



# APC Companion Guidelines for the National Specialty

Agility, Obedience, and Rally

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## CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

### **Companion Committee Chair is the governing person for all APC Companion Events. [20150312-13-BM](#)**

#### General

The National Specialty should be a showcase of our breed. As such the judges selected should be of a caliber appropriate for a National Specialty. Companion events (as identified by the American Kennel Club) are defined as Agility, Obedience and Rally; required and optional classes are identified in chapters 2 and 3. Generally it will take ½ day for all Agility classes and ½ day for the Obedience and Rally classes; the events should reflect the same care and preparation as all other classes and events offered at the National Specialty.

#### Location

Working in conjunction with the show chair, a location for the Agility, Obedience and Rally events shall be determined, and if necessary permission obtained and a contract completed for the use of the location. Please note, should a contract be necessary for the use of the location selected, it **must** be signed by the APC Treasurer. [20111213-50-PM.](#)

The grounds should be of adequate size and offer a safe environment for the working dogs. Whenever possible, the Agility, Obedience and Rally events should be outdoors, and within a reasonable proximity to the conformation rings. Obedience and Rally should be offered on a separate day from Agility. Pay close attention to scheduling so as to avoid conflict with other events offered on the same day. Time for starting agility, obedience and rally will be determined after entries close.

#### Timeline

The Agility Chair and Obedience/Rally chair should be selected by the Show Chair as part of his/her Specialty Committee. The chairs will be part of the show committee for the National Specialty and shall be included in show committee correspondence and meetings. Working with the show committee the chairs' should confirm the grounds are appropriate and verify with the show chair the location for Agility and Obedience/Rally. Note: The Show Chair shall provide the list of Specialty sub-chairs (hospitality, grounds, awards, etc.) to all committee members to aid in communication.

Judges should be selected and confirmed in the same time line as the Breed Judges; this can be done immediately after the APC Board approves the application to hold a specialty at the Annual Board Meeting two years prior to said specialty. Please note, many agility judges are booked up to two (2) years in advance of events. As soon as possible, after verbally or by email confirming the judge, the APC Treasurer will send a contract for signature. The judges' contracts should be completed within 60 days of the verbal/email confirmation. Please note, APC Rules require that the Judges contract must be signed by the

APC Treasurer. The APC Treasurer should send a copy of the contract to the each Companion Committee Chair along with a copy to the Show Chair. Additionally, the Agility and Rally/Obedience chairs shall contact their respective judge approximately 30 days prior to the show for final confirmation of details (e.g. transportation from an airport, room reservation, meal selection.)

An agility trial secretary shall be selected if the Superintendent/Show Secretary for the National does not handle Agility. The secretary's contract shall be submitted along with the complete application to hold the National Specialty two years prior to the specialty at the Annual Board Meeting.

At least **eight months** prior to the specialty, the APC application to hold the agility trial shall be submitted to AKC for approval of the event(s). This application requires the signature of the **Recording Secretary** along with the agility trial chair. Form can be found at [www.AKC.org](http://www.AKC.org) – Events- Downloadable forms – Application Form for Licensed Agility Trials & Sanctioned Matches.

Equipment should be reserved for the event. All equipment must comply with AKC's regulations. Agility equipment may be available for rent from a local agility club, some venues offer equipment for rent or loan (e.g. Purina Farms), and some judges also rent equipment. Obedience/Rally equipment may be available for rent from a local club, some venues offer equipment for rent or loan (e.g. Purina Farms) or members of APC may be able to provide equipment. Note: Any contract related to rental of equipment **must** be signed by the APC Treasurer. It is recommended that you get written confirmation of the rental. The Chair should also review the AKC rules and regulations and verify that the rental equipment will meet any new requirements developed by AKC (e.g. new rally signs, changes to contact zones).

Work with the Show Chair to prepare the premium list for Agility. While agility is considered a separate event, with a separate secretary, it should be included with the National premium. Once the Show Chair receives the premium from the Show Secretary he/she shall send the agility portion to the Agility Chair for proofing. Once proofed by the Agility Chair, he/she will return their portion of the premium to the Show Chair with any corrections. Once the Show chair has received all the sections of the premium back from each respective chair he/she will do a final proof with a minimum of two of the following: APC Vice President, National Specialty Guidelines Chair, a previous show chair or APC member who is a show chair of either a specialty and/or All Breed Show. [20150312-15-BM](#) The premium list should be submitted for final review no later than 120 days prior to the date of the event.

Prepare premium list for Obedience/Rally. This will be included as part of the National premium, however the Obedience/Rally chair is responsible for proofing and making any changes necessary. Once the Show Chair receives the premium from the Show Secretary he/she shall send the obedience/rally portion to the Obedience/Rally Chair for proofing. Once proofed by the Obedience/Rally Chair, he/she will return their portion of the premium to the Show Chair with any corrections. Once the Show chair has received all the sections of the premium back from each respective chair he/she will do a final proof with a minimum of

two of the following: APC Vice President, National Specialty Guidelines Chair, a previous show chair or APC member who is a show chair of either a specialty and/or All Breed Show. [20150312-15-BM](#) The premium list should be submitted for final review no later than 120 days prior to the date of the event. Note: In some cases the show superintendent may prepare the Obedience/Rally premium, the Obedience/Rally chair should still proofread the premium.

### Selection of Judges

Check the AKC website for judges in the area of the specialty. Many Agility judges are booked up to 2 years in advance, and some Obedience Rally Judges are booked up to 1 year in advance. After the initial phone or email contact ask the APC Treasurer to send a contract to the judge selected.

Agility judges often have their own contract. A sample contract is in Chapter 4. The contract **must** be signed by the judge and the APC Treasurer. [2011123-50-PM.](#)

Judges fees, a \$250 limit can be reasonable for an obedience/rally judge. For an agility judge, the fee and expenses not to exceed \$500 before additional Board approval is required. [20150312-08-BM](#) Should a fee in excess of these amounts be needed, the chair must notify the board (APC VP) in order to obtain approval for the higher fee.

Whenever possible, it is beneficial to utilize a local judge as they often may have equipment, or have access to equipment. Many judges offer a price break for a national specialty as they understand the low number of entries will impact the clubs revenue.

The Agility and Obedience/Rally Chairs should work with the Show Chair (or designee) to coordinate the procurement of appropriate Judges gifts.

## **CHAPTER 2 AGILITY GUIDELINES**

### Agility Chair Qualifications

The Agility Chair should have adequate experience, and is best if the person has been involved in Agility for some time. This experience may have been acquired through working at agility matches, all-breed agility trials or independent specialty trials. It is not required, but is an asset, if the Chair has served in the capacity for other Specialties or all-breed trials. The Chair should have working knowledge of AKC rules, a good feel for the physical requirements of show-grounds, ring layout, scheduling etc., as well as the emotional atmosphere that contributes to a successful National. This means understanding the importance of organization, hospitality, and all the little extras that contribute to the general ambiance. The Chair should have good rapport with people since communication with the rest of the committee members is vital. They should also have good business sense, be able to make logical decisions, delegate authority, conduct telephone conferences and keep records.

Agility Chair Duties. The specific duties of the Agility Chair are as follows:

- Co-ordinate/communicate with the National Specialty Chair and all other key personnel, particularly the grounds and hospitality chairs.
- Arrange for equipment that meets AKC requirements, some venues such as Purina Farms provides equipment at no charge. Other options are the show superintendent, local agility clubs, local agility secretaries, judges.
- Select a formal Agility committee. Note: It is helpful in course building during the trial to have a 100 foot measuring tape and a measuring wheel available. These may need to be purchased or borrowed for the trial.
- Select an agility show secretary (generally the breed show secretaries are not familiar with agility rules/requirements and are unable to act as the agility secretary).
- Complete and submit AKC application to hold the agility trial.
- Arrange for selection of judges and for judges' hospitality.
- Proof the premium list and return with suggested changes if necessary to the Show Chair.
- Obtain a copy of AKC's Agility Regulations for reference and potential use the day of the event.
- Coordinate with grounds chair to oversee grounds set up at the show site.
- Appoint a chief ring steward or appoint ring crew.
- In coordination with the Show Chair, set up a master time schedule for the days of conformation and agility.
- Arrange transportation for the judge if required.
- Complete AKC post-trial report (on line) within 30 days of the completion of the agility trial. [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) – Events- Downloadable Forms – Trial Chairman's Agility Trial Report.
- Write official agility trial report for submission to the Board and publication in Pointer Points no later than 30 days following the event.

Agility Trial Committee All Committee Chairs and Committee members for the National Specialty are American Pointer Club members. [20150409-19-BM](#)

- The Agility Chair shall act as the Committee Chairperson and shall select members of the Agility trial committee. This chairperson shall be a member of the Events Committee for the National Specialty. The chairperson should obtain a current copy of AKC's Agility Regulations for reference and potential use the day of the event. The Agility Chair and committee may compete at the trial.
- An agility trial committee must be appointed. This committee will exercise all the authority of the Event Committee as designated by AKC's Agility Regulations for the day of the event. The National Specialty Show Chair is to be a member of the committee.
- Secretary – The secretary is responsible for processing entries prior to the trial and may act as the score keeper at the trial. If the Secretary is not

- attending the trial, you will need to appoint someone to process scribe sheets and complete the AKC paperwork.
- Trophy Chair – A member(s) of the committee should be appointed to select, acquire, and/or solicit trophies for the event. The member or members selected do not have to be members of the Agility Trial Committee. It is recommended that the trophy chair coordinate as much as possible with the trophy chair for the main event as well as with the Obedience trophy chair.
  - Hospitality Chair – A chair should be appointed to provide hospitality for the judge and exhibitors, including at minimum lunch for the judge. The hospitality chair does not have to be a member of the Agility Trial Committee. It is recommended that the chair coordinate as much as possible with the hospitality chair for the main event as well as with the Obedience hospitality chair.
  - Fundraising Chair – A chair should be appointed to raise funds to assist with the expenses for the agility event. The chair should work in conjunction with the Obedience/Rally Trial Committee for joint fundraising. The fundraising chair does not have to be a member of the Agility Trial Committee. Funds raised in excess of the costs of the trial shall be tracked by the APC treasurer.
  - Chief Ring Steward – The Agility Trial Committee shall designate a Chief Ring Steward for the event. The Chief Ring Steward is not barred from competing in the agility trial. The Chief Ring Steward is responsible for assembling volunteers for the Ring Crew and making sure each person is in place for each class.
  - Chief Course Builder – while not as critical as at an all breed trial, having a chief course builder will assure a smooth transition from one class to another.
  - Ring crew – day of trial. Like many of the other Companion events, agility has a large following of people who are willing to work at the National. You need lots of people, so don't hesitate to ask for assistance. You'll get offers. The Chief Ring Steward will generally request volunteers prior to the show; however additional volunteers may be necessary.

### Agility Equipment

Agility equipment – must be equipment that meets the AKC requirements. If you are contracting with a local club it is important to verify the equipment meets AKC requirements. Review the most current AKC rules for a list of equipment required. In addition, a 100 foot measuring tape and a measuring wheel will aid in course building

Timers – You may be able to rent timers with agility equipment. If you are unable to secure timers, you may use hand held stop watches. Some APC members are also members of Agility clubs and may be able to provide timers.

Ring surround - While ring tape is acceptable, some type of solid or semi solid (e.g. baby gates) ring set up is preferred. Coordinate with the show chair as

the superintendent will often provide baby gates for the conformation rings and they should have enough to set up the obedience and agility ring also.

Ring size - 100 x 100 is ideal; however 100 x 80 is acceptable. The ground should be level and free of holes. Remember people and dogs will be running at full speed and will be making quick cuts and turns. The Chief course builder should inspect the ring prior to building the course. It may be necessary to fill in holes, so a shovel and dirt may be helpful to have available.

#### Required classes

- Standard
  - Novice A & B
  - Novice Preferred
  - Open
  - Open Preferred
  - Excellent
  - Masters
  - Excellent Preferred
  - Masters Preferred
- Jumpers
  - Novice A & B
  - Novice Preferred
  - Open
  - Open Preferred
  - Excellent
  - Masters
  - Excellent Preferred
  - Masters Preferred
- Fast
  - Novice A & B
  - Novice Preferred
  - Open
  - Open Preferred
  - Excellent
  - Masters
  - Excellent Preferred
  - Masters Preferred
  - Time to Beat

Expect jump heights of 16", 20", 24" and possibly 26". This translates to a total of 28 potential classes eligible for awards at each jump height.

**Beginning 10/1/15 the AKC has approved deaf dogs to participate in agility trials**



## Awards

Rosettes shall be awarded for first-fourth place in all classes. A 4" diameter rosette with three 8" to 11" streamers is appropriate for the class placements, as well as for a qualifying score. As AKC does not require dates on the ribbons, any unused rosettes should be inventoried and provided to the chair for next year's national.

Generally, trophies are also offered for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>, any trophies offered in addition to the rosettes must be listed in the premium.

### High Scoring Agility Dog and High Scoring Preferred Agility Dog Award

- High Scoring Agility Dog Trophy shall be awarded to the dog with the highest qualifying score from the Regular classes. Should there be a tie; the dog with the fastest yards per second shall be awarded the High in Trial. There will be two High Scoring Agility Dog Awards offered, one for the highest scoring dog from the regular jump heights and one for the highest scoring dog from preferred jump heights.
- If there are no qualifiers in the Standard classes, the High Scoring Agility Dog Trophy shall be awarded to the dog with the highest qualifying score from the Jumps with Weaves classes. Should there be a tie; the dog with the fastest yards per second shall be awarded the High in Trial.

### Optional awards:

- Rosette for completion of a title (same size as the class placement ribbon)
- Rosette for a Double Q (same size as the class placement ribbon)
- A MACH or PACH bar should be available in case an agility team finishes a MACH or PACH at the National.

### Ribbons:

Rosettes shall be awarded for first-fourth to each dog that receives a qualifying score, and to dogs placing first through fourth in each height division of each class. At least a 2" rosette with three 8" to 11" streamers is appropriate for the class, as well as for a qualifying score. Each qualifying rosette shall be dark green in color, and shall bear on the face a facsimile of the seal of the AKC, the words "Agility Trial," "Qualifying Score", and the name of the trial-giving club.

Rosettes must also contain the name of the class, date and location of the event, all of which may appear on the face or the back tab or label.

Placement rosettes shall conform to the foregoing requirements except that they shall state First, Second, Third, or Fourth Place in place of "Qualifying Score."

See attachment C for ribbon colors.

**If the AKC cancels a dog's win, the dog's owner must return all ribbons and prizes to the show-giving club within 10 days of receiving the AKC's cancellation notice.**

## **CHAPTER 3 OBEDIENCE GUIDELINES**

### Obedience/Rally Chair Qualifications

The Obedience Chair should have adequate experience (such as past ring steward experience, participation in obedience club that puts on AKC obedience/rally trials, a licensed or provisional judge). Ideally, the chair has been involved in trialing dogs for some time and the qualifying experience has been demonstrated recently. It is not required, but is an asset, if the Chair has served in this capacity for other Obedience clubs, Specialties or all-breed shows. The Chair should have working knowledge of AKC rules, a good feel for the physical requirements of show-grounds, ring layout, scheduling etc., as well as the emotional atmosphere that contributes to a successful National. This means understanding the importance of organization, hospitality, and all the little extras that contribute to the general ambiance. The Chairs should have good rapport with people since communication with the rest of the committee members is vital.

### Obedience Chair Duties

- Coordinate/communicate with the National Specialty Chair and all other key personnel, particularly the grounds, trophy and hospitality chairs.
- The chairperson should obtain a copy of AKC's Obedience/Rally regulations for reference and potential use the day of the event.
- Arrange for equipment that complies with AKC requirements (jumps, rally signs etc.) Refer to the Obedience/ Rally guidelines for list of required equipment.
- Select a formal Obedience/Rally Trial Committee
- Arrange for selection of judge and for judges' hospitality.
- In coordination with the Show Chair prepare the premium list. In addition to the standard information outlined in the AKC Show Manual, be sure to include information pertinent to the Specialty itself. Once prepared and proofed by the show secretary, it should be submitted to the event coordinator so that it can be sent out with the premium for the National Specialty. Generally, the premium should be to the Show Chair no later than 120 days prior to the date of the specialty.
- Coordinate with grounds chair to oversee grounds set up at the obedience show site. **Ring size should be 40 x 50.**
- Appoint a Chief Ring Steward and/or arrange for stewards

- In coordination with the Show Chair, set up a master time schedule for the days of conformation and obedience/Rally.
- Arrange transportation for the judge

Obedience/Rally Trial Committee All Committee Chairs and Committee members for the National Specialty are American Pointer Club members. [20150409-19-BM](#)

- The Obedience Chair shall act as the Committee Chairperson and shall select members of the Obedience/Rally Trial Committee. This chairperson shall be a member of the Events Committee for the National Specialty. The chairperson should obtain a copy of AKC's obedience/Rally regulations for reference and potential use the day of the event.
- An Obedience/Rally committee must be appointed. This committee will exercise all the authority of the Event Committee as designated by AKC's Obedience/Rally regulations for the day of the event.
- Trophy Chair – A member should be appointed to select, acquire, and/or solicit trophies for the event. The member or members selected do not have to be members of the Obedience/Rally Trial Committee. It is recommended that the trophy chair coordinate as much as possible with the trophy chair for the main event.
- Hospitality Chair – A chair should be appointed to provide hospitality for the judge and exhibitors, including at minimum lunch for the judge. The hospitality chair does not have to be a member of the Obedience/Rally Trial Committee. This committee can be made up of one or more persons. It is recommended that they coordinate as much as possible with the hospitality chair for the main event.
- Fundraising Chair – A chair should be appointed to raise funds to assist with the expenses for the Obedience/Rally event. The chair should work in conjunction with the Agility Trial Committee for joint fundraising. The fundraising chair does not have to be a member of the Obedience/Rally Trial Committee. Funds raised in excess of the costs of the trials shall be tracked by the APC treasurer.
- Chief Ring Steward – The Obedience/Rally Trial Committee shall designate a Chief Ring Steward for the event. The Chief Ring Steward is not barred from competing in the Obedience/Rally trial.
- Ring Stewards - At least two, preferably three ring stewards should be allotted for the novice and open obedience rings, and definitely three for the utility ring. Having three obedience stewards enables one steward to man the table while the other two are acting as posts or setting up jumps. The Chief Ring Steward may also act as a ring steward.

Obedience/Rally Equipment

Ring gates - While ring tape is acceptable, some type of solid or semi solid (e.g. baby gates) ring set up is preferred. Coordinate with the show chair as the superintendent will often provide baby gates for the conformation rings and they should have enough to set up the obedience and agility ring also.

Jumps – high jump, broad jump, bar jump that meet AKC requirements. Please refer to the AKC Obedience Regulations. Often the show superintendent may have the obedience and/or rally equipment available at no cost. If the show superintendent does not have equipment, contact local obedience training clubs as they may rent their equipment for a low fee. Additionally, some venues (e.g. Purina Farms) have Obedience equipment available.

Rally equipment - If the show superintendent does not have Rally equipment available, contact local obedience training clubs as they may rent their equipment for a low fee. Additionally, some venues (e.g. Purina Farms) have Obedience equipment available.

**As of 10/3/15 the AKC has granted permission for deaf dogs to participate in obedience and rally classes.**

#### Required Classes - Titling

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| • Obedience- Regular Classes | Preferred Classes |
| ○ Novice A                   | Preferred Novice  |
| ○ Novice B                   | Preferred Open    |
| ○ Open A                     | Preferred Utility |
| ○ Open B                     |                   |
| ○ Utility A                  |                   |
| ○ Utility B                  |                   |
| • Rally                      |                   |
| ○ Novice A                   |                   |
| ○ Novice B                   |                   |
| ○ Advanced A                 |                   |
| ○ Advanced B                 |                   |
| ○ Excellent A                |                   |
| ○ Excellent B                |                   |

#### Optional Classes

- Obedience
  - Beginner Novice
  - Graduate Novice
  - Graduate Open
  - Veterans
  - Versatility

- Rally
  - Rally Pairs
  - Rally T Challenge
  - Rally T Challenge Team
  - Rally T

### Award

Rosettes shall be awarded for first-fourth place in all classes. At least a 2” diameter rosette with three 8” to 11” streamers is appropriate for the class placements, as well as for a qualifying score. The ribbon will bear on its face a facsimile of the seal of the AKC, the words “Obedience Trial”, the name of the placement/award and the name of the trial-giving club. The date of the trial and the name of the city or town where the trial is held must appear on the face, back tab or on a label attached to the specific ribbon.

**Qualifying rosettes** will be at least 2” wide and a minimum of 8” long and will bear on the face a facsimile of the seal of the AKC, the words “Obedience Trial”, the name of the placement and the name of the trial giving club. The date of the trial and the name of the city or town where the trial is held may be on the face of the ribbon.

Generally, trophies are also offered for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>, any trophies offered in addition to the rosettes must be listed in the premium as well as the catalog.

Obedience must offer rosettes and trophies for High in Trial and High Combined.

Specific Ribbon Colors for regular and non-regular classes, as well as the high in trial, high combined awards and qualifying scores are listed in attachment C.

Additional obedience trophies may also be offered, such as:

Highest-Scoring Champion of Record

Highest-Scoring Dog Handled by a senior (Generally the age requirement is 60 years or older)

Highest-Scoring Veteran from the Regular Classes (A Veteran is 7 years or older)

These additional trophies should all be awarded from the regular classes and should be so specified in the premium list.

A nice touch is having special rosettes for the dogs competing in the Veterans classes, regardless of scores.

**If the AKC cancels a dog’s win, the dog’s owner must return all ribbons and prizes to the show-giving club within 10 days of receiving the AKC’s cancellation notice.**

## CHAPTER 4 SAMPLE DOCUMENTS

### Judges Contract – Attachment A

- Original must be signed by the Judge and by the APC Treasurer
- Once signed, a copy should be sent to the Show Chair, Agility Chair, and Obedience/Rally Chair

### Sample Agility Contract



### American Pointer Club, Inc. Agility Judge's Contract

**Parties:** \_\_\_\_\_, AKC Judge # \_\_\_\_\_; hereafter referred to as "the judge" and American Pointer Club, Inc.; hereafter referred to as "the club"

**Event Days:**

**Event Location:**

**Trial Secretary:** [

**Trial Chairman:**

**Judging Assignment:** The trial will run in the following order:

**FAST (3) ~ STD (3) ~ T2B (1) ~ JWW (3)**

Master, Excellent, Open & Novice (predominately 20" and 24" dogs)

Ring surface is grass

***Recommend designing nested courses as much as possible for small numbers of exhibitors.***

The judge will be designing and judging **TEN** (10) courses for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for judging per day.

An additional amount for mileage to and from the show site (not to exceed \$0.\_\_\_\_/mile) and the cost of reproducing course maps will be reimbursed to the judge. Lunch on the day of the show will be provided as well as refreshments. Lodging is NOT included.

At least 2 weeks prior to the event, the club will provide the judge with the following:

- Premium list
- Copy of the confirmation sheet sent to exhibitors, or an email detailing the time for judge's briefing, time judging begins, running order (jump height) and class order.

- Final judging counts (so judge can determine how many course copies to make)
- A fax number or e-mail where the judge can send contact/quadrant obstacle placement (to get a head start on ring set up).
- A secondary contact person and their home, work and cell phone number.

**Judge Cancellation:** In the event the judge is unable to adjudicate at this show, this contract shall become null and void.

**Show Cancellation:** In the event the club cancels this show or this assignment, the club shall pay the base judge's fee of \$250.00 and any expenses incurred by the judge which may have resulted from this assignment.

American Pointer Club, Inc. \_\_\_\_\_ Date:  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Treasurer

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ AKC #

**Please return one copy of this contract in the envelope provided. The other copy is for your files.**

**Sample Obedience/Rally Contract**



American Pointer Club, Inc.  
Judge's Contract

Judge Name & Address (AKC # \_\_\_\_\_) Obedience & Rally Chair Name & Address

This agreement is made by and between the **American Pointer Club, Inc.** (hereinafter referred to as **APC**) and \_\_\_\_\_, **Judge # \_\_\_\_\_** (hereinafter referred to as **Judge**). The parties to this agreement do hereby agree as follows:

**Assignment:** The Judge accepts the judging assignment of all classes of **Obedience and Rally Trials** of the APC National Specialty to be held on \_\_\_\_\_

**Judges Fee:** The Judge's fee for this assignment will be: \_\_\_\_\_

The Judge will also be reimbursed for incidental expenses and mileage travel via the Judge's car with a maximum compensation of \$250.00. Lunch on the day of the show will be provided as well as refreshments. Lodging is NOT included.

**Judge Cancellation:** In the event the Judge is unable to adjudicate at this show, this contract shall become null and void.

**Show Cancellation:** In the event the APC cancels this show or this assignment, APC shall pay the base Judge's fee of \$100.00 and any expenses incurred by the Judge which may have resulted from this assignment.

American Pointer Club, Inc.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Treasurer

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return one copy of this contract in the envelope provided. The other copy is for your files.**



## Agility Premium List – Attachment B

- Latest agility premium list should be attached for review

### Agility Premium List Information taken from the 2015 Premium List

#### AGILITY TRIAL COMMITTEE

Trial Chair..... Diane Townsend  
..... 6610 Forest Creek Ct, Fort Wayne IN 46635 • townsend\_diane@frontier.com • 260-485-2965

Members..... Megan Goodwin, Kate Hornick, Marva Petrequin, Joan Schmeling, Kathy Shorter

Entries open Wednesday February 4 8am CDT & close Wednesday April 29 6pm CDT. **Entry limit 100 runs.**

Entries received via First Received method - envelopes containing more than 10 dogs' entry forms will be refused. No hand deliveries in the first 24 hours after the opening date/time.

The agility trial is open to Pointers 15 months of age or older that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited Registration or Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP). Bitches in season, aggressive dogs, and dogs suffering from any deformity, injury or illness which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance are not eligible to participate.

By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all obstacles safely.

Except for dogs needing measurement, dogs are not required to be at the trial until their scheduled time of judging. The owner/handler of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at ringside when the class is to be judged.

Owners are responsible for entering the proper height class. All measurements at the dog's withers.

Regular classes Preferred Classes

20 inches For dogs over 18" & under 22" 16 inches For dogs over 18" & to 22"

24 inches For dogs over 22" 20 inches For dogs over 22"

26 inches For any ht dog (owner's discretion) Dogs MAY NOT enter a higher jump height.

Dogs MAY enter a higher jump height.

**SITE INFO:** The trial will be held outdoors on grass in a 150x150 gated ring. Electronic timing will be used in all classes except FAST which may be hand timed. All obstacles meet the current rule specifications.

Aframe, dogwalk, teeter & table have rubberized surfaces.

**CLASSES OFFERED:** FAST, Standard, Time 2 Beat, & Jumpers With Weaves, in that order.

FAST, Standard, and JWW will run Master/Excellent-Open-Novice.

The start time for judging will be determined after the close of entries.

**ENTRY FEES: \$31 first entry, \$20 each additional entry per dog** and include AKC recording fees.

See page 2 of this premium for additional entry information.

**HEIGHT CARDS:** Dogs entered in any 16" or 20" height class must have an AKC height card or they will need to be measured by the judge **prior to running** in the trial. **Copies of height cards DO NOT need to be sent with entries or shown at the trial!** Check the box on the entry form if your dog needs to be measured.

It is the owner's responsibility to have the dog measured prior to running if needed.

**MOVEUPS:** If a dog earns an agility title before this event it can be advanced to the next level of competition.

However, written notice must be given to the Trial Secretary **no later than 6pm CDT on Wednesday,**

**May 13.** Email notice is preferred. No verbal changes will be accepted. NOTE: Novice A entrants who finish a title after closing do NOT move to Novice B - they either stay in Novice A or move to Open.

**YOUR HELP IS WANTED AND NEEDED!!** If you are interested in helping at this trial, please contact Diane Townsend at townsend\_diane@frontier.com or feel free to just show up! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

## Obedience/Rally Premium List – Attachment C

- Latest obedience/rally premium list should be attached for review

### Obedience Premium List Information taken from the 2015 Premium List

#### OBEDIENCE

Obedience & Rally will be held outdoors on grass in a 40 x 60 gated ring.

##### REGULAR CLASSES

Novice A    Open A    Utility A  
Novice B    Open B    Utility B

##### OPTIONAL TITLING CLASSES

Beginner Novice A & B    Graduate Open  
Graduate Novice    Versatility

Please list the dog's jump height on the entry form for classes with jumps.

#### RALLY

##### REGULAR CLASSES

Novice A  
Novice B

Advanced A  
Advanced B

Excellent A  
Excellent B

Jump height for Rally will be 16" unless otherwise specified.

Moveups will be allowed in Obedience & Rally per AKC regulations and must be submitted in writing to the Trial Secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of judging. Refunds for bitches in season will be refunded less \$4/entry if notice is made to the trial secretary no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of judging.

## Obedience, Rally and Agility Ribbons – Attachment C

### OBEDIENCE & RALLY RIBBONS

Award	Item #	Color	Qty (if other than 1)
High in Trial Obedience	KL724	BLUE & GOLD	
High Combined in Obedience	KL724	BLUE & GREEN	
High Combined in Rally	KL724	BLUE & GREEN	

#### Regular Classes

1st PLACE	103	BLUE	
2nd PLACE	103	RED	
3rd PLACE	103	YELLOW	
4th PLACE	103	WHITE	

#### Non Regular Classes

1st PLACE	103	ROSE	
2nd PLACE	103	BROWN	
3rd PLACE	103	LIGHT GREEN	
4th PLACE	103	GRAY	

### AGILITY RIBBONS

High Scoring Dog in Agility Regular	KL 724	BLUE & GOLD	
High Scoring Dog in Agility Preferred	KL 724	BLUE & GOLD	
Obedience, Rally & Agility Qualifying Ribbons (reads Qualifying Score)	205A	DARK GREEN	

Ribbon item # are from Centauri Ribbon Company – Company used for the 2013 & 2014 Nationals

**CHAPTER 5**  
**1 to 2 DAYS PRIOR TO THE TRIAL**

CHECKLIST

- Review/inspect grounds
- Arrange for transportation of judges
- Transportation/inspection of equipment
- Verify ring setup
- Verify trophies and rosettes
- Prep for course building/ring set up
- Confirm ring stewards

**CHAPTER 6**  
**DAY OF THE TRIAL**

CHECKLIST

- Review/inspect grounds
- Transportation of judges
- Set up Ring and equipment
- Assign ring crew/stewards
- Bring trophies and rosettes( work with National Ribbon chair ) to ring as needed
- Judges lunch
- Judges payment (Payment will be made by the APC Treasurer)

**CHAPTER 7**  
**AFTER THE TRIAL**

CHECKLIST

- Break down rings and equipment
- Review/inspect grounds to make sure all trash has been picked up
- Transportation of judges
- Transportation of equipment

Box unused trophies and rosettes for use at future specialties and give to the next show chair if possible.

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