



**2025 PREMIER NATIONALS  
PREMIUM LIST  
JUNE 12-15, 2025**

Hosted by United Kennel Club®  
Kalamazoo County Expo Center and Fairground,  
2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo MI 49048

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# 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual PREMIER NATIONALS

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## ENTRIES OPEN

Monday, March 24, 2025

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## ENTRIES CLOSE

Monday, May 5, 2025  
11:59 PM ET

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## HIGHLIGHTS!

**Wednesday, June 11**

Breed Specialties

**Thursday, June 12**

2024 Top Ten Finals · 2024 All Stars Invitationals · Nosework Hall of Fame · 2024 Top Junior Finals  
Dock Jumping · Weight Pull · Precision Coursing · Lure Coursing

**Friday, June 13**

Total Dog and Total Junior Performance Event Qualifying Day  
Conformation (regular and altered) · Obedience · Rally Obedience  
Agility · Weight Pull · Dock Jumping · Lure Coursing · Nosework · Precision Coursing, DASH and Steeple Chase

**Saturday, June 14**

Total Dog and Total Junior Conformation Qualifying Day  
Total Junior Awards · Total Dog Best in Show  
Conformation (regular and altered) · Obedience · Rally Obedience  
Agility · Weight Pull · Dock Jumping · Lure Coursing · Nosework · Precision Coursing, DASH and Steeple Chase

**Sunday, June 15**

Conformation (regular and altered) · Obedience · Rally Obedience  
Agility · Weight Pull · Dock Jumping · Lure Coursing · Nosework · Precision Coursing, DASH and Steeple Chase

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

**Desk Attendant:** Phil Tanner

**Agility:** Kim Smith and Capital City Canine Club

**Conformation:** Sue Phillips

**Dock Jumping:** Super Retriever Series

**Lure Coursing:** United Greyhound Club

**Precision Coursing:** Swift Paws and United LCLD

**Nosework:** K9 Fanciers



# JUDGING ASSIGNMENTS



| Conformation Breed Judging | 6/12/2025 -<br>2024 TOP TEN | 6/13/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/14/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/15/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS |
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| Guardian                   | William Chrzankoski         | Tina Camp                      | Fred Hyer                      | Nancy Gallant                  |
| Scenthound                 | Marian Campbell             | Terri Rein                     | Joao Machado                   | Fred Hyer                      |
| Sighthound & Pariah        | Marian Campbell             | William Chrzankoski            | Lynn Martin                    | Joao Machado                   |
| Gun Dog Breeds A-G         | Fred Hyer                   | Nancy Gallant                  | Tina Camp                      | Terri Rein                     |
| Gun Dog Breeds H-W         | Fred Hyer                   | Karyn Colman                   | William Chrzankoski            | Tina Camp                      |
| Northern                   | Karyn Colman                | Karen Cattin                   | Marian Campbell                | Lynn Martin                    |
| Herding Breeds A-G         | Karen Cattin                | Marian Campbell                | Nancy Gallant                  | William Chrzankoski            |
| Herding Breeds H-W         | Karen Cattin                | Lynn Martin                    | Karyn Coleman                  | Nancy Gallant                  |
| Terrier                    | Nancy Gallant               | Fred Hyer                      | Terri Rein                     | Karen Cattin                   |
| Companion                  | Lynn Martin                 | Joao Machado                   | Karen Cattin                   | Marian Campbell                |

| Junior Showmanship | 6/12/2025 -<br>2024 TOP JUNIOR | 6/13/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/14/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/15/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS |
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| Pee-Wee            |                                | Nancy Gallant                  | Tina Camp                      | William Chrzankoski            |
| Sub Junior         |                                | Nancy Gallant                  | Tina Camp                      | William Chrzankoski            |
| Pre Junior         |                                | Nancy Gallant                  | Tina Camp                      | William Chrzankoski            |
| Novice Junior      |                                | Nancy Gallant                  | Tina Camp                      | William Chrzankoski            |
| Open Junior        | TBA                            | Fred Hyer                      | Terri Rein                     | Karen Cattin                   |
| Novice Senior      |                                | Fred Hyer                      | Terri Rein                     | Karen Cattin                   |
| Open Senior        | TBA                            | Terri Rein                     | Joao Machado                   | Fred Hyer                      |

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                           | 6/12/2025 -<br>2024 Agility All Stars | 6/13/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/14/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/15/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS |
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| 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                 |

| Lure Coursing | 6/12/2025 -<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/13/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/14/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/15/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS |
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| All Classes   | Laurie Soutar                    | Laurie Soutar                  | Laurie Soutar                  | Laurie Soutar                  |

| Obedience                       | 6/12/2025 -<br>2024 Obedience All Stars | 6/13/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/14/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/15/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS |
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| All Stars Novice and Top Junior | Paula Barras                            |                                |                                | Paula Barras                   |
| All Stars Open                  | Paula Barras                            |                                |                                | Paula Barras                   |
| All Stars Utility               | Paula Barras                            |                                |                                | Paula Barras                   |
| Pre-Novice - Utility            | Paula Barras                            | Polly Dake Jones               | James Comunale                 | Paula Barras                   |



# JUDGING ASSIGNMENTS



| Rally Obedience                     | 6/12/2025 -<br>2024 Rally Obedience<br>All Stars | 6/13/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/14/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/15/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS |
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| All Stars Rally 1<br>and Top Junior | Polly Dake Jones                                 |                                |                                |                                |
| All Stars Rally 2, 3,<br>and Master | James Comunale                                   |                                |                                |                                |
| Rally Obedience 1                   |  | James Comunale                 | Diane Cohn                     | Polly Dake Jones               |
| Rally Obedience 2, 3,<br>and Master |  | Diane Cohn                     | Polly Dake Jones               | James Comunale                 |

| Weight Pull (Wheels-Artifical) | 6/12/2025 -<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/13/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/14/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/15/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS |
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| Backup Judge- Larry Flosi      | Valerie Piltz                    | Valerie Piltz                  | Valerie Piltz                  | Valerie Piltz                  |

| Precision Coursing<br>(Trials 1 & 2) | 6/12/2025 -<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/13/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/14/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/15/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS |
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| Novice - Elite                       | Swift Paws                       | Swift Paws                     | Swift Paws                     | Swift Paws                     |

| Precision Coursing DASH | 6/12/2025 -<br>PREMIER NATIONALS                   | 6/13/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS                     | 6/14/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS                     | 6/15/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS                     |
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| All Levels              | Cindy Sanders/<br>Kim Brunner/<br>Jamie Grandstaff | Cindy Sanders/<br>Kim Brunner/<br>Jamie Grandstaff | Cindy Sanders/<br>Kim Brunner/<br>Jamie Grandstaff | Cindy Sanders/<br>Kim Brunner/<br>Jamie Grandstaff |

| Steeple Chase | 6/12/2025 -<br>PREMIER NATIONALS                   | 6/13/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS                     | 6/14/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS                     | 6/15/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS                     |
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| All Levels    | Cindy Sanders/<br>Kim Brunner/<br>Jamie Grandstaff | Cindy Sanders/<br>Kim Brunner/<br>Jamie Grandstaff | Cindy Sanders/<br>Kim Brunner/<br>Jamie Grandstaff | Cindy Sanders/<br>Kim Brunner/<br>Jamie Grandstaff |

| Nosework             | 6/12/2025 -<br>2024 Nosework<br>Hall of Fame | 6/13/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/14/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/15/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS |
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| Containers - Trial 1 | Theresa Mariner                              | Deb Kramer                     |                                | Beth McDonald                  |
| Containers - Trial 2 |  | Deb Kramer                     |                                |                                |
| HD - Trial 1         |  |                                | Theresa Mariner                | Theresa Mariner                |
| HD - Trial 2         |  |                                | Theresa Mariner                |                                |
| Interior - Trial 1   | Linda Ringle                                 | Beth McDonald                  |                                | Linda Ringle                   |
| Interior - Trial 2   |  | Beth McDonald                  |                                |                                |
| Exterior - Trial 1   | Beth McDonald                                | Linda Ringle                   | Deb Kramer                     | Deb Kramer                     |
| Exterior - Trial 2   |  | Linda Ringle                   | Deb Kramer                     |                                |
| Vehicle - Trial 1    | Deb Kramer                                   |                                | Linda Ringle                   |                                |
| Vehicle - Trial 2    |  |                                | Linda Ringle                   |                                |

| Dock Jumping | 6/12/2025 -<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/13/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/14/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS | 6/15/2025<br>PREMIER NATIONALS |
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|              | James Birch                      | James Birch                    | James Birch                    | James Birch                    |

## ENTRY INFORMATION

**ENTRIES OPEN:** Monday, March 24, 2025, 8:00 AM ET

**ENTRIES CLOSE:** Monday, May 5, 2025, 11:59 PM ET

This event is pre-entry only.

Enter online at [www.ukcdogs.com/premier](http://www.ukcdogs.com/premier). Day of show entries will not be available. All entries must be made online.

## 2024 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

1. Entries are Pre-Entry Only. Enter online at <https://evententry.ukcdogs.com/events/premier-nationals>.
2. Entries open Monday, March 24, 2025.
3. Entries close at 11:59pm ET on Monday, May 5, 2025. After this time, entries will not be accepted, and cancellations will not be made.
  - Performance Events will close at 11:59pm ET on Monday, May 5, 2025, or when the numerical entry limit for the event has been reached, whichever comes first. After this time, entries will not be accepted, and cancellations will not be made. Entries received after this will not be processed and will be refunded.
4. Entry fees.
  - **Conformation:** \$34 per show
  - **Weight Pull:** \$34 per pull
  - **Agility:** \$34 first entry. \$30 each additional entry for same dog into the same trial.
  - **Obedience:** \$34 first entry. \$30 each additional entry for same dog into the same trial.
  - **Rally Obedience:** \$34 first entry. \$30 each additional entry for same dog into the same trial.
  - **Nosework:** \$34 first entry. \$30 each additional entry for same dog into the same trial.
  - **Lure Coursing:** \$34 first entry. \$30 each additional entry for same dog into the same trial.
  - **Dock Jumping:** \$34 per splash. Day before entries will be accepted for \$34.
  - **Precision Coursing, DASH & Steeple Chase:** \$34 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.

5. Each dog must be entered separately online. No conditional entries will be accepted.
6. Dogs entered in an eligible Performance event on Friday and Conformation on Saturday will automatically be entered in Total Dog.

### SUBMITTING ENTRIES

1. Entries for all events must be submitted online on the UKC official website: [www.ukcdogs.com/premier](http://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.
2. Entries will not be accepted from third parties or any other entry service.

**To enter online, go to [www.ukcdogs.com/premier](http://www.ukcdogs.com/premier).** All exhibitors using the online entry system must have a current and valid email address.

### ENTRY CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

1. Entry cancellations must be received in writing prior to the close of entries. Request must include dog's UKC number, breed, name, and event type entered. Cancellations by phone or chat will not be accepted. Emailed cancellations must be sent to [allbreedsports@ukcdogs.com](mailto:allbreedsports@ukcdogs.com).
2. Cancelled entries submitted before the close of entries will be charged a cancellation fee. The cancellation fee is \$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.
3. Entry fees shall not be refunded if a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by veterinarian or judge, or barred from competition by action of Event Committee.
4. 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 un-entered dog for an entered dog must submit a completed Official UKC Entry form along with the correction/class change form outlining the details of the substitution in an email to [allbreedsports@ukcdogs.com](mailto:allbreedsports@ukcdogs.com). In Junior Showmanship, the Junior Handler can substitute a dog if that dog has a valid UKC registration number.
5. Every effort will be made to find all duplicate entries before processing. If a duplicate entry is processed, however, no refund will be made.
  6. Entry overpayments may be donated to the general trophy fund.
  7. 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.
  8. 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, tornados, 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

1. 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.
2. Dogs must meet the eligibility requirements for the event which they are entering. For requirements, refer to the appropriate event rulebook.

### ENTRY CONFIRMATION, ARMBANDS, AND JUDGING PROGRAM

1. Receipt of online entries will be acknowledged upon submission, but this does not constitute confirmation of a valid entry.
2. 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.
3. The Judging Program will not be mailed but will be available from the UKC website about ten days before the event.
4. 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.
5. A duplicate set of armbands will be available at the superintendent's desk.

### CLASS CHANGE/CORRECTION OF ENTRY

1. Owners are responsible for the accuracy of information on the entry forms.
2. 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.
3. Any corrections to entries must be made in writing to UKC. Corrections can be emailed to [allbreedsports@ukcdogs.com](mailto: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

1. Licensed Classes. Regular and Altered classes will be offered for all eligible breeds and Junior Showmanship.
2. One show offered Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for three shows.
3. Saturday is the Conformation Qualifier for Total Dog and Total Junior.
4. Belgian Shepherd Dogs: 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 rules for

the chosen Assisted Animation/Critique Procedure will be adhered to. 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 the Group competition.

#### **AGILITY TRIALS (OUTDOORS ON GRASS)**

1. All Standard Agility classes are offered.
2. Agility trial secretary: Kim Smith
3. Three trials offered. One trial Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
4. Friday is the Performance Qualifier for Total Dog and Total Junior.
5. Entries are limited to 175 total entries per day. A wait list will not be established.

#### **OBEDIENCE TRIALS (INDOORS)**

1. Pre-Novice – Utility classes offered.
2. Three trials offered. One trial Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
3. Friday is the Performance Qualifier for Total Dog and Total Junior.
4. Entries limited to 75 entries per day. A wait list will not be established.

#### **RALLY OBEDIENCE TRIALS (INDOORS)**

1. All licensed classes offered.
2. Three trials offered. One trial Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
3. Friday is the Performance Qualifier for Total Dog and Total Junior.
4. Entries are limited to 125 entries per judge per day. A wait list will not be established.

#### **NOSEWORK (OUTDOORS)**

1. **Thursday, June 12:** Hall of Fame Invitational
2. **Friday, June 13:** Two Container trials (Novice – Elite). Two Exterior trials (Novice – Elite). Friday is the Performance Qualifier for Total Dog and Total Junior.
3. **Saturday, June 14:** Two Handler Discrimination trials (Novice – Elite). Two Vehicles trials (Novice – Elite). Two Exterior trials (Novice – Elite).
4. **Sunday, June 15:** One Handler Discrimination trial (Novice – Master). One Container trial (Novice – Elite). One Exterior trial (Novice – Elite). One Interior trial (Novice – Elite).
5. Entries are limited to 125 per judge per day. A wait list will not be established.

#### **LURE COURSING (OUTDOORS)**

1. **Thursday, June 12:** Two Coursing Aptitude (CA), one Coursing Tested and one Regular Stakes. Dogs may run their CA any time before 4pm.
2. **Friday, June 13:** Two Coursing Aptitude (CA), one Coursing Tested and one Regular Stakes. Friday is the Performance Qualifier for Total Dog and Total Junior. A Total Dog Qualifying score will be earned when a dog completes their course without a foul. Dogs may run their CA any time before 4pm.
3. **Saturday, June 14:** Two Coursing Aptitude (CA), one Coursing Tested and one Regular Stakes. Dogs may run their CA any time before 4pm.
4. **Sunday, June 15:** Two Coursing Aptitude (CA), one Coursing Tested and one Regular Stakes. Dogs may run their CA any time before 3pm.
5. Trial 1 is a separate trial from Trial 2. Entry into both CA tests is not eligible for a second-entry discount. Entries are limited to 150 per day for Coursing Aptitude.

#### **DOCK JUMPING (OUTDOORS)**

1. 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.
2. Pre-enter online at [www.ukcdogs.com/premier](http://www.ukcdogs.com/premier).
3. Friday is the Performance Qualifier for Total Dog and Total Junior. Total Dog and Total Junior entries are pre-entry only.
4. No Day before show entries for Dock Jumping will count as a Total Dog or Total Junior Performance Qualifier.

#### **WEIGHT PULL (INDOORS)**

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

#### **PRECISION COURSING (OUTDOORS)**

1. Novice, Advanced, Superior, Master, and Elite offered.
2. Eight trials are offered, two each on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Entries limited to 300 per day.
3. Precision Coursing is eligible for Total Dog.
4. No day of show entries will be taken.

#### **PRECISION COURSING DASH (OUTDOORS)**

1. Toy, Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, and Giant offered.
2. Four trials are offered, one each on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
3. Precision Coursing DASH is eligible for Total Dog. Entries limited to 300 for Dash/Steeplechase per day.
4. No day of show entries will be taken.

#### **PRECISION COURSING STEEPLECHASE (OUTDOORS)**

1. Toy, Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, and Giant offered.
2. Four trials are offered, one each on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
3. Precision Coursing Steeplechase is eligible for Total Dog. Entries limited to 300 for Dash/Steeplechase per day.
4. No day of show entries will be taken.

#### **TOTAL JUNIOR AWARD**

Will be held over two days: Performance qualifier held Friday and Junior Showmanship qualifier held Saturday.

To be eligible for a Total Junior award, a junior must:

1. Compete in Junior Showmanship on Saturday, June 14th 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.
2. 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
3. The Junior must also earn a qualifying score in any one performance event on Friday, June 13th. Qualifying performance events are Agility, Dock Jumping, Obedience, Rally Obedience, Lure Coursing, Nosework, or Weight Pull and Precision Coursing.
4. Juniors who meet these requirements will receive a special Total Junior award.

#### **TOTAL JUNIOR PARTICIPANT PARADE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUALIFIERS**

1. Saturday, June 14, 2025, in the Main Expo building, following the conclusion of Best in Show (consult the Judging Program for any possible changes in time or location).
2. 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 of Total Junior participants.
3. 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 and Conformation Qualifier held Saturday. To be eligible for a Total Dog award, a dog must meet the following criteria:

1. On Friday, June 13, 2025, 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.
2. On Saturday, June 14, 2025, 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 14, 2025.

- 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
3. Dogs that meet the above requirements will receive a special Total Dog award.
  4. 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 14, 2025.

Total Dog Qualifiers Parade, Total Dog Groups, and Total Dog Best in Show Competition will follow the Best in Show Competition on Saturday, June 14, 2025, 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).

1. 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 of Total Dog Qualifiers, followed by the announcement of the Total Dog Qualifiers (including Altered).
2. 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 (Including altered). There will be no Altered Total Dog group competition.
3. Total Dog Group One winners will proceed to the Total Dog Best in Show competition and compete for the 2025 Premier Nationals Total Dog Best in Show and Total Dog Reserve Best in Show.
4. Following the Total Dog Best in Show, the Altered Total Dog qualifiers will compete for a 2025 Premier Nationals Altered Total Dog Best in Show and Altered Total Dog Reserve Best in Show.

#### **NEW FOR 2025-CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS! ENTER THE UKC JUNIOR ART CONTEST**

The 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 the UKC's "Total Dog" philosophy. This contest challenges participants to express the remarkable relationship between dogs and their families through artwork. Whether you're depicting a real or imaginative dog, we encourage creativity in any medium – from drawing and painting to digital art and more.

Open to students from Pre-K to 12th grade in Kalamazoo County, MI, 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 1, 2025, and let your art showcase the true spirit of the Total Dog!

For more info, visit [ukcdogs.com/premier](https://ukcdogs.com/premier) or contact [allbreedsports@ukcdogs.com](mailto:allbreedsports@ukcdogs.com), or follow this link: [https://www.ukcdogs.com/docs/showevents/2025\\_premier\\_art\\_contest\\_rules.pdf](https://www.ukcdogs.com/docs/showevents/2025_premier_art_contest_rules.pdf)

#### **GENERAL BUILDING AND PARKING INFORMATION**

1. The building and grounds will be open to exhibitors at 3 p.m. on Tuesday,

June 10, 2025. Overnight security is not provided. All times are Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

2. The building and grounds will be open to exhibitors at 7 a.m. Wednesday-Sunday. The building will close at 10 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. On Sunday, the building will close 30 minutes after the conclusion of judging or 6 p.m., whichever is later.
3. Please follow parking signs. Vehicles are allowed a 15-minute unloading time. Violators will be towed.
4. Indoor grooming reservations will open online on Wednesday, May 28th at 8:00 a.m. E.T. Reserved spaces will be \$75 per 6x8 space for the week of Premier. If you would like conjoined 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 in Expo South. The crating and grooming layout must be followed.
5. 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.
6. A grooming tent will be available near the outdoor conformation rings. Exhibitors will also be allowed to set up their own grooming tents.
7. All doors and aisles must be kept clear by order of the Fire Marshall.
8. No rugs or ground cover mats are allowed on the floor.
9. No exercise pens inside any building. There is ample room for private ex-pens outside.
10. Exhibitors will be asked to stack their crates when crating in any buildings.
11. 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 un-zipped crate.
12. Dogs must not be left in the buildings overnight. All dogs must be out of the buildings by 10 p.m.
13. No dogs in restrooms or showers.
14. 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.
15. There will be NO SMOKING/VAPING in any building or undesignated areas.
16. No cones or other means may be used to save parking spaces in or around the parking lot or campgrounds.
17. Overnight parking for RVs and camping is available. For camping information, see the Camping Information link on [ukcdogs.com/premier](https://ukcdogs.com/premier).

#### **EXHIBITOR AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. All events are held under the official rules of the United Kennel Club.
2. 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.
3. Scheduling Conflicts for Dogs Competing in Multiple Events
  - a. Exhibitors are responsible for being available for judging at the scheduled time.
  - b. 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 conflicts more easily.
  - c. 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.
4. 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.
5. The owner or designated handler of each dog is solely responsible for having it 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.

6. Dogs may arrive any time prior to their scheduled time of judging. Dogs not required for further judging do not need to remain in attendance.
7. Please remember to turn off cell phones or any other device before entering the rings.
8. No unentered dogs allowed on the event grounds. No dog under 8 weeks of age may be present at a UKC licensed event.
9. 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.
10. The use of alcohol and unprescribed drugs by exhibitors and judges while participating in a UKC licensed event is prohibited.
11. ATVs (4-Wheelers) are prohibited on the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds grounds.
12. 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.
13. Skateboards and rollerblades are allowed in the camping area only.
14. UKC will vigorously support any lodging facility that files a complaint about exhibitors who fail to keep their dogs quiet or to clean up after them. UKC will take disciplinary action against any offenders.
15. 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 Southwest Michigan Animal Emergency Hospital 104 W. Cork St.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49001, (269) 381-5228

#### **VENDOR BOOTH SPACE**

Contact: vendors@ukcdogs.com

#### **PHOTOGRAPHER**

Official Event Win Photography by Dog Win Photo, 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, but is not limited to, winners' photos (which may or may not include ribbons, trophies, and/or prizes) and candid photos. United Kennel Club reserves the right to excuse anyone not in compliance from the grounds.

#### **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 2025!**

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, February 24, 2025 you must call to make your reservation directly with the Expo Center.**

Register early and save money!

Camping Fees: \$35 per night (before May 27, 2025)  
\$40 per night (after May 27, 2025)

Camping Fees – 50 amp sites: \$45 per night (before May 27, 2025)  
\$50 per night (after May 27, 2025)  
\*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 27, 2025**

**Campground will open at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 2025. 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 12 or Saturday, June 14, or both.

Showers and handicapped-accessible restrooms are available.

Cancellations will be accepted until May 27, 2025 for a full refund of camping fees paid, less a \$5 cancellation fee. No refunds are available for cancellations after May 27, 2025.

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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