



2016 Americas Y El Caribe Championships Team USA Selection Criteria

Thank you for your interest in joining Team USA for the Americas Y El Caribe Championships!

Successful applicants will be representing the U.S. at the Americas Y El Caribe Championships, currently scheduled to be in Medellin, Colombia, April 6-10, 2016. For the purposes of this document, a “team” consists of one dog and one handler.

Included here are the team selection criteria and requirements. Please read carefully and fill out the application. **Application is due December 1, 2015** but we encourage you to apply as early as possible. Application fees will be due for event entry by December 31st, 2014, and will be non-refundable at that time.

Number of Dogs

The “Open” Division of the Americas Y El Caribe is not currently limited, and each country may present multiple 4-dog teams for the team event, in addition to the individual event. The “Official” Division of the Americas Y El Caribe has a limit of one 4-dog team per height per country, and no limit currently on individual teams. This may change based on information that becomes available.

Jump Height	Dog's Height at Withers
Small	13 3/4 " or less
Medium	16 7/8" or less
Large	Greater than 16 7/8"

Team Requirements

- Dogs must have a valid AKC pedigree or certification of breed (AKC PAL) to compete in the “Official” Division of the Americas Y El Caribe. No pedigree is required for the “Open” Division.
- Dogs must be eligible for FCI Grade 2/3 to compete in either division at the Americas Y El Caribe. Grade 2 is equivalent to AKC Excellent A, USDAA Advanced, or UKI Senior level. Eligibility for any one of these levels will suffice.
- Videos from two qualifying runs in AKC Excellent A or above, USDAA Advanced or above, and/or UKI Senior/Champ or above may be requested for submission to the team leader after application is received
- Dogs must be in good health and fit to fly and have appropriate paperwork to enter the Americas Y El Caribe host country.
- The handler must be a citizen of the United States or a resident alien, and must hold

- a valid passport.
- The handler who runs the dog at the Americas Y El Caribe event **MUST** be the same handler who ran the dog in competition stated on the application form (see “Team Selection Criteria”).
- Team Members must be willing to have their dog treated for tapeworm within 30 days of the competition if the host country requires it. Team Members must be willing to vaccinate their dog for rabies, as well as other requirements, according to the host country’s regulations.
- Please note that it is important that your dog’s microchip and/or tattoo numbers be on your rabies certificates. You will likely need to ask your vet to manually add this information and sign it as it is not common practice to include it. ISO compatible microchips are the only ones recognized in South America.
- Candidates must at all times demonstrate extreme Good Sportsmanship while participating in or watching any agility event. The Team Leader may refuse application to the Americas Y El Caribe Team to any handler who demonstrates verbal or physical abuse to a dog or fellow competitor or acts abusive or challenging to an agility judge.
- Candidates are representatives of the agility program in the United States and are also representing those companies which sponsor agility in the United States. Candidates who are selected must demonstrate proper decorum at all times while at the Americas Y El Caribe event.

Team Selection Criteria: Win-on Spots

In 2015, any dog/handler team who wins an individual medal at the 2014 Americas Y El Caribe (Open or Official Division) will be invited to attend the 2015 Americas Y El Caribe.

Team Selection Criteria: Other Positions on Team

There is currently no limit to the number of dogs and handlers that can compete in the Open Individual, Open Team, or Americas Y El Caribe Official Individual divisions. As such, any team that meets the requirements as set forth may apply. However, a limit has been discussed at the Americas Y El Caribe Delegates meetings and will likely be instituted in future years. The selection criteria below at this time will apply only to the AC Official Team, which allows only four dogs per height per country to compete (one four dog and handler team). If a limit of dogs is instituted, the selection criteria below will be in effect for all events at the Americas Y El Caribe for which there is a limit.

The remaining positions in each jump height will be determined by the Team USA Selection Committee.

Each applicant wishing to be on the **AC Official Team** must submit the following to the team leader along with application:

Video and results from **two** qualifying runs in any of the following:

- AKC International Sweepstakes (ISC) STD or JWW Classes
- USDAA Master’s Challenge STD or JWW Classes
- UKI Master’s Series STD or JWW Classes
- AKC ITT STD or JWW Classes

- o FCI European Open, AWC, WAO, or any other international competition (STD or JWW)

Two qualifying runs are required but any combination of STD or JWW is acceptable. These videos can count toward the two videos that may be requested to be submitted with application and do not need to be in addition to them.

If the AC Official Team is not filled from applicants meeting the above criteria, applicants who submit the following will be considered:

- Results for four qualifying rounds (STD or JWW) from the following organizations/divisions:
 - o AKC Excellent A or AKC Masters
 - o USDAA Advanced or Masters
 - o UKI Senior or Championship

Other Important Information

- At this time this trip will be 100% self-funded. Team members should be prepared to be responsible for paying for all of their own expenses including (but not limited to) flight, dog's flight, transfers, vet fees, hotel, bus (or other ground transportation), event fee, uniform, and team operating expenses.
- You are responsible for arranging your own transportation to Colombia and while at the event. Team management may be able to secure group travel to and from the show site each day, but this is not a definite at this time
- Your dog must be in good health and fit to fly at the time of the team's departure. You are solely responsible for obtaining all of the veterinary paperwork that is required to fly internationally and to enter Colombia with a dog (see the Americas Y Caribe Yahoo group for more information on the paperwork required).
- You will arrive in Colombia by Tuesday, April 5, 2016 and be prepared to participate in all published official days and events at the competition, as well as any unofficial practices that are organized.
- You will remain on site at the Americas Y Caribe during all ceremonies, USA team practices, and scheduled competition hours.
- Start times of walkthroughs and running times are often flexible at the Americas Y Caribe, and competitors are not allowed to walk or run if they miss their scheduled times. It is your responsibility to follow the schedule each day and be aware of changes in the schedule as they happen. Team management will support you, but they are not responsible for getting you to and from the rings for your walkthroughs and runs.
- Even if you are not initially selected for an event (Official Team, for example), last minute roster changes can occur and all team members should be prepared.
- You will attend all team meetings and meals scheduled during the trip.

- You will wear the official team uniform in competition at the Americas Y Caribe.
- You will follow the directions of team management and reply to their inquiries and communications in a timely fashion (2 business days.)
- You will abide by all decisions of team management. These decisions are final.
- You will inform team management as soon as you learn of any health or injury concern (to yourself or to your dog) that occurs prior to competition and that may affect your ability to participate in the Americas Y Caribe. This includes making a decision to breed a female dog.
- You will support any sponsorship requirements for Team USA Americas Y Caribe.
- You will support, encourage, and respect fellow team members and management before and during the Americas Y Caribe competition.
- You will participate in team activities with integrity, honesty, and good sportsmanship.
- You will put your dog's needs ahead of your personal desires.

Failure to comply with team policies may result in immediate removal from the team, forfeiting of runs at the Americas Y Caribe, losing monies received by Team USA through fundraising or sponsorship, or being banned from applying for Team USA in future years.

2015 Americas Y El Caribe Team USA Application

Applicant Details

Handler: (as printed on passport):

Citizenship:

Email:

Address:

City/state:

Zip code:

Home phone:

Cell:

Owner's name if different from handler:

List all of your previous international competition experience with your dogs (including results):

List all of your previous national competition experience with your dogs (including results):

Dog Details

Registered name:

Call name:

Date of birth:

Breed:

Height at withers:

Height dog normally jumps:

Americas Y El Caribe jump height (check one): Small Medium Large

Bitch or Dog:

Spay or Neutered?

Microchip #:

List all titles earned (from any agility organization):

List all international competition 2014-15 (including results):

List all national competition 2014-15 (including results):

List your dog's airline travel experience:

Is your dog currently taking any medications? If so, what & why:

List any health issues during the dog's agility career and how they have, or are being, addressed:

Please send application to:

Daisy Peel
27494 S Gard Rd.
Mulino, OR 97042

All applications must be received by December 31, 2015