

2008 BSD Agility League Rules & Information

There will be a single league for all grades as the new KC grading structure means that all dogs now compete against dogs of a similar standard and therefore should have equal chance of being placed within their class. UKA and FCI progression systems already facilitate this.

We have always aimed to promote BSDs in open competition with all dogs (not just ABCs) and so the league prioritises British Kennel Club and FCI based competitions – giving maximum points only to classes that count towards KC or FCI progression.

Special classes at KC and FCI shows are allocated less points accordingly - as are agility and jumping classes at UKA shows (which are all still technically limited shows). Examples of eligible Special classes are 'Helter-skelter', ABC, Pairs, Gamblers, Snooker, Time fault and out, Power and Speed, etc.

However, we regret that you can not claim points for classes that are not won by the fastest dog(s) alone, or those with the most 'points' within a given time. (e.g. 'Beat the Judge', 'Mountain Jumping' 'Game for a Laugh', etc..)

Finally UKA special classes and ALL classes at KC Limited shows only attract points for top ten places and clear rounds, and if you receive a clear round rosette in any class this will gain 1 point.

Points will be allocated according to the following table:

Place	KC Open & FCI Standard Classes	KC Open & FCI Special Classes	UKA Jumping & Agility Classes	Other UKA & All KC Ltd Show Classes
1st	30	20	20	10
2nd	29	19	19	9
3rd	28	18	18	8
4th	27	17	17	7
5th	26	16	16	6
6th	25	15	15	5
7th	24	14	14	4
8th	23	13	13	3
9th	22	12	12	2
10th	21	11	11	1
11th	20	10	10	-
12th	19	9	9	-
13th	18	8	8	-
14th	17	7	7	-
15th	16	6	6	-
16th	15	5	5	-
17th	14	4	4	-
18th	13	3	3	-
19th	12	2	2	-
20th	11	1	1	-
21st	10	-	-	-
22nd	9	-	-	-
23rd	8	-	-	-
24th	7	-	-	-
25th	6	-	-	-
26th	5	-	-	-
27th	4	-	-	-
28th	3	-	-	-
29th	2	-	-	-
30th	1	-	-	-
CR	1	1	1	1

In 2008 your 20 highest points scores only will count towards your final total. This is so the league does not work against dogs that are genuinely fast but cannot compete in so many competitions: for example bitches in season and owners that work at weekends etc.

In 2008 we will also accept any international placings with points being awarded as for UK shows if the show is of 'Open' or 'Championship' status and run under FCI Rules (or the rules of the country's **primary** regulating body).

Awards:

We will present our high quality trophies to at least 10% of all league entrants (e.g. if there are 53 entrants we will award trophies to 6th place, etc...)

We will also make a presentation to the highest points scorer in each individual grade

Other awards may be added later if donated by other parties.

In the event of a draw, the greatest number of highest overall placings will win. In the unlikely event of more than one dog scoring the maximum of 600 points from the 20 rounds that count, Vapresto will award joint 1st place trophies.

Awards will be presented in the Spring of 2009 – venue and date will be advised nearer the time.

To join the Leagues:

The leagues are run in the name of Vapresto Agility Club, a non-profit association, which gives us the benefit of free banking so that we can make best use of the membership income (and get better trophies!).

Membership of the Vapresto Agility Club will cost £8.00 per person, or £12.00 per household (i.e. all owners/handlers living at the same permanent address) and will include entry into the league of up to 2 dogs per individual member, or all dogs within a household.

It is not Vapresto's intention to profit from this league, and all membership proceeds remaining after deducting league running costs (i.e. web hosting and programming costs) will be spent on trophies at the end of the year.

Vapresto Agility Club is Internet based and we will only accept online points submissions in 2008: If you do not have access to the Internet yourself, we still welcome you, but you will need to find someone to submit your points for you.

Entries will be received at any time during 2008, but points scored more than one month before the date of joining will not be eligible.

Once a member, it is the handler's responsibility to submit their points claims online within a month of the show where the results were achieved, to ensure the league table is up-to-date. If points are not submitted within the month they will not be counted in your points total.

A league table will be produced and updated at least monthly on www.vapresto.com.

Members will also get exclusive access to a news Blog and their own forum – only accessible to club members. You may also have your own page on the club website, or a link to your own site if you prefer.

PLEASE NOTE: None of your personal details will be revealed on any part of the Vapresto website, other than your name and your dogs' details (unless of course you publish them yourself on your page or in the forum) and neither will Vapresto pass on postal or email addresses or telephone numbers without your express permission.

BSD Agility League FAQs

Q Can I score points from Unaffiliated Shows?

A. Sorry, but no... As we are unable to consistently compare standards / rules of competition with KC/FCI/UKA classifications for unaffiliated shows: e.g. toys and treats allowed in some classes at some shows, see-saws marked differently, different equipment specifications, etc...

Q. What happens if someone else runs my dog occasionally?

A. As far as Vapresto is concerned it is the achievements of the dog we want to reward (rather than the handler) so, providing the handler is eligible to compete in that competition, your dog can still have the points.

Q. If my dog wins out of a grade do I get a points bonus?

A. Not any more! We used to give a bonus for winning out, as dogs often then used to have to compete with dogs of a much higher standard as a result (e.g. in Intermediate, dogs that had recently won out of Starters had to compete with Advanced dogs for the top 30 places!) However, with the new grading scheme at KC shows and the existing progression schemes at UKA and FCI shows, all dogs now compete against dogs of a similar standard and therefore should not be disadvantaged in their ability to earn places and gain points.

Q. What if rosettes are not awarded for clear rounds or down to 30th place?

A. In the interests of fairness to everyone in the league we will only allow points to be claimed if the organisers of the show can verify those places / clear rounds if requested. This usually means that places are only recorded for the rosettes given (I've been a scorer and know that those not in the places are not usually put into order - it takes long enough to sort into order, write out a list for the show secretary, and check those that did get rosettes!) So unless the show produces lists of places beyond those rewarded at the show, we will only give points for places if a rosette was actually awarded. However, we are prepared to reward clear rounds where rosettes were not given and will trust you to be honest with this. With all points awarded, if you think someone has claimed points that they shouldn't have, please tell us and we will check with the show secretary concerned.

Q. What will the entry fee be spent on?

A. Vapresto is not running this league to make a profit. In fact in 2003 and 2004 we made a loss even without accounting for any of our time (which was several hours each week at the height of the agility season)! We will use the money from entry fees to cover essential administration costs (but not our time). All such costs (e.g. stationery, Internet charges for updating the site, printing) will be detailed at the end of the year on this site. We may seek further sponsors for trophies / prizes as we go on, and if successful may award prize money as well as trophies, otherwise any remaining funds will be used to buy additional trophies.

Q. Why are Vapresto running the BSD Agility League?

A. Good question! We originally set up the leagues partly to help us choose the best dogs to represent GB at the new BSD World Championship competition, but mostly to promote our wonderful breed and to show that we have some really excellent dogs that can truly hold their own against most of the collies and kelpies out there!

Whilst Vapresto are no longer involved with BSD WC squad selection, there appears to be a demand for an Independent league open to anyone with a BSD to enter: As long as members abide by the rules, **all are welcome** (although we reserve the right to moderate submissions, or restrict access, to the member's forum if these privileges are persistently abused!)

Still haven't found the question you wanted to ask?

Then E-mail ian@vapresto.com and we will endeavour to answer it for you!