

# UKI US Open 2019 Jacksonville Equestrian Center, FL Nov 7 – 10, 2019

*Qualifying period – Oct 2, 2018 through Sept 29, 2019*

Qualifying scores must be gained in the height you will run at the US Open

## UKI US CUPS & CLASSICS 2019

Feb 22 – 24	Bratty Paws UKI CLASSIC	Punta Gorda, FL
April 13-14	Rocky Mountain CLASSIC	Farmington, UT
April 27-28	Think Pawsitive Wisconsin CUP	Brooksville, WI
June 1-2	High Flyer CLASSIC	Tryon, NC
June 7-8	Pacific North West CLASSIC	Mulino, OR
June 28-30	Kinetic Dog Pennsylvania CUP	Barto, Pennsylvania
July 27-28	Jump n Java California CUP	Prundale, California
Sept 27-29	Lonestar Texas CUP	Bryon, Texas
Nov 7-10	US Open	Jacksonville, FL

## General Competition Rules (tentative)

- *This event is open to all dogs and handlers irrespective of their level in UKI and their organization affiliation.*
- *There is no pre-qualification necessary to enter classes, with the exception of the Masters Series Final.*
- *Dogs and handlers do not need to be UKI members, but a UKI account must be created to enter the event. This must be created online at [www.ukagilityinternational.com](http://www.ukagilityinternational.com) and then you will need to pay by check for your US Open entry.*
- *Dogs may only compete in one height throughout the whole event.*
- *Dogs may only compete with one handler through the entire event.*
- *Handlers who have earned a bye into Round 2 of the UKI Nationals and/or qualified for the Masters Series Final at a local UKI event, must be the same dog and handler partnerships that compete in these events at the U.S. Open and must run in the height that the Q's and Bye's were gained at.*
- *Classes will be run in strict running order. Running orders will be randomly drawn for the first round of each class.*
- *Classes will be run under UKI rules and regulations with additional rules detailed below. Any further amendments will be posted on the UKI web page and stated in the event confirmation letter.*
- *Cut off's for the 2<sup>nd</sup> rounds of classes will be determined and announced once the show entries close.*
- *UKI reserves the right to rule at the event on anything not covered in these rules.*
- *No results from this event will go towards the qualifying for next year's event and / or level points.*

### **Winner Takes All Jumping**

- Entry open to ALL dogs.
- \$3 from each entry will go to the prize fund. Winner from each jump height will win the total amount tallied for that jump height.
- Consists of a fast Jumping course.
- Least faults win with time used as a tie-breaker.
- In the event of a tie a runoff will be required.

### **Speedstakes Challenge**

- Entry open to ALL dogs with no prequalification necessary. Separate competition for each jump height.
- Consists of a qualifying round and a Final.
- Running order for Final will be in reverse order of the first round result.
- Least faults win with time as the tie-breaker only.
- In the event of a tie in Rd 1, the dogs will flip a coin for RO in the Final. If a tie in the Final they will compete in a run-off.
- Eliminations in the qualifying round will not progress to the Final.
- A progression percentage to move to the Final may be introduced after the entries close and will be announced.
- Eliminations in Final will not be placed in the Speedstakes Challenge.

### **Open Power & Speed sponsored**

- Open to ALL dogs. Separate competition for all jump heights with no pre qualification necessary.
- A Power and Speed class.
- Least faults win with time used as a tie-breaker.
- In the event of a tie a run-off will be required.

### **Agility Biathlon Sponsored**

- Entry open to ALL dogs. Separate competition for each jump height with no pre qualification necessary.
- Consists of a Jumping round and Agility round with the results combined.
- Running order for Agility will be in reverse order of Jumping results.
- Cumulative scoring; least faults wins with time as tie-breaker only, in all aspects of the Biathlon.
- In the event of a tie for the Agility Biathlon Champion, the scores from the Agility round will determine the winner. If there is still a tie, the dogs will compete in a run-off on the Agility course.
- Eliminations in the Jumping round will not progress to the Agility round.
- Eliminations in the Agility round will not be placed in the Agility Biathlon. A progression percentage to move to the Final may be introduced after the entries close and will be announced.
- A no-show in either class will result in disqualification from the Agility Biathlon, including prizes and awards and further runs in this class.

### **Games Challenge**

- Entry open to ALL dogs. Separate competition for each jump height with no pre qualification necessary.
- Consists of a Snooker round and a Gamblers round with the results combined.
- Running order for Gamblers will run in reverse order of Snooker results.
- Cumulative scoring; highest number of points wins with time as tie breaker only.
- In the event of a tie for the Games Challenge Champion, the scores from the Gamblers round will determine the winner. If there is still a tie, the dogs will compete in a run-off on the Gamblers course.
- Eliminations (dogs not stopping the timers by going over the finish jump) will score 0 points with SCT as the course time.
- A no-show in either class will result in disqualification from the Games Challenge, including prizes and awards and further runs in this class.
- The top 50% of the Snooker initial entry or top 10 in each height, whichever is higher, will progress to Gamblers. Eliminations will not move forward. This percentage may be reduced after entries are closed and will be announced shortly after the close date.

### **Masters Series Last Chance Heat**

- Entry open to ALL dogs regardless if the dog has already qualified for the Final. Separate competition for each jump height with no pre qualification necessary.
- Consists of a Agility round and a Jumping round (both classes designed at the Champ level) with results combined
- Running order for both classes will be in random order for this event.
- Cumulative scoring; dog with the lowest score wins.
- Faults converted into seconds (5 faults = 5 seconds) and time faults treated the same as course faults but converted on a 1:1 ratio.
- Winners in each height of the Agility round and the Jumping round qualify for the Masters Series Final.
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall qualify for the Masters Series Final.
- In the event of a tie for the combined results, the result from the Agility round will be the deciding factor. If there is still a tie, the dogs will compete in a run-off on the Agility course.
- Eliminations will result in 100 faults with SCT time as the time.
- Dogs that score double elimination will not be placed.
- A no-show in either class will result in disqualification from the Last Chance Heat, including further runs in this class.
- If a handler qualifies for the Final who has not yet qualified throughout the year, they will need to pay the Masters final fee at the Open to run in the Final.
- There is no payout for this event with all prize money going towards the Masters Series Final prize fund.

### **Masters Series Final**

- All handler and dog partnerships must pre-qualify in a local Masters Heat from around the country during Oct 3, 2017 through Oct 2, 2018 with the exception of the Last Chance Heat held at the USA Open or Overall Cup Winner.
- Pre qualification can be gained at local heats by winning the individual Masters Series Agility & Jumping classes and/or coming 1st & 2nd Overall without an E in either class unless a win occurred in the non E class.
- Separate competition for each jump height.
- Consists of Agility round and a Jumping round with results combined.
- Running order for both classes will be in random order for this event.
- Cumulative scoring; dog with the lowest score wins.
- Faults converted into seconds: **5 faults = 3 seconds** (*note this is different than the heats*). Time faults treated as course faults but converted on a 1:1 ratio.

- In the event of a tie the result from the Agility round will be the deciding factor. If there is still a tie, the dogs will compete in a run-off on the Agility course.
- Eliminations will result in 100 faults with SCT as the time.
- Dogs that score double elimination will not be placed.
- A no-show in either class will result in disqualification from Masters Series Final, including prizes and awards and further runs in this class.

### **UKI National Championship**

- Entry open to ALL dogs with no pre qualification necessary to enter Rd 1.
- Separate competition for each jump height.
- Consists of Rd 1, Rd 2 (semifinal), and Final. Rd 1 will be a Jumping class. Rd 2 and the Final will be an Agility class. (classes designed at a Champ level)
- Each round is a separate competition (scores not cumulative).
- In each round the dog with the least faults will be deemed the winner with time used as a tie breaker.
- **Rd 2 Bye earned throughout the year at local UKI trials, Reserve Cup winners & Classic All Clear Biathlon winners:** To earn an automatic bye into Rd 2, dog and handler partnerships must have earned Five (5) Agility clear rounds and Five (5) Jumping clear rounds & *two (1 jumping & 1 agility) of these results must be obtained on the same day*. Two (2) Games class qualifying scores (Snooker, Gamblers, Snakes & Ladders, Power & Speed) and Two (2) Speedstakes clear rounds. Clear rounds have no time or course faults and can be obtained from current level dog is working at, including Masters Heat classes (not available for Nursery).
- **Automatic Rd 2 Byes will not run in Rd 1.**
- **Progressing to Rd 2 from Rd1:** The top 50% of the Rd 1 entry (this does not include the Rd2 Byes in this calculation) or top 10 in each height, whichever is higher, will progress to Rd 2 (eliminations will not move forward).
- In the event of a tie for a progression place from Rd 1 both dogs will go through to the next round.
- Running orders for Round 2 will be random draw.
- Eliminations will result in 100 faults with a SCT as the course time.
- **Progressing to Finals:** The top 8 from Round 2, excluding the UKI Cup Winners, in each height will qualify for the Final (eliminations will not move forward).
- Running orders for the Final will be reverse order of round 2 results, in the event of a tie for the top 8 placements from round 2, a run-off will be required.
- **Overall Cup Winners** may still enter Rd 2 – the result from Rd 2 will place your running order in the Final. Elimination in Rd 2 or the choice to not run in Rd 2 will place 1<sup>st</sup> in the run order for the final.
- A no-show in any round will result in disqualification from the UKI National Championship, including prizes and awards.
- Any extraordinary circumstances to be ruled by UKI.

### **Challenger Round**

- Entry open to dogs that had entered the Agility Biathlon and UKI National Championships and did not progress through to the SUNDAY Finals: Biathlon - Agility, and the UKI National Championship Final. (If you are in one of these Finals, this class is not available to you)
- Separate competition for each jump height.
- Consists of an Agility class that is a one-off round with scores from previous rounds irrelevant.
- Least faults wins with time used as a tie-breaker.
- In the event of a tie a runoff will be required.
- The winner qualifies to run in the UKI National Championship Final. They will run first in the Final (eliminations will not move forward).

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## **Cup & Classics Awards earning Qualifications in the US Open**

### **UKI USA Cup Overall Winners**

The Winner will gain an automatic spot in the 2019 National Championship Final and automatic entry into the Masters Final.

### **UKI USA Cup Overall Reserve**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> place dog in each jump height will receive an automatic Bye into Round 2 of the UKI National Championship

**Classic Pentathlon Winners**

Winners of the Classic Speedstakes Final from the Pentathlon in each jump height receives an automatic Bye into the Speedstakes Challenge Final.

**All Clear Classic Biathlon Winners**

If the Winners of the Overall Placement of the Classic Biathlon in each jump height win with both Biathlon Jumping and Biathlon Agility being clear rounds (no course faults or time faults), they receive an automatic Bye into Rd 2 of the UKI National Championship Class.