

Border Collie Classic - Rules and Regulations 2024

Please read carefully before entering the show.

Participation is open to all Border Collies with a pedigree recognized by the Kennel Club from the country of birth (FCI or FCI-partner) OR registered as a Working Sheepdog OR can provide a DNA test result proving that the dog is either of the previous mentioned breeds. Dogs must have reached the age of 18 months on the day of the competition.

A single entry into the competition covers all available runs for that dog during the event. It is not possible to enter single days.

Classes

Level 1 (Kennel Club Equivalent Grades 1-3)

Competitors will run four courses. Prizes will be awarded for at least the top 3 winners of each course.

Levels 2 & 3 (Kennel Club Equivalent Grades 4&5 (Level 2) & Grades 6-7 (Level 3))

Levels 2 & 3 run separately on their own courses. All competitors will run a minimum of seven courses: three agility and three jumping plus at least one of the following finals classes to be held on the last competition day:

1. Lucky Losers Final (Large & Intermediate)
2. National Team Finals (Large and Intermediate)
3. Individual Grand Finals (Large and Intermediate)

The Level in which the dog competes as of Thursday 25th July at midday is the class for which the dog is eligible at the BCC. At the event, you need to be able to prove (e.g. with a record book or an official declaration issued by your national Kennel Club) in which Level the dog is allowed to run. This can be checked randomly by the organisation.

If you enter the competition and subsequently move up a Level prior to Thursday 25th July at midday, please contact the organisers who will adjust your competition level on your entry

The organisers reserve the right to close entries at any time should they reach, or come close to reaching, maximum permitted entries.

Entries Open on **Wednesday 20th March** and closes **Sunday 9th June**. In the event the maximum number of entries is exceeded during this registration time, a draw will be made.

The organisation reserves the right to refuse entries and make any alterations they may consider necessary in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

Individual Grand Final

Only those dogs in the level 2 & 3 classes are eligible to qualify for the Individual Grand Final. The following applies separately for the Large & Intermediate Grand Final. The results from the 3 x agility and 3 x jumping classes will count for a place in the Individual Grand Final.

Level 2&3 qualification to the Grand Final - Intermediate

- Top 5 from each of the 6 x Level 3 classes on Friday & Saturday (totalling 30 dogs)
- Winner of each of the 6 x Level 2 classes on Friday & Saturday (totalling 6 dogs)
- 2023 Intermediate BCC Final winner (totalling 1 dog)

NB: The qualification places roll down in each round should a dog qualify for the final in more than one round, meaning there will be no less than 37 in the final.

Order of roll down for Level 3 Intermediate:

1. Agility 3 Int (1) - Friday
2. Agility 3 Int (2) - Friday
3. Jumping 3 Int - Friday
4. Agility 3 Int - Saturday
5. Jumping 3 Int (1) - Saturday
6. Jumping 3 Int (2) – Saturday

Order of roll down for Level 2 Intermediate:

1. Agility 2 Int (1) - Friday
2. Agility 2 Int (2) - Friday
3. Jumping 2 Int - Friday
4. Agility 2 Int - Saturday
5. Jumping 2 Int (1) - Saturday
6. Jumping 2 Int (2) – Saturday

The winner of the previous BCC (2023) in Intermediate will be automatically invited to take part in the Individual Grand Final. This means that the maximum number of participants in this final will be 6 x 5 + 6 + 1. In the event that one or more combinations qualify at two or more courses, the open spaces will be filled. The Individual Grand Final will be an Agility course. The title "BCC 2024 Champion" will be awarded to the winner of the Individual Grand Final.

Intermediate Individual Final

- Fewest faults followed by fastest time will be used to decide the winning partnership

Level 2&3 qualification to the Grand Final - large

- Top 10 from each of the 6 x level 3 classes on Friday & Saturday (totalling 60)
- Winner of each of the 6 x level 2 classes on Friday & Saturday (totalling 6)
- 2023 Large BCC Final winner (totalling 1)

NB: The qualification places roll down in each round should a dog qualify for the final in more than one round, meaning there will be no less than 67 in the final

Order of roll down for Level 3 Large:

1. Agility 3 Large (1) - Friday
2. Agility 3 Large (2) - Friday

3. Jumping 3 Large - Friday
4. Agility 3 Large – Saturday
5. Jumping 3 Large (1) – Saturday
6. Jumping 3 Large (2) – Saturday

Order of roll down for Level 2 Large:

1. Agility 2 Large (1) - Friday
2. Agility 2 Large (2) – Friday
3. Jumping 2 Large – Friday
4. Agility 2 Large – Saturday
5. Jumping 2 Large (1) – Saturday
6. Jumping 2 Large (2) – Saturday

The winner of the previous BCC (2023) in Large will be automatically invited to take part in the Individual Grand Final. This means that the maximum number of participants in this final will be 6 x 10 + 6 + 1. In the event that one or more combinations qualify at two or more courses, the open spaces will be filled. The Individual Grand Final will be an Agility course. The title "BCC 2024 Champion" will be awarded to the winner of the Individual Grand Final.

Large Individual Final

- Fewest faults followed by fastest time will be used to decide the winning partnership

National Team Final - Intermediate & Large

The following applies separately for the Large & Intermediate National Team Final. National teams will compete in the National Team Final. The Intermediate and Large National Team Final will run as separate competitions

Eligibility

- Qualification to represent your country in the Team Final is dictated by your performance across all 6 rounds on Friday & Saturday.
- Across the 6 rounds for Level 3 there will be a combined ranking - based on fewest faults first followed by combined time if faults are the same
- Across the 6 rounds for Level 2 there will be a combined ranking - based on fewest faults first followed by combined time if faults are the same
- Eliminations will be awarded 100 faults
- The 3 best ranked partnerships in Level 3 (in Intermediate & Large), and the top ranked partnership (in Intermediate & Large) in Level 2 from each country will make up the 4 person team.
- It is not allowed to replace qualified combinations in a country team, e.g in case of injury. In such a case, the country team will run with less than four combinations.
- If there is no Level 2 from that country, the team can be made up of 3 Level 3 dogs

- When the organisers see the combined ranking on the Saturday, we will select a number of adhoc 'rest of the world' ROTW teams from entered countries which have less than 3 partnerships in Level 3. These may include Level 2 dogs.

National team Final

- Only the best 3 results from each team in the final will be used to determine the winners.
- Fewest combined faults followed by time will be used to decide the winning team
- If a dog must withdraw from running in the Team Final, the dog is not replaced, and the team must run only with 3 dogs

Lucky Losers Final - Intermediate & Large

The following applies separately for the Large & Intermediate lucky losers final. The 'lucky losers' final will take place on the final competition day and all combinations who have NOT qualified for either the National Team Final or Individual Grand final will automatically be entered into the lucky losers final.

Lucky Losers Final

- The 'Lucky Losers' final will be an Agility course. The fewest faults followed by fastest time will be used to decide the winning partnership in the final

Additional rules

The FCI rules and regulations are applicable to this show.

BCC will offer three heights: Large, Intermediate and Medium. According to FCI rules, Intermediate is open for dogs which are between 43 and 48cm at the withers. Large is more than 48cm, Medium is smaller than 43cm. This must be proven by an annotation in their record books. If there is no height mentioned in their record book, the dog must enter in Large.

NB: For countries that have a different cut-off than the official FCI height classes, the exact number of centimeters must be stated in the record book.

The official BCC-title will be awarded in Large and Intermediate class. For dogs entering the medium class there will be a prize for the best medium based on the combined results of the six courses.

There will be separate National Team Finals, Lucky Loser Finals and Individual Grand Finals for Large and Intermediate, so in total 6 finals.

General rules

A dog will be withdrawn from competition and removed from the show if it is:

- suffering from any infectious or contagious disease,
- has any injury which is likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing,
- of such temperament or is so much out of hand as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal,
- interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent.

No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the boundaries of the show.

All dogs will be entered at this show at their owner's and/or handler's risk. Whilst the organisation and helpers will undertake every care, they will not take responsibility for loss, damage or injury howsoever caused to dogs, persons or property. All competitors must have a third-party insurance.

In the event of abandonment of the show through circumstances beyond the control of the organisation, expenses will be defrayed from the entry fees to cover the cost of the preparations for the show.

There will be no practicing/training allowed in the rings or at the venue during or after the show. No food or toys will be allowed in the hand of the competitor whilst competing in the ring

Dogs should be kept on a lead, no longer than 2 meters, except in the exercise area or when working.

A handler working more than one dog in the same class must ensure that the dogs compete in the sequence in which they are drawn (according to catalogue). Failure to do so may result in elimination.

It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order

Dogs must be handled by the same handler throughout the whole event. It is not allowed to switch handler during the event.

Randomly during the tournament, chips can be checked.

People or dogs acting in an unreasonable/irresponsible manner will be removed from the show and forfeit all fees paid. All under 18's must be accompanied by an adult, who will be held responsible for their conduct for the duration of the show.

Please clean up after your dog and deposit in the containers provided. Competitors consciously ignoring this request will be asked to leave the showground without restitution of their entry fees. Bags will be provided by the organisation and will be available throughout the showground.

Please, don't forget we are guests at Dallas Burston Polo Club and we kindly ask you to show respect to their rules and regulations, other campers and guests.

All that remains is the good luck wishes from the BCC committee and don't forget to enjoy yourselves.