



## **Dawn Weaver**

# **FAB (Freeway's Agility Break) Independent Shows**

## **Rules & Regulations 2025**

Dawn Weaver started FAB shows in 2011. The Independent shows are designed to provide safe, enjoyable agility for all breeds, sizes and shapes of dogs. So that all breeds can be competitive in their own right, there are separate awards for ABC and Collie/Collie Cross dogs and a variety of jump heights to suit all.

### **Main differences between KC and FAB Independent shows:**

- Separate results/presentations for ABC (Anything But Collie) and Collie/Collie X dogs
- 5 jump heights – Petite to Large
- Not for Competition runs allowed – use silent toy or food to reward
- Clear Round Only runs – jump one height lower than KC measured height (progression option still available)
- 2 grades – Novice & Advanced
- Separate progression for each standard class discipline – Agility, Jumping, Steeplechase
- 2 wins move from Novice to Advanced for that discipline only
- 14day move up period
- Dogs aged 16-18 months can compete in Allsorts Jumping
- Bitches in season can compete at end of class
- Late entries including enter on the day available

### **RULES & REGULATIONS:**

#### **Show Organisation:**

1. Dawn Weaver (FAB Agility) has public liability to cover all FAB shows.
2. Show entries will be via Agility Plaza (in advance or on the day). The appropriate fees must accompany all entries. See schedule for entry fees.
3. Competitors are responsible for declaring, when entering, if their dog is an ABC (tick appropriate box).
4. Dawn Weaver (FAB Agility) reserves the right to refuse entries.
5. In the event of cancellation, Dawn Weaver (FAB Agility) will refund fees, less any reasonably incurred expenses. This will be via Agility Plaza within 3 months of the show date to those entered and who requested a refund within 1 month of show date.
6. Competitor details will be entered into a computer system and stored in accordance with current Data Protection protocols.
7. Show results will be published online at [www.agilityplaza.com](http://www.agilityplaza.com).
8. Classes will be held outside on grass. All rings will be securely fenced.
9. Equipment will be supplied by FAB Agility – including Galican soft-line contacts and tunnels.

#### **Competing:**

1. Only dogs aged 18 months and over can compete in all classes with the exception of Allsorts Jumping – dogs aged 16-18 months may enter this class only.
2. Handlers competing with more than one dog in a class should run their dogs in the sequence in

which they are drawn.

3. It is the handlers responsibility to be available for their run. Any clashes please advise ring party.
4. A dog can not compete in the same class more than once.
5. A dog may wear a close fitting collar with a name tag disc but no check chains, half check collars, harnesses or head collars are allowed.
6. No remote collars or training discs are allowed to be used on or near dogs at show.
7. All dogs must be under control at all times, including around rings, start/finish lines, exercise area and car park.
8. All dogs must be on a lead at all times with the exception of the 'Off lead' exercise area and while under competition.
9. No punitive or harsh handling of a dog at any time will be permitted. Anyone not respecting this rule will be asked to leave show.
10. No verbal or physical abuse towards anyone at the show will be permitted. Anyone not respecting this rule will be asked to leave the show.
11. Bitches in season may compete at the end of the class but must be kept away from the ring area until then. Handlers must inform ring party if they do need to run at end of class.
12. All competitors should take reasonable steps to ensure the safety and needs of their dog(s) are met and not knowingly put their health and welfare at risk by any action. Your dog is vulnerable and could be at risk if left in a hot vehicle. If deemed necessary forcible entry to a vehicle may be made without liability for any damage caused.
13. With a rise in dog thefts, please ensure your dog is safe and secure. Report any suspicious activity to FAB committee.
14. Dogs suffering from a contagious or infectious disease or have been in contact with any dog suffering from a contagious disease within 21 days prior to a show must not be brought to the venue.
15. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition is not allowed.
16. Dog agility is a competitive and physically strenuous activity. By entering the owner/handler confirms and accepts responsibility to ensure both their dog and handler is fit to take part.
17. No smoking or vaping is allowed around the ring area.
18. Competitors enter themselves and their dogs into the show at their own risk and whilst every care will be taken, Dawn Weaver (FAB Agility) will not accept responsibility for loss, damage, illness or injury to persons, dogs or property whilst at the venue.

### **Courses:**

1. All competitors should walk the course without their dog before class begins. The jumps will be set at the first height to run in that class so competitors may not necessarily walk at their own height. With the except of Novice Agility, Jumping & Steeplechase classes, there will be no course walking between heights. Novice handlers will have a short time to walk their course ahead of competing at their own respective heights.
2. Electronic timing will be used whenever possible but manual timing may also be used in the event of electronic timing failure.
3. All contact equipment will be set at standard KC heights.
4. Jump heights will be set as below and will be moved up or down as per ring plan.
5. Any issues with course design should be discussed respectfully with the judge. If issues unresolved please speak to Show Manager.

### **Jump Heights:**

- PETITE – Jumps set at 200mm. Dogs measuring 350mm or below can choose to run at Petite or Small height
- SMALL – Jumps set at 300mm. Equivalent to KC Small height (dogs measuring 350mm or below)
- MEDIUM – Jumps set at 400mm. Equivalent to KC Medium height (dogs measuring over 350mm and under 430mm)
- INTERMEDIATE – Jumps set at 500mm. Equivalent to KC Intermediate height (dogs measuring over 430mm and under 500mm)
- LARGE – Jumps set at 600mm. Equivalent to KC Large height (dogs measuring over 500mm)

Dawn Weaver (FAB Agility) believe the safety and comfort of your dog is a priority, therefore you can choose to enter your dog at one height below your KC measure for a 'Clear Round Only' run (see Progression information below). However if you choose to run at a lower height after you have confirmed your entry it will be a 'Not For Competition' run.

### **Class Levels:**

- NOVICE – For dogs that have never competed before or are currently competing at KC Grades 1-4 or A4A Beginners or Novice grades.
- ADVANCED – For dogs that are currently competing at KC Grades 5-7, A4A Senior or Champ grades or have won 2 FAB Novice classes

### **Class Definitions:**

- NOVICE or ADVANCED AGILITY – can include contact equipment, weaves, jumps, tyre, tunnels, etc. Contact equipment will be set at KC heights. Open to all dogs aged 18 months or over, jumping at their respective height or one height below their KC measure (for CRO). Awards will be split by height and ABC/Collie.
- NOVICE or ADVANCED JUMPING – can include weaves, jumps, tyre, tunnels, etc. Open to all dogs aged 18 months or over, jumping at their respective height or one height below their KC measure (for CRO). Awards will be split by height and ABC/Collie.
- NOVICE or ADVANCED STEEPLECHASE (GSQ) – this will be a fast, flowing course that will include jumps and tunnels only. Open to all dogs aged 18 months or over, jumping at their respective height (for Grand Slam Finals Qualification – see below) or one height below their KC measure (for CRO). Awards will be split by height and ABC/Collie.
- GRAND PRIX AGILITY – A combined class open to all dogs regardless of level (except those competing in Allsorts) aged 18 months or over, jumping at their respective height or one height below their KC measure (for CRO). This will be an agility course to test skills and possible obstacle discrimination, not just speed. Awards will be split by height and ABC/Collie but not levels.
- COMBINED STEEPLECHASE – A combined class open to all dogs regardless of level (except those competing in Allsorts) aged 18 months or over, jumping at their respective height or one height below their KC measure (for CRO). This will be a fast, flowing course that will include jumps and tunnels only. Awards will be split by height and ABC/Collie but not levels.
- ALLSORTS AGILITY – For veteran, recuperating or beginner dogs aged 18 months or over. Can include contact equipment (set at KC heights), weaves, jumps, tyre, tunnels, etc. Option to choose jump height on the day. Jump heights: 200, 300, 400, 500. Please advise ring party which height you wish to jump. Dogs entered in this class may also enter Allsorts Jumping but no other classes on the day. Awards will be combined for whole class, not split by height, level or ABC/Collie.
- ALLSORTS JUMPING – For veteran, recuperating or beginner dogs aged 16 months or over. It will be a flowing course containing jumps and tunnels only. Option to choose jump height on the day.

Jump heights: 200, 300, 400, 500. Please advise ring party which height you wish to jump. Only dogs aged 18 months or over entered in this class may also enter Allsorts Agility but no other classes on the day. Awards will be combined for whole class, not split by height, level or ABC/Collie.

### **Progression:**

Progression is per discipline – so you could be Novice in Agility, Advanced in Jumping and Novice in Steeplechase.

- Two (clear round) wins in any Novice discipline moves you up to Advanced level in that discipline only following a 14 day move-up period.
- Each Novice discipline (Agility – Jumping – Steeplechase) has its own progression rate (Grand Prix Agility, Combined Steeplechase and Allsorts classes are open to all levels and are not progression classes).
- You can choose to enter on Agility Plaza at one height lower than your KC measure to run for a 'Clear Round Only' (CRO) but still have the opportunity for progression. 10 x 'clear round only' Novice results will move you into Advanced in that discipline following a 14 day move up period.
- ABC (Anything But Collie) and Collie/Collie Crosses have separate awards and therefore separate progression for each Novice class.
- **Progression Move Up** – competitors are responsible for ensuring their dog(s) run at the correct level for each discipline. If show is still 'open for entries' please edit your level online. If show is 'closed for entries' please contact [support@agilityplaza.com](mailto:support@agilityplaza.com) or [fabagilityshows@gmail.com](mailto:fabagilityshows@gmail.com).

### **Awards:**

- **To be eligible for an award (including rosettes) the dog must have a clear round in the course time.**
- 1<sup>st</sup> places will receive a rosette and a packet of Klassy Canine treat biscuits (*made with human-grade ingredients and contain no artificial flavourings or E numbers*).
- Placed rosettes will be awarded to at least 10% of class entries.
- Unplaced clear rounds will receive a Klassy Canine rosette-shaped biscuit.
- Awards must be collected on the day or at a future FAB show.

### **FAB Grand Slam Finals:**

You can qualify for the FAB Grand Finals by gaining points in the Novice and Advanced Steeplechase (GSQ) classes. Points will be accumulated over the FAB shows and the top dogs in each grade/height will qualify (please see schedule for full details). Dogs winning two Novice steeplechase classes will move into Advanced league (points will be carried forwarded with dog).

### **Judges:**

- All judges must judge in accordance with FAB rules and regulations.
- Judges must give consideration to the safety and well-being of both handler and dog when designing courses.
- Judges must observe the dog and handler at all times whilst under competition.

- A judge cannot handle a dog for competition in the class(es) they are judging.