on Bartlett Ave, right on Main St E, left on Park Rd S and right on Mud St E.

Gates Open – Friday 4-8pm; Saturday and Sunday 7am-8pm

Richardson Building: Large red steel building just past office/reception hall building, parking lot to the left. Parking is preferred on the gravel area past the paved lot. For camping turn right before office/reception hall. Do not drive on the grass. **The ponds are off-limits.**

Washrooms are indoor and may be shared with other groups using the property.

West Niagara Fairgrounds is a multi-use facility, and we must be respectful of other groups using the facility. We may be asked to restrict our use of some areas of the property. Check confirmations for those details on a per trial basis.

Smoking is permitted on site but please stay a respectful distance away from buildings, vehicles, participants and other users of the facility. Butts must be disposed of properly in provided receptacles, do not leave them on the ground!

Crating can be from the car, set up shade tents on designated grass area (not with a vehicle) or ample crating space indoors on the dirt or cement surfaces. You may want to bring a tarp for under your crates/chair.

Rules: This test is being held under the Agility Association of Canada Inc. (AAC) Rules.

Exhibitors, through submission of entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of the AAC Rules and Regulations. This test is open to all dogs being at least 18 months of age, including purebred and non-purebred, except dogs suffering from any deformity, injury or illness that may affect the dog's physical or mental performance, or dogs exhibiting signs of aggression towards people or other dogs. No food or other training aids/devices shall be permitted on the course at any time (this includes in your pockets). There shall be NO REFUNDS for entries withdrawn after the closing date, except for bitches that come into season or injured dogs with veterinarian's note. If the dog and/or handler are dismissed from competition, regardless of the reason for such dismissal, there will be no refunds given. Any handler who is found to abuse a dog will be disqualified and reported to the AAC. All competitors participate in the events at their own risk. The General Agreement (Assumption of Risk and Liability) must be signed in order to comply with AAC's acceptance and entrance to this trial. Unless competing in the ring or using the warm-up jump, ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH and BE UNDER CONTROL AT ALL TIMES. Everyone is responsible to ensure that his or her dog is behaving correctly, or you and your dog will be asked to leave the venue – no refunds will be given. You must clean up after your dog and yourself, receptacles will be provided. Anyone found not cleaning up will be refused future entry. There will be no equipment familiarization. A warm-up area with a single jump will be provided. No other equipment or training device can be utilized on the show grounds the day of the trial. We reserve the right to change the running order or start times at any time.

Bitches In Season: BIS are allowed to compete. At any AAC event where BIS are allowed to compete, the following conditions will apply and must be clearly stated in the club premium: 1. Handlers are required to notify the trial secretary that they will be running a BIS at the event as soon as it is known. 2. It must be stated in the club premium that handlers should minimize exposure of their BIS to other dogs and limit their movements about the grounds. 3. Competitors will be notified there is a BIS on site. 4. A protective mat shall be used at the start line. The mat will be provided by the Competitor. 5. The club premium will state whether BIS may run in protective panties. (at competitors' discretion) 6. BIS will run as a group at the end of each class. 7. "BIS" will be noted next to the dog's name on the gate sheet so that other competitors, ring crew and the Judge(s) are aware. 8. BIS must use a designated relief area. (At West Niagara Fairgrounds, this is the grass area north and east of the parking lot, and front gate. 9. BIS must wear protective panties when not running or not within the designated relief area. Regardless of whether BIS are allowed at a particular trial, or not, competitors with dogs that come into season will be allowed to withdraw and will be offered a refund if they choose not to compete.

Class Descriptions:

AAC Starters Class: The starters class shall be for dogs not having earned the Agility Dog of Canada (ADC) title. A dog must achieve 3 clear Starter Standard rounds under 2 different judges to be awarded the ADC title.

AAC Advanced Class: The advanced class shall be for dogs having earned the Agility Dog of Canada (ADC) title, but that have not yet earned the title of Advanced Agility Dog of Canada (AADC). A dog must achieve 3 clear Advanced Standard rounds under 2 different judges to be awarded the AADC title.

AAC Masters Class: The Master Class shall be for dogs having earned the Advanced Agility Dog of Canada (AADC) title. To be awarded the Master Agility Dog of Canada (MADC) title by the AAC, a dog must achieve 3 clear Master Standard rounds under 2 different judges.

Biathlon: Is offered as an "all level" class. All dogs, any performance level and any category. No prerequisite is required. There are three ways to qualify. Dogs running clean and under course time in the agility round will earn a standard agility qualifier at whatever level the dog is in. Dogs running clean and under time in JWW will also earn a jumpers qualifier at whatever level they are in. If the dog has faults in either round BUT is under (T+F) SCT then the dog may earn a Biathlon qualifier.

Steeplechase: is a class offered at one level, but open to all dogs, (Starters, Advanced and Masters compete together). It is a fast moving course consisting of jumps, tire, tunnels, weave poles and an a-frame. 10 qualifying runs earn a Masters Steeplechase Dog of Canada title.

Games: Gamblers, Snooker and Jumpers are required at all levels for ATChC progression: Starters, Advanced and Masters. Progression from one level to the next is as follows: Movement into Advanced Games from Starters level games requires two qualifying scores, under 2 different judges, in the Starters game to move to that Advanced Game. The Starters Games Dog of Canada title requires 2 Q's in each of the 3 games at the Starters level. Movement into Masters games from Advanced level games requires three qualifying scores, under 2 different judges in the Advanced Game to move to that Masters game and Masters requires four qualifying scores (under 2 different judges) in each of the 3 games. Team progression: 4 Master Team Q's = MTRDC title. STR & ATR Q's earned prior to Jan 1, 10 count towards the Bronze, Silver & Gold levels but not the MTRDC.

AAC Veterans Class: Veterans class is for dogs 7 years of age and older or dogs 5 years of age and older who have been competing in the Specials Agility Class for a minimum of 1 year.

AAC Specials Class: Specials class is open to all dogs. A dog entered in Special Classes may move to the Veteran Classes. A dog may no longer compete in the Regular Starters, Advanced & Masters titling classes once entered at an official trial in any of the Veteran or Special agility classes. Dogs moving into Veterans & Specials from Regular classes take their titles with them (i.e. they move laterally).

Agility Association of Canada (AAC) Participation Waiver and Release

Handler Name: _____
Dog Name: (the "Dog") _____ AAC Dog ID#: _____

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry by AAC and On A Whim 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") or the owners of the premises or grounds (the "Property Owners") upon which this event is held, and their respective employees and agents, 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, the Personnel and the Property Owners, 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, the Personnel and the Property Owners 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.
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 (mm/dd/yy): _____

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

Submission of online entry constitutes electronic signature on this Agreement.