

Border Collie Classic - Rules and Regulations 2026

Please read carefully before entering the show.

Participation is open to all Border Collies with a pedigree recognized by the Kennel Club from the country of birth (FCI or FCI-partner). Dogs must have reached the age of 18 months on the day of the competition. 1st grade combinations are eligible to enter on 1 March 2026. 2nd and 3rd grade combinations are eligible to enter the European Championship on 1 March 2026. It is not possible to enter for just one day.

Classes

1st grade

Competitors will run three or four courses (to be determined by the organisation, depending on the number of entries). Prizes will be awarded for at least the top 3 winners of each course.

2nd & 3rd grade

2nd and 3rd grade run separately on their own courses. All competitors will run six courses: three agility and three jumpings. On Sunday there will be finals: the National Team Finals (Large and Intermediate) and the Individual Grand Finals (Large and Intermediate).

The class in which the dog competes per is the class for which the dog is eligible at the BCC. At the event, you need to be able to proof (e.g. with a record book or an official declaration issued by your national Kennel Club) in which Grade the dog is allowed to run. This can be checked randomly by the organisation.

The maximum number of combinations for the 2nd Grade is 100. The maximum number of combinations for the 3rd Grade is 100. Registration is from 1 March 2026 until May 2026. In the event the maximum number of entries is exceeded during this registration time, a draw will be made.

The organisation reserves the right to refuse entries and make any alterations they may consider necessary in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

Individual Grand Final

The results from the Agility 1, 2 and 3, and the Jumping 1, 2 and 3 will count for a place in the Individual Grand Final. For 3rd grade, the top X placed combinations (= handler & dog) per round will be invited to take part in the Individual Grand Final. For 2nd grade, the winners of each round will be invited to take part in the Individual Grand Final. The winner of the previous BCC will be automatically invited to take part in the Individual

Grand Final. This means that the maximum number of participants at this final will be 6 times $X + 6 + 1$. In the event that one or more combinations qualify at two or more courses, the open spaces will not be filled. The Individual Grand Final will be an Agility course. The title "BCC2026 Champion" will be awarded to the winner of the Individual Grand Final.

NB: "X" will be determined after the number of entries are clear and will be communicated in due time. X can be different for Large and Intermediate class.

National Team Final

National teams will compete in the National Team Final. Each national team consists of the three best 3rd Grade combinations and the best 2nd Grade combination from that country. The combinations qualifying for the Team Final are determined by the combined results of all courses run on Friday and Saturday, per Grade. If there are countries with less than three participants in 3rd Grade (separate for Large and Intermediate), the organisation will combine countries into ad hoc country teams. It is not allowed to replace the qualified combinations in a country team, f.i. in case of injury. In such case, the country team will run with less than four combinations. The National Team Final will be an Agility course. To determine the winning country in this Final, only the results of the three best combinations of a national team will count.

Additional rules

The FCI rules and regulations are applicable to this show. BCC will offer three heights: Large, Intermediate and Medium. According to FCI rules, Intermediate is open for dogs which are between 43 and 48cm at the withers. Large is 48cm and above, Medium is smaller than 43cm. This has to be proven by an annotation in their record books. If there is no height mentioned in their record book, the dog has to enter in Large. NB: For countries that have a different cut-off than the official FCI height classes, the exact number of centimeters has to be stated in the record book.

The official BCC-title will be awarded in Large and Intermediate class. For dogs entering in Medium class there will be a prize for best Medium based on the combined results of the six courses. There will be separate Country Team Finals and Individual Grand Finals for Large and Intermediate, so in total four finals.

General rules

A dog will be withdrawn from competition and removed from the show if it is:

- suffering from any infectious or contagious disease,
- has any injury which is likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing,

- of such temperament or is so much out of hand as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal,
- interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent.

No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the boundaries of the show.

All dogs will be entered at this show at their owner's and/or handler's risk. Whilst the organisation and helpers will undertake every care, they will not take responsibility for loss, damage or injury howsoever caused to dogs, persons or property. All competitors must have a third-party insurance.

In the event of abandonment of the show through circumstances beyond the control of the organisation, expenses will be defrayed from the entry fees to cover the cost of the preparations for the show.

There will be no practicing/training allowed in the rings or at the venue during or after the show. No food or toys will be allowed in the ring.

Dogs should be kept on a lead, no longer than 2 meters, except in the exercise area or when working.

A handler working more than one dog in the same class must ensure that the dogs compete in the sequence in which they are drawn (according to catalogue). Failure to do so may result in elimination.

It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order, and to visibly wear their number.

Dogs must be handled by the same handler throughout the whole event. It is not allowed to switch handler during the event.

Randomly during the tournament, chips can be checked.

People or dogs acting in an unreasonable/irresponsible manner will be removed from the show and forfeit all fees paid. All under 18's must be accompanied by an adult, who will be held responsible for their conduct for the duration of the show.

Please clean up after your dog and deposit in the containers provided. Competitors consciously ignoring this request will be asked to leave the showground without restitution of their entry fees. Bags will be provided by the organisation and will be available throughout the showground.

Please, don't forget we are guests at and we kindly ask you to show respect to their rules and regulations, other campers and guests.

All that remains is the good luck wishes from the BCC committee and don't forget to enjoy yourselves.