



2023 Dogs Victoria Agility Top Dog Finalist Selection Criteria

There will be separate competitions for Top Dog Agility and Top Dog Jumping, the below rules apply for each event.

Note: Trial Secretaries must ensure that their results are correct on K9entries, as this data will be used by the Committee to determine finalists. If the results in K9entries are incorrect for any reason, correct details must be sent to the Committee. If competitors believe the information on K9 Entries is incorrect, they are welcome to submit copies of pass cards for consideration by the Committee – they must be emailed to vicagilitycomm@gmail.com prior to 31 October 2023.

Selection of finalists for each competition will be made on the following basis:

1. Competitors must be registered with Dogs Victoria and be residents of Victoria.
2. Passes are to be gained at trials between 1 November 2022 and 31 October 2023.
3. Passes will be gained from any Victorian Master and/or Elite Agility or Jumping Class
 - a. A maximum of 3 passes (for each of Agility and Jumping) gained from interstate events (including National events) may be nominated by competitors by emailing copies of pass cards to the Committee (vicagilitycomm@gmail.com) prior to 31 October 2023.
 - b. Passes from Restricted Trials are not eligible.
 - c. Proof of other passes obtained may be required to be presented upon request.
4. Only placings of 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be eligible. Placings will be in accordance with ANKC Agility Rules.
5. A maximum of 10 Master and/or Elite passes will be considered for each of Agility and Jumping. A minimum of 7 passes is required to be eligible for each event.
6. Passes will be assigned a point value with a maximum of 150 points possible.

	Elite	Master
1 st	15 points	10 points
2 nd	13.5 points	9 points
3 rd	12 points	8 points

7. The Agility Committee will select finalists based on the highest team scores and invite the required number of teams up to a maximum of 20 dogs. Due to eligibility requirements, it is not guaranteed that all heights will be represented in the finals.
 - a. If there are not enough qualifiers to fill all positions, placings of 4th and 5th will be considered, with the following point value:

	Elite	Master
4 th	10.5 points	7 points
5 th	9 points	6 points

- b. If scores are tied within the height, qualifiers will be determined by a count back of 1st places, 2nd places, etc.

c. The number of finalists in each height for 2023 will be:

200	1
300	4
400	3
500	10
600	2

Top Dog Finals:

1. The finals will be based on one round each of Master Agility and Master Jumping. The finals will be run in heights and winners will be awarded in two categories:

Mini	200, 300 & 400 height dogs
Maxi	500 & 600 height dogs

2. Finals will be held after 1 November 2023.
3. Dogs competing in the Top Dog finals may be required to pass a soundness check. This will take place on the day of competition and will be conducted by veterinarian(s) selected by the Committee. Any dog deemed unfit for competition will be scratched from the event. If multiple dogs in the same class (mini/maxi) are scratched, they will receive their placing at the end of the field based on their Top Dog points.
4. Bitches in season are eligible to compete in Top Dog finals, competitors must inform the Committee if their bitch is in season prior to the start of proceedings.