

Dog Sport Age Requirements

The youngest age to compete and the veteran or senior age, by sport and organization.

Agility

Organization	Youngest age	Veteran or senior
AKC	15 months	No veterans class; Preferred (lower jumps) open at any age
UKC	15 months	No veterans class; Minimum Jump Height open at any age
ASCA	Over 18 months for qualifying runs	Veteran and Senior divisions from 7: 4 in lower, 10% more time
CPE	15 months	Veterans from 6: 4 in lower; Enthusiast and Specialist (lower heights) open from 15 months
UKI	15 months, Nursery and Speedstakes only	Veterans from 8: lower heights, Beginners course times
USDAA	15 months; 14 months if entered only in Intro	Veterans from 8: lower Veterans height, more time
NADAC	15 months, Intro only	Veterans from 7: 4 in lower
CKC (Canada)	18 months (12 months at sanctioned matches)	Veterans from 7, if you choose: 1 or 2 heights lower, 20% more time
AAC (Canada)	18 months, FEO included	Veteran from 7 (or 5 after a year in Special); never required

Fast CAT, CAT and lure coursing

Organization	Youngest age	Veteran or senior
AKC Fast CAT	12 months	None
AKC CAT	12 months	Older than 7: may run two-thirds of the distance
AKC lure coursing	1 year	Veteran Stake (club option): 5, 6 or 7 by breed
ASFA lure field trials	1 year on the trial day	Veteran Stake: 5, 6 or 7 by breed, with its own titles
ASFA Lure Chasing Instinct (non-sighthounds and mixes)	12 months on the trial day	Veteran classes over 7, with their own titles
UKC lure coursing	12 months on the event day	None
UKC Precision Coursing	1 year on the event day	None

Dock diving

Organization	Youngest age	Veteran or senior
NADD	6 months, counted by month	Veteran Class from 8, at Regionals and Nationals only
DockDogs	6 months	Veteran (turns 8 in the season), Legend (10), Hero (12)
UKC Dock Jumping	6 months on the event day	None

Barn Hunt

Organization	Youngest age	Veteran or senior
Barn Hunt Association	6 months (on or after the six-month birth date)	None ("Senior" is a level)
Happy Ratters	Over 6 months	None

Obedience

Organization	Youngest age	Veteran or senior
AKC	6 months	Veterans class: titled dogs 7 and up, Novice exercises only
UKC	6 months	Veterans class: 7 and up, recall with no jump
ASCA	6 months	7 and up may jump 2 or 4 in lower; Seniors class for titled dogs 7 and up
CKC (Canada)	6 months	Veterans class: CD or higher, 7 and up; may jump 3/4 height
C-WAGS	6 months	None
CDSP	Over 6 months	7 and up may jump 2 in lower (optional)

Rally

Organization	Youngest age	Veteran or senior
AKC	6 months (Rally Virtual too)	None
UKC	6 months	None
ASCA	6 months	None
CKC (Canada)	6 months	None
WCRL	6 months for Intro and Level 1	Veteran class from 6, 7 or 8, by weight
C-WAGS	6 months	None

Scent work and nose work

Organization	Youngest age	Veteran or senior
AKC Scent Work	6 months; Virtual Scent Work Test from 4 months	None
NACSW	1 year for trials	None
UKC Nosework	6 months	None
USCSS	6 months	None ("Senior" is a level)
C-WAGS Scent	6 months	None

Tracking

Organization	Youngest age	Veteran or senior
AKC	6 months	None
ASCA	6 months	None

Herding

Organization	Youngest age	Veteran or senior
AKC	9 months (Instinct test from 6 months)	None
ASCA	6 months (Started and Open Farm Trial Dog)	None
AHBA	9 months (Herding Capability Tests from 6 months)	None
USBCHA	No minimum age published	None

Earthdog

Organization	Youngest age	Veteran or senior
AKC	6 months	None

Flyball

Organization	Youngest age	Veteran or senior
NAFA	15 months	Veterans Class: whole team 7 and up, minimum jump height, at most 16 heats a day
U-FLI	12 months	None

Disc dog

Organization	Youngest age	Veteran or senior
UpDog	Freestyle 16 months; Frizgility, FunKey and 7 Up 12 months; other games no limit	None
USDDN	18 months (Super Open Freestyle qualifier); 12 months (Super Pro Toss and Fetch qualifier)	None

Canicross and sled dog racing

Organization	Youngest age	Veteran or senior
IFSS	18 months	None for dogs

Weight pull

Organization	Youngest age	Veteran or senior
UKC	1 year	Veteran award from 7
IWPA	1 year	None

Dog parkour

Organization	Youngest age	Veteran or senior
IDPKA	18 months (Training Level has no minimum)	Last third of expected lifespan: may ask to skip one requirement and modify one
All Dogs Parkour	8 months (Foundation Skills from 12 weeks)	Special Division: senior at 7 (4 for giant breeds)

Treibball

Organization	Youngest age	Veteran or senior
NATE	Over 12 months	Veteran A and B from 8, optional

Canine freestyle

Organization	Youngest age	Veteran or senior
MDSA	1 year	Veteran Freestyle Dog from 7
Rally FrEe	1 year	Alternative Division by need, no set age

Conformation

Organization	Youngest age	Veteran or senior
AKC	6 months	Veterans: age set by the club
UKC	6 months	None
CKC (Canada)	6 months	Veterans from 7

AKC hunt tests and field trials

Organization	Youngest age	Veteran or senior
Retriever hunt tests	6 months	None
Spaniel hunt tests	6 months	None
Pointing breed hunt tests	6 months	None
Retriever field trials	6 months	None
Spaniel field trials	6 months	None
Pointing breed field trials	6 months	None

Protection sports

Organization	Youngest age	Veteran or senior
FCI (IGP)	BH set by each country, never under 12 months; IGP 1 at 18 months	None
USCA (IGP)	15 months (BH)	None
NARA (French Ring)	12 months	None
USMRA / FCI Mondioring	12 months	None
PSA	14 months	None

AKC CGC and other programs

Program	Youngest age	Veteran or senior
AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC)	No age minimum	None
AKC Community Canine (CGCA)	No age limit	None
AKC Urban CGC (CGCU)	No age limit	None
AKC Trick Dog	No minimum age published	None
AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy	Once vaccinations are done	None
AKC FIT DOG	6 months (Bronze)	None
AKC Farm Dog Certified	9 months	None
AKC Temperament Test	1 year	None
AKC Therapy Dog title	Set by the therapy group	None

Upper age limits

NADAC agility: None, but Veterans is required after 9, and Skilled plus Veterans after 12

USBCHA herding: Nursery ends around age 3 (sheepdogs) or 4 (cattledogs)

UKC weight pull: Under 12 on the event day

IWPA weight pull: Not over 12 at the start of the season

AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy: Up to 1 year

Every other sport and organization here has no upper age limit.

Dog Title Tracker

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