

*The British Agility Association  
The best of British Agility  
Considering the long-term wellbeing of your dogs,  
both in Training Methods & Competition.*



## **BAA JUDGES Required !**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JUDGING  
at BAA shows please feel free to contact us.**

[June@baa.uk.net](mailto:June@baa.uk.net)

**Or download and submit a Judges form [www.baa.uk.net](http://www.baa.uk.net)**

**VISIT BAA WEBSITE & FORUM**

[www.baa.uk.net](http://www.baa.uk.net)

**British Agility Association shows Members Groups on  
FACEBOOK for chat suggestions & questions.**

## **“AGILITY ABILITY”**



Presents

**BAA GRAND PRIX AGILITY**  
Run to British Agility Association Rules

on

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2012**

At

**Easton College  
NORWICH  
NR9 5DX**

Judging Commences 8.30 a.m.

**Closing Date: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

Entry Fees: £3.25 per class or 4 classes for £11  
Cheques if required may be post dated to the closing date.

Closing Date for entries: As stated above or earlier if over subscribed.  
Entries will not be accepted after the closing date

### Show Enquiries

Show Manager: Paul Drury

Show Secretary: Melanie Wright

TEL: 01603 810851 (No calls after 9.30pm)

Email: [dog-house@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dog-house@hotmail.co.uk)

Send Entries to: “AA W6”

C/o 54 Ferneley Crescent, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 1RZ

Entries Enquiries

June Bass

Tel: 01664 500327

Email: [June@baa.uk.net](mailto:June@baa.uk.net)

## **“AGILITY ABILITY”**

Would like to welcome you to our 2nd winter series for BAA in Norwich. Our aim is for you to enjoy the facilities at Easton College as well as enjoy yourselves.

There is a cafe serving a selection of food and drinks. You will find toilets inside the cafe for your use. Easton College also has an upstairs viewing area that seats one hundred people. This can be used for you to view the Agility in each of the rings (sorry no dogs allowed in the viewing area).

Parking areas are to the front and to the side of the indoor school and the exercise area is located outside the indoor school. All will be clearly marked.

Please be considerate of the venue and clean up after your dog.  
**SMOKING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AT THIS VENUE**

### **Directions to venue:**

**EASTON COLLEGE**

**NR9 5DX**

**A47 TOWARDS NORFOLK SHOWGROUND**

**THEN FOLLOW SIGNS FOR EASTON COLLEGE.**

### **Vet on call:**

**Taverham Veterinary Surgery**

**Fir Covert Road, Taverham, Norwich, Norfolk, NR8 6HT**

**01603 867330**

### **Help!!!!**

**A condition of entering a BAA show brings a requirement that all competitors give some time, to assist at a ring. It is one of the things you are agreeing to when you sign the entry form. If you do not wish to help then please do not enter a BAA show.**

All competitors will be allocated a time slot when they will be required to make themselves available at a ring. This will be marked on your ring cards. Each ring will have a Ring Manager who will be responsible for allocating tasks and arranging relief so that all can enjoy their dogs. If everyone does their bit, then no one should need to work more than an hour or so! No one is expected to forgo running their dog in the process of helping.

### **Further Dates for BAA Shows**

9<sup>th</sup> October 2011 4 Paws Agility - Etwell, Derby  
9<sup>th</sup> October 2011 Agility Ability - Norwich  
7<sup>th</sup> November 2011 Tailwaggers - Alsager, Cheshire  
13<sup>th</sup> November 2011 Agility Ability - Norwich  
11<sup>th</sup> December 2011 Agility Ability - Norwich  
11<sup>th</sup> December 2011 Tailwaggers - Alsager, Cheshire  
1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 Tailwaggers - Alsager, Cheshire  
8<sup>th</sup> January 2012 Agility Ability - Norwich  
8<sup>th</sup> January 2012 4 Paws Agility - Etwell, Derby  
12<sup>th</sup> February 2012 Agility Ability - Norwich  
6<sup>th</sup> February 2012 Tailwaggers - Alsager, Cheshire  
5<sup>th</sup> February 2012 Tailwaggers - Alsager, Cheshire  
4<sup>th</sup> March 2012 Tailwaggers - Alsager, Cheshire  
11<sup>th</sup> March 2012 Agility Ability - Norwich  
15<sup>th</sup> April 2012 Tailwaggers at Alsager, Cheshire  
21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 EMDAC - Asfordby  
19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> May 2012 EMDAC - Asfordby  
9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> June 2012 T & A Agility - Littleport Cambs  
23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> June 2012 EMDAC - Asfordby  
12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> July 2012 EMDAC - Asfordby  
28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> July 2012 T & A Agility - Littleport Cambs  
25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> August 2012 BAA Grand Prix FINALS - Asfordby

Plus many others to be scheduled.

## Awards

Rosettes to minimum 3<sup>rd</sup> place in classes of 5 or more

Rosettes to minimum 20%

Trophies at organiser's discretion

Dependent on entry some levels may be combined for awards

## SHOW RULES

**British Agility Association Rules for Agility Competitions** apply to these events. Copies of full show and competition rules available on request on entry form cost £1.00 (SAE Required) or on the BAA website. [www.baa.uk.net](http://www.baa.uk.net)

1. **Training is not permitted on the course either before or whilst under test**
2. **Training aides are not permitted in or around the rings.**
3. **Competitors are required to report for allocated ring duties.**
4. **The show organiser reserves the right to refuse entries.**
5. **In the event of over subscription entries may be limited.**
6. **Competitors enter at their own risk and must sign and date the declaration on the entry form.**
7. **All participating dogs must be aged 18 months or over.**
8. **In the unlikely event that any BAA event is cancelled, the organisers reserve the right to deduct unrecoverable expenses incurred before returning entry fees.**
9. **The show organiser reserves the right to combine/split classes depending on entry levels.**
10. **Please respect the venue and pick up after your dogs (anyone found not picking up after their dog will be excluded from future BAA shows), and also dispose of all rubbish responsibly.**
11. **Competitors are solely responsible for ensuring that they are available for their classes.**
12. **Please queue at least six feet apart & keep clear of the ring  
Exit**
13. **Have fun with your dogs!**

## British "Dog of the Year"

The BAA records all results from all shows and compiles performance league tables in the categories of Introductory, Primary, Novice, Graduate, Masters, Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the leading Agility Dog of the Year at each jump height in each category.

The leading dogs & handlers from the tables will also qualify for the BAA Grand Prix Tournament Finals at the EMDAC August Bank Holiday Weekend show. There will separate Finals for Jumping and Agility. At the Finals show there will be a last chance opportunity for all to qualify for the Grand Prix Finals. Perpetual trophies will also be awarded to the Finals winners.

Points are accumulated for performances from all BAA shows during the season including the Winter Series which count towards qualification for the BAA Grand Prix Finals. There are also Trophies for the leading points scoring dogs that will be presented at the Grand Prix Finals weekend.

Pawsability classes will not be included in the points tables or Grand Prix Finals. No points will be awarded for Pairs, Team, invitation, demonstration or non-scheduled Pay on the Day classes. Points will be awarded in all other scheduled classes unless specifically excluded in the show schedule.

### **Other BAA Leagues include:**

#### **BAA JUNIOR HANDLER LEAGUE**

Points from all scheduled JUNIOR HANDLER classes at BAA shows count toward the "BAA Junior Handler of the Year Award" and the Junior Handler GRAND PRIX FINAL. Separate Classes for:

Under 12's Elementary (*For Introductory & Primary capable Handlers*)

12 to 16's Elementary

Under 12's Advanced (*For Novice & Above capable Handlers*)

12 to 16's Advanced

#### **Over 60's Female Handler**

*(You need to register to be part of these leagues)*

#### **Over 60's Male Handler**

*See entry form or*

#### **GUNDOG LEAGUE**

*Contact June 01664 500327*

#### **RESCUE LEAGUE**

*Email: [June@baa.uk.net](mailto:June@baa.uk.net)*

Please visit the BAA website at <http://www.baa.uk.net> for further show information, comprehensive on line results service, Schedule & Rules Downloads and much more.

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The Major differences are:

- Reviewed dog heights
- 4 jump heights with option of veterans etc: to jump at lower jump height. Maximum permitted jump height is 24 ins.
- Dogs (with less than six wins in a season) may retain their status for the entire show year
- Up contacts of contact obstacles will not be marked.
- There will be no tyre obstacle in any class.
- In Introductory classes, refusals are not marked, **except at the weaves**, and handlers may carry a silent toy in the ring.
- Lower Dog-Walk & A Frame in Veterans.
- No training allowed on the course either before or whilst under test.
- Training aides are not permitted either in or around the rings.

Any dog and handler is eligible to enter BAA shows (though there are some restrictions at the August Bank Holiday Finals Weekend Show). No membership fee or dog registration fee is required. All dogs are automatically registered into the BAA database free of charge when you enter your first BAA show. Your dog will be allocated a BAA registration number which will be on your ring card. **Please make a note of this number and use it on all future BAA show entries** as it greatly assists in processing your entries, and ensures your league points tallies are maintained correctly.

### **Online Running Orders**

The BAA offer all their competitors the option to download Running Orders, Ring Plans and Show Information for all BAA Shows. Please note that the online running orders **ARE NOT SENT BY E-MAIL** and are only available via download from the BAA website. The BAA will **only** publish running orders for competitors who **request** it. For those wishing to take advantage of our Online Running Orders service, please tick the box on the entry form & do not send an SAE. Please include your Email address. Running orders will be available approximately 2 weeks before each show at [www.baa.uk.net](http://www.baa.uk.net)

**All errors/issues must be resolved 7 days prior to the show.**

**We value your comments/suggestions.** Please take the time to write down any comments/suggestions and hand in at the show.

Dogs/handlers that compete under other organisations are required to make **INITIAL** entry to BAA shows at the appropriate level as follows:

Dogs which currently compete in Grade 4 or above (KC) by virtue of handlers wins with another dog may enter at one level below – **PRIMARY**.

**INITIAL** entry levels are:

KC Grade 1 = INTRODUCTORY  
KC Grade 2 = PRIMARY  
KC Grade 3\* = PRIMARY or NOVICE  
KC Grade 4 = NOVICE  
KC Grade 5\* = NOVICE or GRADUATE  
KC Grade 6 = GRADUATE  
KC Grade 7 = MASTERS

\*Grades 3 & 5 have a choice of entry level.

For dogs not jumping their regulation BAA jump height they can be entered in either:

**Pawsability** - for dogs of any age that for whatever reason are not able to jump at their designated jump height as specified in height definitions. Choice of jump height 9, 13.75 or 17.75ins. No dog in this class will be permitted to jump over 17.75ins. This category is designed for young dogs just starting their agility careers and also for dogs that are returning to agility after a layoff from illness/injury. Dogs can enter this class at any time and when ready, return to their appropriate ability level & jump height. It also gives opportunity for veteran dogs to enter at lower height before fully committing to veteran classes.

NB: where Pawsability classes are not available competitors may enter NFC in other appropriate levels.

Or alternatively:

**Veteran** – for dogs of 7 years of age and over. Choice of jump height 9, 13.75 or 17.75ins. No veteran dog will be permitted to jump higher than 17.75ins. Once a dog enters BAA Veteran it will be expected to remain there for the remainder of its agility career and will not be permitted in future shows at Introductory, Primary, Novice, Graduate or Masters.

Status for all BAA shows is that effective at 1<sup>st</sup> October or initial entry level if entering first BAA show after that date. Dogs may retain their status for the entire BAA show season (1<sup>st</sup> October to September 30<sup>th</sup>), if the handler wishes. BAA will keep a record of results during the season. At the end of season the top performing dogs will be promoted to next level, for the following season.

An 'On Application' relegation system also operates to allow dogs to move down the levels. For full details of progression system, please refer to 'BAA Rules for Agility Competitions & the BAA website.

A dog may be entered in ONE height category only, Micro, Mini, Medium or Maxi

*Please check definitions below – you may find your dog is eligible at a different height category than you compete elsewhere. You may also have a choice of height category.*

*Please specify jump height category on the entry form.*

**Micro**

For dogs that measure 14in or under at the withers. Jump height will be 9in.

**Mini**

For dogs that measure 16in or under at the withers. Jump height will be 13.75in.

**Medium**

For dogs that measure over 14in and 20in or under at the withers. Jump height 17.75in.

**Maxi**

For dogs that measure over 17in at the withers. Jump height will be 24in.

**Level Classification** A dog may be entered in *Designated* level only, and must be specified in the appropriate box for each dog on the entry form. Levels are:- Introductory, Primary, Novice, Graduate, Masters & Veteran.

If you enter at a jump height less than in the size definitions above, you must enter Pawsability where available or otherwise NFC.

**ON THE ENTRY FORM YOU MUST SPECIFY YOUR DOGS BAA REGISTRATION NUMBER – this ensures that your dog is entered at its correct level and it also ensures that your points tally is maintained correctly throughout the year.**

For dogs new to BAA please enter level as follows:

All dogs AND handlers new to agility should enter as **INTRODUCTORY**.  
Handlers with new dogs that have never competed at Novice or above should enter their new dogs as **INTRODUCTORY**.  
For handlers that have competed at Novice or above, their new dogs should enter as **PRIMARY**.

## **KNOCKOUT CHALLENGES**

In addition to the Gundog & Rescue Leagues the BAA presents these Knockout challenges for your enjoyment.

**The BRITISH GUNDOG KNOCKOUT CHALLENGE** (open to all Gundogs which have attended at least 4 BAA shows & gained at least 100 points during the season)

Points from ALL scheduled BAA shows during the BAA season count toward these finals which will take place at The British Agility Association Finals weekend on August Bank Holiday

**The BRITISH RESCUE DOG KNOCKOUT CHALLENGE** (open to all Rescue Dogs which have attended at least 4 BAA shows & gained at least 100 points during the season)

Points from ALL scheduled BAA shows during the BAA season count toward these finals which will take place at The British Agility Association Finals weekend on August Bank Holiday

## **BAA Major Competitions**

Seeking the “Best of British Agility Dogs & Handlers”

### **“The British Open Grand Prix Championships”**

Featuring:

The British Open Grand Prix Maxi Championships

The British Open Grand Prix Medium Championships

The British Open Grand Prix Mini Championships

The British Open Grand Prix Micro Championships

This competition is OPEN to all dogs from Primary, Novice, Graduate & Masters levels.

All dogs will compete over the same course with awards & titles to each height.

Maxi, Medium, Mini, Micro.

The FINALS will consist of 1 Agility & 1 Jumping course which will be set at Novice level. The top scoring dog (*Up to the closing date of EMDAC July show*) from each level & height competing in each area (North, South, East, West & The Midlands) will

qualify for the Finals. FINALISTS WILL BE INFORMED

Finalists will consist of 20 Maxi, 20 Medium, 20 Mini & 20 Micro.

The Finals will take place at EMDAC show in July at Asfordby Amateurs Sports Club, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.

**Quality Trophies & Rosettes to the Winners.**

## **FEATURING THE “British Trio’s Challenge”**

*(Three dogs of the same height but different levels, individually collect points at BAA shows throughout the season, to then collectively qualify for the British Trio’s finals.)*

**Don’t miss out on this very popular & Unique to BAA, Challenge !**

**Pick up an application form at shows or Download from**

[www.baa.uk.net](http://www.baa.uk.net)

**If you cannot find a Trio then contact June Or advertise/seek on the BAA Discussion Forum.**

## **REGIONAL Qualifiers & Finals**

### **British Grand Prix FINALS 2012**

Held at Asfordby Amateurs Sports Club

Asfordby Near Melton Mowbray

Leicestershire

August Bank Holiday Weekend

## **Schedule of Classes**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

1. **Introductory Agility**
2. **Introductory Jumping**
3. **Introductory Triple A Agility**
4. **Introductory Steeplechase**
5. **Primary Agility**
6. **Primary Jumping**
7. **Primary Triple A Agility**
8. **Primary Steeplechase**
9. **Novice Plus Agility**
10. **Novice Jumping**
11. **Novice Plus Triple A Agility**
12. **Novice Steeplechase**
13. **Veteran Agility**
14. **Veteran Jumping**
15. **Veteran Triple A Agility**
16. **Veteran Steeplechase**

**Novice Plus classes are open to all dogs eligible for Novice level and above –  
i.e. all Novice, Graduate & Masters dogs.**

*Agility classes have contact equipment, Jumping classes do not.*

**Pawsability dogs may enter other classes at any height NFC.**

**Class Descriptions:** *Judges will provide a more comprehensive description at the show where necessary.*

#### **Triple A Agility**

*A course where the a frame will be negotiated 3 times (no other contact equipment will be used)*

#### **Steeplechase**

*A Flowing course consisting of just Jumps*