



KineticDog UKI NE Shamrock Cup

August 20-23, 2026

General Briefing

Here is your general briefing. The purpose of this is to minimize the time needed during the briefing to relay everything to you, to give you a chance to read, digest and ask any questions and to make sure everyone gets the information. This document is meant to supplement the information published in the final confirmation, so please read that as well.

- If you have not already done so, please join the UKI Northeast Cup Facebook page - <https://tinyurl.com/mtc235hk>
- We want to thank our sponsors: 1-TDC Works So Well, Flying Dogs Agility, Wild at Heart and Saint Rocco's Treats. Please thank them throughout the weekend!
- Thank you to our dedicated Show Committee: Dan Burke, Marina Brannon., Alaina Axford, Judy Reilly, Kathleen Schaefer and Jacky Mento. A special shout out to the Flying Dogs crew, Diann Gastley and Marianne Pieper who cannot join us this year and Elsie Maylot who is forever in our hearts. Thank you to Vince & Cindy Madeiros for handling RV's. Thanks to Terry Ellison and Tracy Riley for handling the crating and tenting areas.
- Thank you to our judges: Jordi Boix (Spain) and Dave Grubel (California)
- Please support our vendors
 - Wild at Heart (Lynsey Heffner)
 - Peak Performance Rehab
 - Joann Johnson (food)
 - Core Pawtential
 - 1-TDC Works So Well
 - Saint Rocco's Treats
 - Jo Gryniewicz from Wildscapes and Whiskers
- Friday afternoon through Sunday we will have a practice ring in the Red Building (ring 2). All proceeds will go to 2027 WAO Team USA. Thank you to Beverly Melcher for donating

the ring for this purpose! Further details are on our Facebook page and will also be published at the event

- There is NO speeding in the driveway – 10 mph. Also, police are known to issue speeding tickets on Church Street
- This is private property and we MUST stay within the area of the dog training center:
 - Do not go across the driveway to the left
 - Do not go beyond the RV's behind the green building
 - Do NOT go on the Fast Cat or drive on the Fast Cat track
 - Do not go towards the front of the property past the sheep pen
 - The front area of the sheep pen is available for off leash dogs
- Do not allow your dogs to potty anywhere near the buildings, on anything manmade, or on anything a human has to touch
- If you are setting up a tent outdoors for the weekend, you must lower it at night to protect it from becoming a flying E-Z Up in case of storms
- There are indoor bathrooms. No need to use the outdoor port a potties
- We will have a workers raffle which was put together by Marianne Pieper of Flying Dogs
- We will have a WAO Raffle
- We will have workers hospitality
- Ribbons for individual classes are self serve.
- We have titling ribbons. Please see Kathleen, Jacky or MEB if you would like individual tabs
- You may not move yourself on the gate without permission of MEB, Dan or Marina
- We will be using Agility Gate (see General confirmation). There will be no paper gate sheets.
- NFC and Repeat and Move on are allowed
- All Eliminations, RMO and NFC will receive maximum course time of 60 seconds
- For the preliminary rounds that are running in groups, we will not start the next group until the previous group has finished. There will be a 5-10 minute break between rotations. Start times will be announced as the groups start to wind down.
- Gate Sheet Displays - Thanks to tech guru Dan Burke We have monitors that are mirroring what the gate steward is seeing on their iPad. THESE ARE NOT TOUCH SCREENS! PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH!
- There will be no formal briefing for the games. Written briefings for Snooker and Gamblers will be released at the same time as the course map. For Snooker - there will be a Facebook post in this group at 11am on Thursday. You may ask questions there. That post will be shut down at 12:15pm. The Gamblers post time will be announced on Saturday once we have an idea of how the morning rotations are running.
- We all love agility and love to compete at these types of events. We really need your help volunteering in order to make it through this event.
 - Any assistance is appreciated even if only for a few dogs
 - We have snacks, water and fabulous raffle prizes
 - Please see Kathleen Schaefer with any questions or to volunteer

- If you are volunteering for ring crew (THANK YOU) – we will be leaving the 4” cups in the jumps in the Green building all weekend. There will be a second set of cups for height changes
- If you are volunteering for course building (THANK YOU) – we do not bag the tunnels or put the bags up against the tunnels until the course has been tweaked. Basically, we only move the tunnel bags once (worker smarter not harder!). Putting the bags up against the tunnels before tweaking means they will need to be moved out of the way to adjust the tunnels
- Dogs can run in a collar but it must be a flat buckle - no dangly bits
- Toys - you can bring a toy into the ring with you, and even play with it on the start line. It cannot pass the plane of the first jump with you. Leave it with your leash and the leash runner will take it to the end for you. Leash runner will not place it where you tell them to; they will place it in the same place for every dog to ensure consistency.
- Repeat & move on is in effect - you may repeat up to two obstacles before the obstacle you are fixing. You may do this once per run. If you do it a 2nd time the judge will whistle you out of the ring.
- NFC is allowed at this competition. Please declare NFC loudly before your run, and make sure the judge has acknowledged it.
- Wait for the “Go”/“Ready” from the timer before starting your run. If you start before the go it is an automatic elimination.
- Please let the show manager or the judges know if you see any safety concerns.
- Be nice to your dog, the volunteers, and your fellow competitors.

Thanks for reading!

Mary Ellen & the rest of the A Team

