



**2026 PREMIER NATIONALS
PREMIUM LIST
JUNE 11-14, 2026**

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Kalamazoo County Expo Center & Fairgrounds
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33RD ANNUAL PREMIER NATIONALS

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ENTRIES OPEN

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026

**Top Ten, Top Junior, All Stars, &
Nosework Hall of Fame:**

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026



ENTRIES CLOSE

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026
11:59 P.M. ET

HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, June 10

Breed Specialties

Thursday, June 11

2025 Top Ten Finals | 2025 All-Stars Invitationals | Nosework Hall of Fame | 2025 Top Junior Finals
Dock Jumping | Weight Pull | Precision Coursing

Friday, June 12

Total Dog & Total Junior Performance Event Qualifying Day | Conformation (Regular & Altered)
Obedience | Rally Obedience | Agility | Weight Pull | Dock Jumping
Nosework | Precision Coursing, DASH, & Steeplechase

Saturday, June 13

Total Dog & Total Junior Conformation Qualifying Day | Total Junior Awards | Total Dog Best in Show
Conformation (Regular & Altered) | Obedience | Rally Obedience | Agility | Weight Pull | Dock Jumping
Nosework | Precision Coursing, DASH, & Steeplechase

Sunday, June 14

Conformation (Regular & Altered) | Obedience | Rally Obedience | Agility | Weight Pull | Dock Jumping
Nosework | Precision Coursing, DASH, & Steeplechase

**UKC Premier Nationals is superintended by UKC staff
with help from friendly host clubs and advocates:**

Desk Attendant: Phil Tanner

Agility: Kim Smith & Capital City Canine Club

Conformation: Sue Phillips

Dock Jumping: Super Retriever Series

Precision Coursing: Swift Paws

DASH & Steeplechase: United LCLD

Nosework: Dog Scent Sports of Joliet

JUDGING ASSIGNMENTS

Conformation Breed Judging	6/11/2026 2025 Top Ten	6/12/2026 Premier Nationals	6/13/2026 Premier Nationals	6/14/2026 Premier Nationals
Guardian	Kathy Russell	Denise Simenauer	Diana Allen	Stan Matsumoto
Scenthound	Pennie Jackson	Helena Engelauf	Sandra Phillips	Diana Allen
Sighthound & Pariah	Pennie Jackson	Kathy Russell	Mary Lynn Jensen	Sandra Phillips
Gun Dog Breeds (A–G)	Diana Allen	Stan Matsumoto	Denise Simenauer	Kathy Russell
Gun Dog Breeds (H–W)	Diana Allen	Joseph Allen	Pennie Jackson	Denise Simenauer
Northern	Joseph Allen	Greg Wessell	Kathy Russell	Mary Lynn Jensen
AE	Joseph Allen	Greg Wessell	Kathy Russell	Mary Lynn Jensen
Herding Breeds (A–G & BSD)	Greg Wessell, Sandra Phillips (BSD only)	Pennie Jackson	Stan Matsumoto	Helena Engelauf
Herding Breeds (H–W)	Greg Wessell	Mary Lynn Jensen	Joseph Allen	Stan Matsumoto
Terrier	Stan Matsumoto	Diana Allen	Helena Engelauf	Greg Wessell
Companion	Mary Lynn Jensen	Sandra Phillips	Greg Wessell	Pennie Jackson

Junior Showmanship	6/11/2026 2025 Top Junior	6/12/2026 Premier Nationals	6/13/2026 Premier Nationals	6/14/2026 Premier Nationals
Pee-Wee		Stan Matsumoto	Denise Simenauer	Kathy Russell
Sub Junior		Stan Matsumoto	Denise Simenauer	Kathy Russell
Pre-Junior		Stan Matsumoto	Denise Simenauer	Kathy Russell
Novice Junior		Stan Matsumoto	Denise Simenauer	Kathy Russell
Open Junior	TBA	Diana Allen	Helena Engelauf	Greg Wessell
Novice Senior		Diana Allen	Helena Engelauf	Greg Wessell
Open Senior	TBA	Helena Engelauf	Sandra Phillips	Diana Allen

Judges for the semi-final and final rounds of the Top Ten and Top Junior competition will be announced at the time of the event.

Agility	6/11/2026 2025 Agility All Stars	6/12/2026 Premier Nationals	6/13/2026 Premier Nationals	6/14/2026 Premier Nationals
All Stars BA, GRACH, & Top Junior	Dana Conley			
All Stars IA & GRACH	Maggie Andreau			
All Stars EA & GRACH	Dana Conley			
Beginner Agility		Maggie Andreau	Dana Conley	Maggie Andreau
Intermediate Agility		Dana Conley	Maggie Andreau	Dana Conley
Excellent Agility		Maggie Andreau	Dana Conley	Maggie Andreau

Obedience	6/11/2026 2025 Obedience All Stars	6/12/2026 Premier Nationals	6/13/2026 Premier Nationals	6/14/2026 Premier Nationals
All Stars Novice & Top Junior	Tracie Karsjens			
All Stars Open	Tracie Karsjens			
All Stars Utility	Tracie Karsjens			
Pre-Novice–Utility		Polly Dake Jones	Kim Alexander Thompson	Tracie Karsjens

JUDGING ASSIGNMENTS

Rally Obedience	6/11/2026 2025 Rally Obedience All Stars	6/12/2026 Premier Nationals	6/13/2026 Premier Nationals	6/14/2026 Premier Nationals
All Stars Rally 1 & Top Junior	Polly Dake Jones			
All Stars Rally 2, 3, & Master	Kim Alexander Thompson			
Rally Obedience 1		Kim Alexander Thompson	Tracie Karsjens	Polly Dake Jones
Rally Obedience 2, 3, & Master		Tracie Karsjens	Polly Dake Jones	Kim Alexander Thompson

Weight Pull (Wheels–Artifical)	6/11/2026 Premier Nationals	6/12/2026 Premier Nationals	6/13/2026 Premier Nationals	6/14/2026 Premier Nationals
	Valerie Piltz	Valerie Piltz	Valerie Piltz	Valerie Piltz

Precision Coursing (Trials 1 & 2)	6/11/2026 Premier Nationals	6/12/2026 Premier Nationals	6/13/2026 Premier Nationals	6/14/2026 Premier Nationals
Novice–Elite	Swift Paws	Swift Paws	Swift Paws	Swift Paws

Precision Coursing DASH (Trials 1 & 2)	6/11/2026 Premier Nationals	6/12/2026 Premier Nationals	6/13/2026 Premier Nationals	6/14/2026 Premier Nationals
Divisions	Kim Brunner	Kim Brunner	Kim Brunner	Kim Brunner

Steeplechase (Trials 1 & 2)	6/11/2026 Premier Nationals	6/12/2026 Premier Nationals	6/13/2026 Premier Nationals	6/14/2026 Premier Nationals
Divisions	Cynthia Sanders	Cynthia Sanders	Cynthia Sanders	Cynthia Sanders

Nosework	6/11/2026 2025 Nosework Hall of Fame	6/12/2026 Premier Nationals	6/13/2026 Premier Nationals	6/14/2026 Premier Nationals
Containers : Trial 1	Sandra Carbonell	Keri Goff		Kim Dykestra
Containers: Trial 2		Keri Goff		
HD: Trial 1		Sandra Carbonell		Sandra Carbonell
HD: Trial 2		Sandra Carbonell		
Interior: Trial 1	Kim Dykestra	Kim Dykestra	Sandra Carbonell	Keri Goff
Interior: Trial 2		Kim Dykestra	Sandra Carbonell	
Exterior: Trial 1	Keri Goff	Laura Denison	Kim Dykestra	Laura Denison
Exterior: Trial 2		Laura Denison	Kim Dykestra	
Vehicle: Trial 1	Laura Denison		Keri Goff	
Vehicle: Trial 2			Keri Goff	

Dock Jumping	6/11/2026 Premier Nationals	6/12/2026 Premier Nationals	6/13/2026 Premier Nationals	6/14/2026 Premier Nationals
	James Birch	James Birch	James Birch	James Birch

ENTRY INFORMATION

ENTRIES OPEN: Monday, March 23, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. ET • **ENTRIES CLOSE:** Monday, May 4, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. ET

*This event is pre-entry only. Enter online at www.ukcdogs.com/premier.
Day-of-show entries will not be available. All entries must be made online.

2025 Top Ten Finals Invitational Competition

Invitations for the Top Ten Finals, Top Junior Finals, and All Stars competitions are mailed to each eligible dog's owner on record, or each UKC Junior Member. Judges are not announced for the Top Ten Finals beyond the Top Ten Best of Breed level. Entries into the Top Ten Finals, Top Junior Finals, and All Stars competitions must be submitted online.

ENTRY INFORMATION & FEES

- Entries are pre-entry only; enter online at evententry.ukcdogs.com/events/premier-nationals.
- Entries open on Monday, March 23, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. (ET).
- Entries for Top Ten, Top Junior, All Stars, and Nosework Hall of Fame open on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. (ET). Enter at evententry.ukcdogs.com/events/top-ten-all-star-and-nosework-hall-of-fame/.
- Entries close on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. (ET). After this time, entries will not be accepted, and cancellations will not be made.
- Performance events will close at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Monday, May 4, 2026, or when the numerical limit for the event has been reached (whichever comes first). After this time, entries will not be processed and will be refunded.

ENTRY FEES

- **Conformation:** \$35 per entry.
- **Agility:** \$35 for first entry; \$30 each additional entry for same dog into same trial.
- **Obedience:** \$35 for first entry; \$30 each additional entry for same dog into same trial.
- **Rally Obedience:** \$35 for first entry; \$30 each additional entry for same dog into same trial.
- **Nosework:** \$35 for first entry; \$30 each additional entry for same dog into same trial.
- **Dock Jumping:** \$35 per splash; day-before entries will be accepted for \$35.
- **Precision Coursing, DASH, & Steeplechase:** \$35 per class; no day-of-show entries will be accepted.
- **Junior Showmanship:** No charge.
- Additional entries into a performance event made later will be charged the first entry fee; the discounted second entry fee will not apply.
- Each dog must be entered separately online; no conditional entries will be accepted.
- Dogs entered in an eligible performance event on Friday and Conformation on Saturday will automatically be entered in Total Dog.

SUBMITTING ENTRIES

- Entries for all events must be submitted online on the UKC official website: www.ukcdogs.com/premier. Online entries for Top Ten, Top Junior, All Stars, and Nosework Hall of Fame will be available through a different link on the same webpage.
- Entries will not be accepted by third parties or any other entry service.

Enter online at: www.ukcdogs.com/premier. All exhibitors using the online entry system must have a valid email address.

ENTRY CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

- Entry cancellations must be received in writing prior to the closing of entries. Request must include the dog's UKC number, name, breed, and event type entered. Cancellations by phone or chat will not be accepted. Emailed cancellations must be sent to allbreedsports@ukcdogs.com.
- Cancelled entries submitted before the closing of entries will be charged a cancellation fee of \$3 per entered class. No entries will be refunded after the closing date and time or after entry limits have been reached, except in the case of females that come into season and are entered in a performance event. For females in season, a veterinarian's official statement that the female is in season must accompany the cancellation request.
- Entry fees shall not be refunded if dog is absent, disqualified, excused by a veterinarian or judge, or barred from competition by the Event Committee.
- Substitution of an entered dog may be allowed at UKC's discretion. The dog being substituted must meet all eligibility requirements to enter the UKC event and the class it is entering. Substitution of a dog is prohibited when the dog is ineligible to compete. Owners who are substituting an unentered dog for an entered dog must submit a completed Official UKC Entry Form along with the correction/class change form, in the opinion of outlining the details of the substitution in an email to allbreedsports@ukcdogs.com. In Junior Showmanship, the Junior Handler can substitute a dog if that dog has a valid UKC registration number.
- Every effort will be made to find all duplicate entries before processing. If a duplicate entry is processed, however, no refund will be made.
- Entry overpayments may be donated to the general trophy fund.
- If, because of riots, civil disturbances, or other acts beyond the control of the host organization, it is impossible to open or to complete an event, no refund of entry fees will be made.
- If, in the opinion of the host club, the well-being of dogs, exhibitors, or spectators is at risk due to extreme weather conditions, such as, but not limited to, snowstorms, hurricanes, tornadoes, lightning, or extreme heat, the host club may cancel or stop an event before completion. No refunds will be made in such cases.

ENTRY ELIGIBILITY

- Dogs must be permanently registered with UKC, have a Temporary Listing (TL) number, or a Performance Listing (PL) number by the closing date and time to enter. No exceptions will be made. Entries for ineligible dogs will be returned.
- Dogs must meet the eligibility requirements for the event they are entering. For requirements, refer to the appropriate event rulebook.

ENTRY CONFIRMATION

- Receipt of online entries will be acknowledged upon submission, but this does not constitute confirmation of a

valid entry.

- Electronic confirmation of entries will be sent to the email address included on the entry form as soon as the entry has been accepted and processed. If you do not receive confirmation, please notify UKC.

ARMBANDS

- One armband will be assigned to each entered dog and will be the same number for all entered event types. Entry confirmation information will be printed on the back of the armband.
- Armbands will be picked up at the Superintendent's desk in the Main Expo building. A duplicate set of armbands will also be available at the Superintendent's desk.

JUDGING PROGRAM

- The Judging Program will not be mailed, but will be available from the UKC website about ten days before the event.

CLASS CHANGE/CORRECTION OF ENTRY

- Owners are responsible for the accuracy of information on the entry forms.
- If, according to the owner's records, a dog has completed the requirements for a title after the closing of entries, the dog may be moved up to a higher class. Move-up forms will be available at the event headquarters table. All move-ups must be made no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of any regular judging.
- Any corrections to entries must be made in writing to UKC. Corrections can be emailed to allbreedsports@ukcdogs.com. Corrections can be made at the event using a move-up form at the secretary's table, but must be made no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of any regular judging.

CONFORMATION

- Licensed classes: Regular and Altered classes will be offered for all eligible breeds and Junior Showmanship.
- One show offered Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for three total shows.
- Saturday is the Conformation Qualifier for Total Dog and Total Junior.
- Belgian Shepherd Dogs: The customary Conformation procedure will be used on Saturday and Sunday. The Assisted Animation/Critique procedure will be used on Friday. All efforts will be made to include the Belgian Shepherd Dog in the Group ring. However, the Herding Group will not be held up if the Belgian Shepherd Dog Best of Breed is not chosen in time for Group competition.

AGILITY TRIALS

(Outdoors on grass)

- All standard Agility classes are offered.
- The Agility trial secretary is Kim Smith.
- Three trials offered: one trial Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- Friday is the Performance Qualifier for Total Dog and Total Junior.
- Entries are limited to 175 total entries per day; a waitlist will not be established.

OBEDIENCE TRIALS

(Indoors)

- Pre-Novice through Utility classes offered.
- Three trials offered: one trial Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- Friday is the Performance Qualifier for Total Dog and Total Junior.
- Entries are limited to 56 entries per judge, per day; a waitlist

will not be established.

RALLY OBEDIENCE TRIALS

(Indoors)

- All licensed classes are offered.
- Three trials offered: one trial Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- Friday is the Performance Qualifier for Total Dog and Total Junior.
- Entries are limited to 175 total entries per day; a waitlist will not be established.

NOSEWORK

(Outdoors)

- **Thursday, June 11:** Hall of Fame Invitational.
- **Friday, June 12:** 2 Container trials (Novice-Elite); 2 Exterior trials (Novice-Elite); 2 Interior trials (Novice-Elite); 2 Handler Discrimination trials (Novice-Elite); Performance Qualifier for Total Dog and Total Junior.
- **Saturday, June 13:** 2 Vehicle trials (Novice-Elite); 2 Exterior trials (Novice-Elite); 2 Interior trials (Novice-Elite).
- **Sunday, June 14:** 1 Handler Discrimination trial (Novice-Elite); 1 Container trial (Novice-Elite); 1 Interior trial (Novice-Elite); 1 Exterior Trial (Novice-Elite).
- Entries are limited to 125 per judge, per day; a waitlist will not be established.

DOCK JUMPING

(Outdoors)

- Four splashes are offered per day by Super Retriever Series on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Day-before entries will be available at the dock for \$35 per splash.
- Pre-enter online at www.ukcdogs.com/premier.
- Friday is the Performance Qualifier for Total Dog and Total Junior; Total Dog and Total Junior are pre-entry only.
- No day-before-show entries for Dock Jumping will count as a Total Dog or Total Junior Performance Qualifier.

WEIGHT PULL

(Indoors)

- One Weight Pull trial offered Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Wheels-Artificial.
- Entries are limited to 70 on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.
- Entries are limited to 50 on Sunday.
- Once entries are filled, a waitlist will not be established.

PRECISION COURSING

(Outdoors)

- Novice, Advanced, Superior, Master, and Elite offered.
- Eight trials offered: two each on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- Precision Coursing is eligible for Total Dog.
- No day-of-show entries will be taken.

PRECISION COURSING DASH

(Outdoors)

- Toy, Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, and Giant offered.
- Eight trials offered: two each on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- Precision Coursing DASH is eligible for Total Dog.
- No day-of-show entries will be taken.

PRECISION COURSING STEEPLECHASE

(Outdoors)

- Toy, Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, and Giant offered.
- Eight trials offered: two each on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- Precision Coursing Steeplechase is eligible for Total Dog.
- No day-of-show entries will be taken.

TOTAL JUNIOR AWARD

Total Junior will be held over two days: Performance Qualifier held Friday, June 12, and Junior Showmanship Qualifier held Saturday, June 13.

To be eligible to compete for a Total Junior award, a junior must compete in Junior Showmanship on Saturday, June 13 and earn a 1st-4th placement with competition or an Award of Merit. Eligible classes include Novice Junior, Novice Senior, Open Junior, and Open Senior.

Awards of Merit for UKC Junior Showmanship classes will be given based on the number of Juniors in the class:

- 6 Junior Handlers in class 1 AOM
- 9 Junior Handlers in class 2 AOM
- 12 Junior Handlers in class 3 AOM
- 15 Junior Handlers in class 4 AOM
- 18 Junior Handlers in class 5 AOM
- 21 Junior Handlers in class 6 AOM
- 24 Junior Handlers in class 7 AOM
- 27 Junior Handlers in class 8 AOM
- 30 Junior Handlers in class 9 AOM
- 33 Junior Handlers in class 10 AOM

The junior must also earn a qualifying score in any one performance event on Friday, June 12. Qualifying performance events include: Agility, Dock Jumping, Obedience, Rally Obedience, Lure Coursing, Nosework, and Weight Pull.

Total Junior Participant Parade & Announcement of Qualifiers: Saturday, June 13, in the Main Expo building, following the conclusion of Best in Show (consult the Judging Program for any changes in time or location). A parade of Total Junior participants will kick off this special recognition. All Total Junior participants (dog and handler teams) will report for the parade. Following the parade of participants will be the announcement of the Total Junior Qualifiers.

TOTAL DOG AWARD

Held over two days: Performance Qualifier held Friday, June 12, and Conformation Qualifier held Saturday, June 13.

To be eligible for a Total Dog award, a dog must meet the following criteria:

- Friday, June 12: Earn a qualifying score in a performance event. Qualifying scores earned from Agility, Dock Jumping, Obedience, Rally Obedience, Lure Coursing, Nosework, Precision Coursing, DASH, Steeplechase, or Weight Pull will count toward the Total Dog Award.
- Saturday, June 13: Compete in Conformation (Regular or Altered) and win one of the following awards over another dog: Reserve Best Male/Female of Variety, Reserve Best Male/Female, Best Male/Female of Variety, Best Male/Female, Best of Winners, Champion, Reserve Champion, Champion Award of Merit, Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Grand Champion Award of Merit, Best of Breed, Group 1 through 4, Best in Show, or Reserve Best in Show

from the Regular or Altered Conformation Classes. The following addition to the existing Total Dog Rules regarding Conformation competition requirements for the Champion and Grand Champion classes shall apply solely on Saturday, June 13, 2026:

Champion Award of Merit and Grand Champion Award of Merit shall count as a competition win when computing a Total Dog Qualifier. The number of Awards of Merit to be awarded shall be calculated as follows:

- 5-9 dogs in competition – 1 AOM
- 10-14 dogs in competition – 2 AOM
- 15-19 dogs in competition – 3 AOM
- 20-24 dogs in competition – 4 AOM
- 25-29 dogs in competition – 5 AOM
- 30-34 dogs in competition – 6 AOM
- 35-40 dogs in competition – 7 AOM

Dogs that meet the above requirements will receive a special Total Dog award.

Total Dog Hunting Title Bye-In: Dogs that have earned a hunting title (including HTX) in any hunting event recognized by UKC on or before the entry closing date are eligible to compete for Total Dog. Please check the Hunt Bye-in Box on your entry form to use this as your Performance Qualifier for Total Dog. All dogs must be entered in Total Dog upon submission of entry into the Conformation class in which the dog is eligible for on Saturday, June 13, 2026.

Total Dog Qualifiers Parade, Total Dog Groups, & Total Dog Best in Show Competition will follow the Best in Show Competition on Saturday, June 13, in the Main Expo building. After the Total Junior Parade ends and the announcement of Total Junior Qualifiers, the Total Dog Qualifiers parade will take place (consult the Judging Program for changes in time or location).

- A parade of Total Dog Qualifiers, including Altered, will kick off this special recognition and competition. All Total Dog Qualifiers (dog and handler teams) will report for the parade, followed by the announcement of the Total Dog Qualifiers (including Altered).
- Altered Qualifiers will immediately proceed to the Altered Total Dog Best in Show and Altered Total Dog Reserve Best in Show ring following the parade.
- Total Dog Qualifiers will then compete in Total Dog Groups. The Total Dog Groups are the standard eight groups. Each dog that qualifies will compete in its designated group. There will be no Altered Total Dog group competition.
- Total Dog Group 1 winners will proceed to the Total Dog Best in Show competition and compete for the 2026 Premier Nationals Total Dog Best in Show and Total Dog Reserve Best in Show.

UKC JUNIOR ART CONTEST

The second annual UKC Junior Art Contest! UKC, along with the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo invites artists Pre-K through 12th grade to celebrate the unique bond between dogs and their people, inspired by UKC's "Total Dog" philosophy. This contest challenges participants to express the remarkable relationship between dogs and their families through artwork. Whether you are depicting a real or imaginary dog, we encourage creativity in any medium—from drawing and painting, to digital art and more. *Please no AI.*

Open to students from Pre-K to 12th grade, the contest offers awards for each age division; artwork will be featured at the UKC Premier Nationals and winners will be announced on social media.

Submit your masterpiece by June 9, 2026, and let your art highlight the true spirit of the Total Dog!

For more info, visit ukcdogs.com or contact allbreedsports@ukcdogs.com.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Building & Parking

- The building and grounds will be open to exhibitors at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2026. Overnight security is not provided. All times are Eastern Daylight Savings Time (ET).
- The building and grounds will be open to exhibitors at 7:00 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The building will close at 10:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. On Sunday, the building will close 30 minutes after the conclusion of judging or 6:00 p.m. (whichever is later).
- Indoor grooming reservations will be open online on Wednesday, May 27 at 8:00 a.m. (ET). Reserved spaces will be \$75 per 6x8 space for the week of Premier. If you would like to conjoin spaces, they must be purchased in the same transaction. Any unsold grooming spaces will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Empty grooming space may not be saved. Crating and grooming will be available at Expo South. The crating and grooming layout must be followed.
- Open crating space will be available in the Rally and Obedience rooms for dogs entering those sports. *No grooming will be allowed in those spaces.*
- A grooming tent will be available near the outdoor Conformation rings. Exhibitors will also be allowed to set up their own grooming tents.
- All doors and aisles must be kept clear by order of the Fire Marshall.
- No rugs or ground cover mats are allowed on the floor.
- No exercise pens inside any building. There is ample room for private ex-pens outside.
- Exhibitors will be asked to stack their crates when crating in any building.
- Dogs may not be left unattended when on a grooming table or crated in soft mesh crates. No dog may be left in an unlatched or unzipped crate.
- Dogs must not be left in the buildings overnight; all dogs must be out of the buildings by 10:00 p.m.
- No dogs in restrooms or showers.
- For Conformation, small ringside tables and crates are only allowed at ringside during the judging of a single breed. The Event Committee may order these tables and crates to be removed at their discretion. Please do not abuse this privilege.
- There will be *no smoking* and *no vaping* in any building or undesignated areas.
- No cones or other means may be used to save parking spaces in or around the parking lot or campgrounds.
- Overnight parking for RVs and camping is available. For camping information, see the Camping Information link on ukcdogs.com/premier.

Scheduling Conflicts for Dogs Competing in Multiple Events

- Exhibitors are responsible for being available for judging at the scheduled time.
- Every possible effort will be made to accommodate exhibitors who have dogs entered in multiple events, but judges are not required to wait for dogs. Exhibitors are advised to notify stewards in all rings affected by the conflict, so judges may work around any conflict more easily.

- All Stars exhibitors: please be advised that the Agility, Obedience, Rally Obedience, and Nosework Hall of Fame Invitationals are not required to make allowances or accommodations for dogs and/or handlers entered in the Invitational competitions and any other event.

Exhibitor & Other General Information

- All events are held under the official rules of the United Kennel Club.
- UKC, its agents, and its employees assume no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by spectators, exhibitors, and/or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property, and further assume no responsibility for injury to children not under the control of their parents or guardians. UKC is not responsible for loss, accidents, or theft.
- UKC encourages exhibitors to present their dogs with the least amount of grooming necessary to enable a judge to properly compare each dog with its breed standard. Dogs should be clean, have clean teeth, and have nails cut to a length suitable for the dog to perform the work for which it was bred. UKC enforces rules against artificially altering pigment, coat color, and coat texture with products, surgical alterations, or other means as outlined in the Official UKC Conformation Rulebook. The judge's determination that this rule has been violated shall be final.
- The owners or designated handler of each dog is solely responsible for having the dog ready at ringside when its class is to be judged. The host organization, Event Committee, and Superintendent have no obligation or responsibility to provide service through a public-address system, stewards, or runners for locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.
- Dogs may arrive at any time prior to their scheduled time of judging. Dogs not required for further judging do not need to remain in attendance.
- Please remember to turn off cell phones and any other devices before entering the rings.
- No unentered dogs are allowed on the event grounds. No dog under eight weeks of age may be present at a UKC-Licensed Event.
- Exhibitors and dog owners are expected and required to clean up after their own dogs. Any person witnessing a violation of this rule must report it to the Event Committee. The Event Committee may ask any person violating this rule to leave the event grounds. No refund will be made if an exhibitor is asked to leave the grounds.
- The use of alcohol and unprescribed drugs by exhibitors and judges while participating in a UKC-Licensed Event is prohibited.
- ATVs (four-wheelers) are prohibited by the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds grounds.
- No bicycles are allowed in any building or directly around any event ring. Failure to adhere may result in the cyclist's expulsion from the event grounds.
- Skateboards and rollerblades are allowed in the camping area only.
- UKC will vigorously support any lodging facility that files a complaint about exhibitors who fail to keep their dogs quiet or clean up after them. UKC will take disciplinary action against any offenders.
- Except where prohibited by law, attendees of Premier Nationals grant UKC a perpetual, worldwide, royalty-free license to use winner and his/her dog's name, photograph, voice, and/or likeness without further authorization, compensation, or remuneration of any kind for promotion and other publicity purposes in any and all media now or hereafter known throughout the world.

EMERGENCY VETERINARIAN

VCA Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Center of Kalamazoo

5348 S Westnedge Ave, Portage, MI 49002
(269) 381-5228

PHOTOGRAPHER

Official Event Photography by **Dog Win Photography**
www.dogwinphoto.com

Only those photographers contracted by United Kennel Club may take photos intended for commercial use and/or sell them during or after the event. This includes winners' photos (which may or may not include ribbons, trophies, and/or prizes) and candid photos. The United Kennel Club reserves the right to excuse anyone not in compliance with the grounds.

VENDOR BOOTH SPACE

Contact: vendors@ukcdogs.com

GOLF CARTS

Golf carts (rented or private), motorized scooters, and mopeds must carry proof of insurance. All drivers must be of age to have a state-issued driver's license. For insurance specifications, please call the Kalamazoo Expo Center and Fairground at (269)-383-8778. This will be enforced. Golf carts must not impede the flow of traffic at any event on the grounds.

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The Kalamazoo County Expo Center & Fairground would like to welcome the UKC Premier Dog Show back again to Kalamazoo in 2026!

We are very excited to have everyone back with us again this year!

YOU WILL BE RESERVING A SPECIFIC SITE NUMBER AT THE TIME OF RESERVATION.

Check out the campground maps at <https://www.kalcounty.gov/395/Camping-at-the-Expo-Center>

CAMPING RESERVATIONS

Beginning Monday, March 2, 2026 you must call to make your reservation directly with the Expo Center.

Register early and save money!

Camping Fees: \$37 per night (before May 26, 2026)
\$42 per night (after May 26, 2026)

Camping Fees – 50 amp sites: \$47 per night (before May 26, 2026)
\$52 per night (after May 26, 2026)
*only camping units requiring 50 amp service will be permitted on these sites

Advance Reservation Fee: One-time non-refundable \$5.00 fee will be charged for all reservations

Call 269-383-8778 for Reservations!
Deadline for Camping Pre-Registration
May 26, 2026

Campground will open at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2026. No early arrivals.

Camping Information: Specific sites will be selected at time of reservation.
(see <https://www.kalcounty.gov/395/Camping-at-the-Expo-Center> for campground maps)

Campers may NOT switch from assigned site number without prior authorization from Expo Center staff. All reservations must be paid by credit card at the time of reservation. There is a non-refundable \$5 reservation fee for each campsite reserved. Most sites offer water and electric hook-up.

Two dumping stations with potable water are available on the grounds. On-site septic service will be available by pre-registration with your camping reservation for \$45 per dump. Dumps can be scheduled for Thursday, June 11 or Saturday, June 13, or both.

Showers and handicapped-accessible restrooms are available.

Cancellations will be accepted until May 26, 2026 for a full refund of camping fees paid, less a \$5 cancellation fee. No refunds are available for cancellations after May 26, 2026.

GOLF CARTS: If you are bringing a golf cart you must have liability insurance that covers the driver(s) of the cart.

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