

CFA FELINE AGILITY COMPETITION (FAC)
RULES AND REGULATIONS

Enclosure Specifications:

1. The size of the enclosure should be from 20'x20' up to 32'x32' or any variation of these, (example 20'x40' or 30'x40'; whatever the show hall indicates).
2. The enclosure consists of panels of fence that should be at least 5-6 ft. high and should have a slanted top (slanted inward). It is preferred that the poles be made of metal (steel or aluminum) with a black netting mesh that is strong enough to keep the cats in and still be easy to look through.
3. A solid panel 2 to 3 feet high at the bottom of the panels or pipe and drape set 2 to 3 feet away from the fence is necessary. Paper may be used around the bottom of a cage if securely anchored to the panels with clips. This protects the cats from distractions.
4. Portable flooring must be used in the Ring regardless of the existing floors composition.
5. The door is in one of the panels and should be placed at the most convenient place for access to the Agility Ring. The latch should open from inside and outside the enclosure.

Obstacles:

Our Rings are currently standardized with 10 obstacles consisting of 4 hurdles (1 bar, 2 bar, 3 bar and 4 bar), 2 tunnels, weave poles, stairs and 2 hoops. The Coordinator in Charge of Obstacles will be responsible for approving new obstacles and informing the Chairman of the Agility Committee, Certified Ringmasters and Vendors when new obstacles are approved.

Placement of the equipment:

1. The Agility Ring must be located away from the judging rings to avoid distractions for the Judges, exhibitors, handlers and cats.
2. Placement in a corner is very good because it gives the cats a more secure feeling. High traffic areas are discouraged for the same reason. Traffic to and from bathrooms, entrances and concessions can also be distracting to cats and handlers, this should be a consideration when setting up the agility equipment.

Equipment:

1. Vendors who offer the Agility Equipment are listed on the website at <http://agility.cfa.org>
2. Each vendor carrying the agility equipment sets his own price. Clubs should arrange to rent the equipment the way they do for their show cages.
3. A signed contract is advised to secure the price, time of delivery and the set-up and tear down.
4. The vendor should supply a Swiffer-type mop and a spray bottle of disinfectant. The club should supply paper towels

Certified Ringmaster:

1. A list of Certified Ringmasters is on the website <http://agility.cfa.org> to help you contact one for your show.
2. The Certified Ringmaster (CRM) runs the ring and times the cats. A Ringmaster must be certified.
3. The CRM has the responsibility for arranging the obstacles.
4. Obstacles must be placed at least 3 feet apart.

5. The Certified Ringmaster working the show must have an agent show their cat if they wish to enter the regular show competition. If two Certified Ringmasters are working the Agility Ring then one of them may have an entry in the show.
6. The Certified Ringmaster working the show may run their cat for exhibition or scores (for Regional awards) but may not compete for show prizes. A Certified Ringmaster may not time his/her own cat. They must use a Certified Assistant Ringmaster or another Certified Ringmaster.
7. No food or treats are permitted in the Agility ring at any time.
8. During a timed run the handler must not touch the cat with his/her hands. It is permissible for the toy to touch the cat.
9. The CRM must send the completed Ringmasters Report, and the Sign-in and Scoring Forms to the "Coordinator for Ringmasters, Training Programs and Scoring Procedures."
10. The CRM must give the Club an Evaluation Sheet for them to complete and send to the "Coordinator for Ringmasters, Training Programs and Scoring Procedures".

Club:

1. A list of Certified Ring Masters is on the website <http://agility.cfa.org> to help you contact someone for your show.
2. A steward must be provided by the club. To assist the CRM, clean the ring between cats and assist with timing and post scores.
3. The club should provide a minimum of 1 table and paper towels for the CRM.
4. Chairs should be provided for spectators on the long side of the enclosure.
5. Lunch should be provided for the CRM each day of the show.
6. If possible, a microphone shall be provided for the Agility area.
7. A Club representative shall complete the CRM Evaluation sheet and send it to The Coordinator for Ringmasters, CRM Training Programs and Scoring Procedures

Entry:

1. Entry fees will be determined by the club.
2. Cats may be pre-entered with the show entry clerk using the CFA Feline Agility Competition Form.
3. Cats may also be entered during the Show by completing the CFA Feline Agility entry form and paying the entry fee. The owner/handler must sign the Check-in-Score Sheet before entering the Agility Ring.
4. All entries must be benched, the clubs can decide if the entry includes the benching or not.
5. Cats will be entered using the owner's last name and the cats call name, or using the cats Registered name.. They should be entered the same way in every show so scoring will not be divided between two names.
6. Entries may include pedigreed cats, house pets, and shelter cats as well as cats that have been declawed or have a deformity.
7. A cat with wild ancestry is not eligible for any CFA competition.

Toys:

1. Laser lights are allowed, but only in the enclosure. Under no circumstances are laser-type pens to be used in the rest of the show hall.
2. Cat toys with a handle are recommended.
3. Treats or food are not allowed in the ring.

Handlers:

1. Comfortable apparel should be worn.

2. Flat heeled shoes are required, gym shoes work best.
3. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor/handler to refrain from bringing an unhealthy cat or kitten into the show hall.
4. A display of bad sportsmanship by the handler, including obvious temper or abuse of the cat is subject to dismissal from the agility ring until the handler settles down. (The CRM will make this decision.)
5. Continued bad sportsmanship by the handler will result in dismissal from the Agility Competition at that show by the CRM and the show manager.

Scoring:

1. Time will be based on 60 seconds per minute and the number of seconds based on two places to the right of the decimal.
2. The time is started when the cat's paw touches the first obstacle and ends at completion of the last obstacle.
3. The cat will receive 15 points for each obstacle completed, while running counter clockwise. Bonus points will be awarded for cats with clean runs (completing all obstacles on the course in order) within the maximum time of 270 seconds.(4 minutes, 30 seconds).
4. The bonus will be figured by subtracting the cats time from the Maximum time allowed.
5. During a timed run the handler may not touch the cat with his/her hands or the time will be voided. It is permissible for the toy to touch the cat.
6. The best score from 3 timed runs will stand as final.
7. In the event of a tie the cats involved will each have a new run to determine the best score.

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