



**AgileDogs Agility Training
WCRL Sanctioned Trial
August 15-16, 2020
Levels 1,2,3, Intro and Veteran**

This is a titling event under World Cynosport Rally Limited/APDT rules and regulations.
Open to all dogs of any breed and any ability – including mixed breeds and disabled dogs.
Go to www.rallydogs.com for more information.



**Judge: Rachel Brostrom
at**

**AgileDogs at JAZZ
37 S Greenfield Rd (our new location!)
Greenfield Center NY**

Contacts

Trial Secretary-Chris Penna chris@agiledogs.net

Trial Chair-Trisha Stall trisha@agiledogs.net

Entries Are Open Now

Entries submitted via FedEx or Express Mail will be accepted only if the signature waiver is signed. No telephone, email, or fax entries will be accepted.

Closing Date: August 5, 2020 unless the trial is not full. Day of show entries will be accepted for an additional fee.

The trial will be held indoors on rubber mats.

Trial Schedule

August 15, 2020

Trial 1- 9:00AM	Trial 2-Approximatly 1PM
Level Intro	Level Veteran A B
Level 1 A B	Level Intro
Level 2 A B	Level 1 A B
Level 3 A B	Level 2 A B
Level Veteran A B	Level 3 A B

August 16, 2020

Trial 1
Level Intro
Level 1 A B
Level Veteran A B
Level 2 A B
Level 3 A B



37 S Greenfield Rd Greenfield Center

NY

Trial Committee

Trial Secretary: Chris Penna chris@agiledogs.net 413-822-2025

Trial Chair: Trisha Stall trisha@agiledogs.net (518) 331-7814

Scorekeeper-Bob Domfort

Chief Coursebuilder-Mariday Geyer

Facility, Check-In, Crating, and Food

The site opens at 8:00 Please do not arrive prior to this time. This is also a private residence, please walk your dogs in the designated areas. General briefing, Judge's briefing, and walk-throughs will begin at 8:45. First dog on the line at 9:00 AM Entries limited to 120 runs per day. Move-ups will be allowed between trials both in Level and in Class. Move-overs from A to B class are mandatory and will be made day-of-trial by Show Secretary.

Snacks and water will not be provided due to COVID-19. There is no indoor crating or seating for this trial.

Awards

Rosettes will be awarded for first through fifth placements in both A and B. Ribbons will be awarded for all qualifying scores. Special ribbons will be awarded for perfect 210 scores. Rosettes will also be awarded for major titles-please let us know if you think you may get one

Rally Class Description

For a complete description of the Rally rules & regulations, rules of performance, scoring standards, explanation of exercises (including Primary and Secondary Elements), course design, etc., go to www.rallydogs.com and click on Official Regulations. To learn more and get new ideas, you can join the "Il Dogs" Rally chat list and talk to other World Cynosport Rally Limited enthusiasts by sending a message [to RallyO-All-Dogs-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:toRallyO-All-Dogs-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

You must be familiar with all the Rally exercise signs, as well as the Official Rules & Regulations prior to the event. Go to www.rallydogs.com for an explanation of each of the exercise signs and have fun practicing them with your dog.

A and B Classes

"A" classes are for dogs that have NOT earned the base level title for that level (i.e., RL1, RL2, RL3, RLV). "B" classes are for dogs that have completed that base level title for that level.

Intro Class

Intro class is open to dogs 6 months or older, but dogs who have earned the RLI or RL1 or higher are not eligible for placement awards, if offered, in this class. There is no separation of Intro class into A and B classes. An Intro course has 10 exercise signs, including the bonus. Please see the Official Rules & Regulations for more details on Intro class, including when rewards may be given.

Veteran Class

Veteran class is open to all dogs over the age of 8; dogs 50 pounds and less than 90 pounds may enter Veteran at age 7 years, and dogs 90 pounds or more may enter at age 6 years. A Veteran course will consist of 12-13 exercise signs from any level, including a bonus exercise from the Level 3 Bonus Exercises. Veteran is an off-leash class. In Veteran class, one Additional Cue per exercise may be given without penalty. Please see the Official Rules & Regulations for more details.

Food and Touch Rewards

Rewards of food and touch may be given in all classes following the conclusion of any stationary exercise, except when performing shared stations, in which the reward may only be given at the conclusion of the final stationary exercise of a shared station. Handler's delivery of the reward must be completed before the team moves forward on the course to the next exercise. Use of the reward to induce a desired behavior is considered luring and is prohibited. Rewards may be given in the ring before beginning and after completion of the course performance. A handler shall not otherwise feed or touch their dog during the course performance. Please see the Official Rules & Regulations for more details on the rules for rewards.

Bonus Exercise

A Bonus is an exercise through which additional points may be earned bonus exercise is offered on all courses in the regular classes, and it shall be clearly marked with a "Bonus" placard The bonus exercise shall be in course sequence, at judge's discretion, and shall be performed in the normal flow of the timed course at handler's option The following rules shall apply for all bonus exercises, whether the bonus exercise has one or two signs: If the bonus exercise is attempted, 10 bonus points are awarded, with point deductions assessed for incorrect performance of the exercise; point deductions on the bonus shall not exceed 10 points. The bonus exercise may be retried one time. If the bonus exercise results in a change of direction, the handler shall perform an additional basic turn as needed following the bonus in order to continue to the next station. If the team opts to bypass the bonus, the team shall heel by the bonus station to the next station; there is no penalty for bypassing the bonus. Please see the Official Rules & Regulations for details on the bonus exercise, including the list of exercises from which the bonus is selected for each class.

Social Distancing & COVID-19 Safety Measures

We are pleased to offer an opportunity for competitors and others to get out and enjoy events with their dogs. So that we do not risk any setbacks that may impact future events, please join us in following safe practices recommended by the U.S. Center for Disease Control and other State and local health agencies:

- Maintain social distancing (of both you and your dog) from others to the extent possible
- Wear a mask in confined spaces where social distancing is not possible (e.g., briefings, walk-throughs, walk-ways, restrooms, parking lots, and vending areas)
- Be aware of items that you touch that may have been touched by others (e.g., wear gloves if you are touching things that are touched by others)
- Avoid touching your face
- Wash your hands often with soap and water and/or use hand sanitizers (gels, wipes, etc.); please bring your own to assure availability
- Bring your own food and refreshments, if allowed

This is not a complete list. Please visit the Center for Disease Control website or other State and local health agencies for guidance, as measures may vary by geographic region.

To contribute to this effort, please bring your own sanitizers, gloves, masks, food, and beverage to assure availability. Please be accepting of changes from past practices as we seek new ways keep everyone safe as possible. We are doing our best to address specific measures that we could put in

place to promote safety during this event, including, but not limited to, change in ring operation procedures, and prepping volunteers, judges, and staff in safe practices.

While we hope that the environment for public gatherings continues to improve, BE AWARE that safety measures could change and additional measures imposed at any time. Watch your entry confirmation prior to arrival at the event, as we cannot be responsible due to changes beyond our control in this fluid situation.

By all means, if you have been exposed to anyone that may have been exposed or infected with a virus or flu within two weeks prior to the event, or if you are feeling ill, please self-isolate and stay home, knowing that we will happily welcome you at a future trial.

Additional health and/or safety measures may required by the facility owner at which this event is being held, or by the Event Organizer. Such statements may be included in this premium, in the event confirmation, or posted on site at Check-In for this event. Failure to comply with these requirements, as well as other provisions in this premium are subject to WCRL disciplinary action as described in Appendix C to the WCRL Official Regulations, which could result in dismissal from the event and/or cancellation of all results from performance at the event, without recourse.

Jump Heights

Dogs are not required to be measured the day of the trial or prior to judging. However, judges have the option to measure any dog prior to his/her performance if the dog appears to be entered in a group lower than might be indicated by his/her registered shoulder height. Jump heights may also be modified or the jump exercise excused entirely based on physical challenges (e.g. age, disability such as blindness, or use of a mobility device) that a particular dog may face. The following table shows the recommended and minimum allowable jump heights based upon the dog's height at the withers. The selected jump height shall be indicated on the Entry Form The "minimum allowable jump height" for each height category is the minimum height permitted without a Request for Modification being made. A handler may select a higher height at their sole discretion but must have designated the height on the entry form.

Height at Withers	Minimum Allowable Jump Height	Recommended Jump Height
12" or less	4"	4"
16" or less	4"	8"
20" or less	8"	12"
Over 20"	12"	16"

Time Standards

Each course in all classes has a Maximum Course Time or "MCT" Should this limitation be reached, the course performance is over and the team's score will be marked zero The following table sets forth the MCT for each class:

	<u>Intro</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Veterans</u>
<u>MCT</u>	3:00.00 minutes (180 seconds)	3:00.00 minutes (180 seconds)	3:30.00 minutes (210 seconds)	4:00.00 minutes (240 seconds)	4:00.00 minutes (240 seconds)

Notice to Competitors

Competitors, through submission of entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of WCRL/APDT rules and regulations (see www.rallydogs.com), including but not limited to the following rules regarding entry:

- This trial is open to a dog at least six months of age, including purebred and non-purebred, except bitches in season or dogs with disabilities, injuries, or illnesses which may cause the dog pain or great discomfort, or dogs exhibiting signs of aggression that threaten the safety of other dogs or humans.
- All dogs shall be shown in a flat buckle or snap collar, plain harness, or properly fitted Martingale (limited slip) collar. No choke collar, prong collars, shock collars, no-pull harnesses, Martingale leads, or head collars are allowed.

All dogs must be registered with World Cynosport Rally Limited (or previously APDT Rally) or United States Dog Agility Association, Inc. on the day of competition. We regret we cannot accept an entry without a valid WCRL/APDT/USDAA registration number. See www.rallydogs.com to register online, or complete the form included in this premium list and submit it to the WCRL office.

- All WCRL registration numbers are six (6) digits. If you have not logged into your WCRL account to find the WCRL registration number, contact Ann Allums at the WCRL Office (cs@rallydogs.com), or use the following conversion: If your dog's APDT # is R-08-0956, the WCRL # is 800956. If your dog's APDT # is R-13-10956, the WCRL # is 810956.
- Safety shall always be of foremost consideration in actions and conduct by handlers at all times. Handlers, through entry at this event, accept full responsibility for themselves and the actions of their dogs.
- The organizing committee may refuse any entry for any reason.
- THERE SHALL BE NO REFUND for entries withdrawn after the closing date or in the event a dog and/or handler are dismissed from competition, regardless of reason for such dismissal. A dog or handler who suffers an injury and/or illness or bitches that come into season after the closing date may be eligible for a 50% refund of their total entry fee. Written request for refund must be made to the Trial Secretary BEFORE the end of the event, 10/27/19 Please provide documentation from your veterinarian/physician. There will be no refunds if the trial has to be cancelled for any reason.

Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry. There will be a **\$35.00** service charge for returned checks. Payment of entry fees and service charges shall be made in cash or money order within 30 days of postmark of notice of returned check where notification is received after event date. Any unpaid fees or shortfalls must be paid prior to the start of the event or entry is cancelled without recourse by owner/handler

- No entry fees will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, Act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, strike, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizers.
- All competitors through entry at this event grant to World Cynosport Rally Limited, their representatives, agents, and assigns, all rights and permissions to use or appropriate my and the dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia or identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission, or distribution in any format or media now known or hereafter to become known and waive any and all rights relative thereto.
- All competitors through entry at this event grant to World Cynosport Rally Limited, their representatives, agents, and assigns, hereby release WCRL, the hosting club, their representatives, agents, and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of personality, or any similar right.
- Competitors shall have the right to videotape portions of this event for their personal use only. No portion of this event may be videotaped for commercial or other purposes without the express written consent of World Cynosport Rally Limited.
- Upon successful completion of a Stationary exercise, the owner may choose to briefly pet or touch the dog as a reward. The owner may also choose to give the dog food as a reward. Food may NOT be used as a lure to help the dog complete an exercise. Food rewards must be contained in pockets and only be present in the owner's hand at the completion of any Stationary exercise. Any petting, touching, or feeding that significantly interrupts the flow of performance shall be scored accordingly. Veteran and Intro classes allow food rewards to be used more liberally

Official World Cynosport Rally Limited Entry Form

AgileDogs Agility Training • 8/15/2020-8/16/2020

Entries are open now • Entries Close: 8/5/2020 unless trial does not fill

Return completed entry and payment to: Chris Penna, PO Box 394 Cheshire MA 01225

Make check payable to: AgileDogs

Dog Information Entry forms are per team;

Call Name:	Height at withers:	WCRL or USDAA Registration #
Breed:	Dog's Date of Birth:	Circle Jump Height (Levels 2 & 3 only) 4" 8" 12" 16"
<i>*Dogs must have a WCRL/APDT or USDAA registration number. Entries will not be accepted or considered valid without a registration number. To register, go to www.rallydogs.com or use the Dog Registration Form in this premium. For dogs with both a WCRL/APDT and USDAA number, the WCRL/APDT number must be used to enter a WCRL event in order for the scores to be credited to the proper record.</i>		

Owner/Handler Information

Owner's Name:	Handler's Name:
	(if different from Owner; must be an immediate family member)
Address:	City: State: Zip:
Phone Day: Evening:	E-Mail:

Entries are accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. E-mail confirmations will be sent out within a reasonable time. Please include a valid E-mail address, or self-addressed postcard. Entries received after closing date or day of show if permitted will be accepted only if limits have not been reached.

This is not the run order

8/15/20 Trial #1-- Time 9:00AM		8/15/20 Trial #2	
Level 1	A or B	Level 1	A or B
Level 2	A or B	Level 2	A or B
Level 3	A or B	Level 3	A or B
Level Veteran	A or B	Level Veteran	A or B
Level Intro	INTRO	Level Intro	INTRO
8/16/20 Trial # 1-- Time 9:00AM			
Level 1	A or B		
Level 2	A or B		
Level 3	A or B		
Level Veteran	A or B		
Level Intro	INTRO		

Entry Fees

Total Number of Classes Entered: _____	\$
Entry Fees: \$25 / class	
Specials -3 classes one dog - \$70, 9 classes one dog- \$205	
Intro and Veteran: \$22 per class	
Day-of-Show Entries will be accepted up to ½ hour prior to the start of each trial if the trial is not full - \$28 per class.	

Please circle the appropriate title(s) you anticipate earning at this trial.RL1 RL2 RL3 RL1X RL2X
RL3X RLP RLPX RLV RLVX ARCH ARCHX ARCHX ARCHMX

GENERAL AGREEMENT

I (we) agree that AgileDogs Agility Training has the right to refuse this entry for any cause, which the organizing committee alone shall deem to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, of the holding of the event, and of the opportunity to have the dog participate and/or to be judged, I (we) agree to hold the organizing committee, the hosting club, World Cynosport Rally Limited, including their members, officers, directors, agents and employees, sponsors of the event, and owners of the premises upon which the event is held and their employees, harmless from any claim for loss or injury that may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss, disappearance, appearance, theft, damage, or injury be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes. I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death resulting at any time there from, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, howsoever such injuries, death, or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents or any other persons.

I (we) further acknowledge that I (we) have read, understand, and will abide by the Official Rally Rules and Regulations of World Cynosport Rally Limited and the provisions for entry as set forth in the Rally Test Schedule of which this entry form is a part. I (we) acknowledge and represent that the information supplied by me (us) herein is correct to the best of my (our) knowledge; if any portion of this information is found to be invalid or insufficient to establish the validity of my (our) entry, such finding shall render my (our) entry invalid in its entirety, for which there shall be no refund of fees paid. Further, I (we) represent that I am (we are) the owner(s) of the dog listed hereon, or that I (we) am are a family member of the dog's owner as stated and allowed in the World Cynosport Rally/APDT Rally rules, and that I (we) shall hold the hosting club and WCRL, including their officers, directors, employees and agents and their sponsors, harmless from any liability or claim made by dog's owner.

Further, I (we) hereby grant to World Cynosport Rally Limited, AgileDogs Agility Training, their representatives, agents, and assigns, all rights and permissions to use or appropriate my and the dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia or identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission, or distribution in any format or media now known or hereafter to become known. I (we) hereby release WCRL, the hosting club, their representatives, agents, and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of personality, or any similar right. **Signature:** **↓Parent or Legal Guardian signature for junior or minor entries:**

Signature:

Date:

The agreement must be signed and dated. Entries must also be received with correct fees by the closing date at the address provided. Entries will be accepted by overnight mail only if the signature requirement has been waived.

COVID-19 Guidelines Acknowledgement

(This document must be printed, signed, and sent in with your Entry Form.)

For this event hosted by AgileDogs Agility Training, the following health safety guidelines will be in effect:

- Handlers will be required to properly wear a mask while in the ring, without exception. Masks must cover both the mouth and nose. Masks will NOT be provided at the trial—you must bring your own.
- Everyone entered and/or at the event/facility, both indoors and outdoors, will be required to wear a mask, without exception. This includes all competitors, workers, ring crew, and judges.
- Appropriate social distancing of 10 feet between personal crating areas will be required.
- Walk throughs may be limited to 10 competitors and a maximum of 5 minutes per group for walk throughs.
- There may be a limited number of people allowed in the building at one time, depending on current State requirements.
- Competitors will maintain a 6 foot social distancing inside and outside the building.
- No chairs will be provided by the host. Please bring your own to use, including while volunteering.
- Procedures will be set-up and announced at the event for minimizing the handling of leashes when entering and exiting the ring. These will be posted at the event.
- Course maps will be posted outside the building. There will not be any paper course maps.

- There will not be any food or beverages provided at the trial, so please bring your own.
- Please wash your hands frequently; soap and paper towels will be provided in the restrooms.

By entering this event, you are acknowledging that you agree with these guidelines.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the above guidelines and that I understand them and agree to comply with them, at the risk of being excused from the premises and forfeiting my entries, without recourse.

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

Directions to AgileDogs at JAZZ

FROM THE NORTH: Take 87 (Northway) south to exit 15. Turn right at the top of the exit ramp and head toward Saratoga Springs on Rt. 50 South. Follow Rt. 50 until it intersects with Broadway. Turn left at stop light, continue on Rt. 50/Broadway. At the third stoplight, turn right onto Church St. (Rt. 9N). The HUGE, WHITE Adirondack Trust building is on one corner and City Hall on the opposite corner. Take Church St. (9N) out of Saratoga Springs. You will go past the Saratoga Hospital on the right, past a medical complex. Continue for approximately 5 miles. You will eventually come to the little village of Greenfield Center. At the stoplight, turn left onto South Greenfield Rd. Go up a little hill, down the hill and then on the right you'll see yellow and black arrow signs, the driveway for Jazz is just past those signs. Drive up the paved driveway, past a large white house. The Training building is in the back.

FROM THE SOUTH: Take 87 (Northway) north to exit 15. Turn left at the top of the exit ramp and head toward Saratoga Springs on Rt. 50 South. Follow Rt. 50 until it intersects with Broadway. Turn left at stop light, continue on Rt. 50/Broadway. At the third stoplight, turn right onto Church St. (Rt. 9N). The HUGE, WHITE Adirondack Trust building is on one corner and City Hall on the opposite corner. Take Church St. (9N) out of Saratoga Springs. You will go past the Saratoga Hospital on the right, past a medical complex. Continue for approximately 5 miles. You will eventually come to the little village of Greenfield Center. At the stoplight, turn left onto South Greenfield Rd. Go up a little hill, down the hill and then on the right you'll see yellow and black arrow signs, the driveway for Jazz is just past those signs. Drive up the paved driveway, past a large white house. The Training building is in the back.

FROM THE EAST: Take Rt. 7 to 87 north (Northway) or take Interstate 90 to 87 north (Northway). Go north to exit 15. Turn left at the top of the exit ramp and head toward Saratoga Springs on Rt. 50 south. Follow Rt. 50 until it intersects with Broadway. Turn left at stop light, continue on Rt. 50/Broadway. At the third stoplight, turn right onto Church St. (Rt. 9N). The HUGE, WHITE Adirondack Trust building is on one corner and

City Hall on the opposite corner. Take Church St. (9N) out of Saratoga Springs. You will go past the Saratoga Hospital on the right, past a medical complex. Continue for approximately 5 miles. You will eventually come to the little village of Greenfield Center. At the stoplight, turn left onto South Greenfield Rd. Go up a little hill, down the hill and then on the right you'll see yellow and black arrow signs, the driveway for Jazz is just past those signs. Drive up the paved driveway, past a large white house. The Training building is in the back.

FROM SCHENECTADY: Take Rt. 50 North to Saratoga Springs. Continue through the City of Saratoga Springs to the intersection with Rt. 9N (Church St.) turn left onto Church St. and head west out of Saratoga Springs. The HUGE, WHITE Adirondack Trust building is on one corner and City Hall on the opposite corner. Take Church St. (9N) out of Saratoga Springs. You will go past the Saratoga Hospital on the right, past a medical complex. Continue for approximately 5 miles. You will eventually come to the little village of Greenfield Center. At the stoplight, turn left onto South Greenfield Rd. Go up a little hill, down the hill and then on the right you'll see yellow and black arrow signs, the driveway for Jazz is just past those signs. Drive up the paved driveway, past a large white house. The Training building is in the back



Dog and Junior Handler Registration Form

FEES: \$36 per Dog Registration; or Junior Registration

SAVE 20% by registering online at www.rallydogs.com

Dogs must be registered with World Cynosport Rally Limited/USDAA/APDT to compete in WCRL Rally trials and earn WCRL awards and titles. There is a one-time registration fee for each dog/handler team. Through registration of a dog, you grant us permission to mail information to you via the email address provided below. An email with your dog's registration number will be sent to you when your application has been processed.

Applicant Information		
Owner's Name:		<i>Note: Register co-owner(s), if any, online at www.rallydogs.com</i>
Owner's Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP:
Phone:	Email:	
Junior Handler Name (if any):		Junior Handler Date of Birth:
Have you previously registered a dog with APDT, World Cynosport Rally Limited, or USDAA? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Dog Information		
Dog's Call Name:		Dog's Height at the Withers: (round up to nearest ¼ inch)
Dog's Registered Name (if different from above): (as it should appear on award certificates)		
Owner/Person's Name(s): (as it should appear on award certificates)		
Breed:		Dog's Date of Birth: (estimate if unknown)
☐ This dog will also compete in USDAA agility with this registration number. Please send a height card.		
payment method		
☐ Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ <u>36.00</u> made payable to "WCRL" in U.S. funds		
☐ Credit card information below.		
»» NEVER SEND CREDIT CARD INFORMATION VIA EMAIL; YOU MAY PHONE OR FAX YOUR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION ««		
Cardholder Name:		
Account Number:	CVC/CVVC:	Expiration:
Billing Address: (☐ Same as Mailing Address above)		
City:	State:	ZIP:
Signature:		Date:
Please send this form with payment via US Mail, Fax, or Email to:		OFFICE USE Date Received: Amount Paid: Reg #:
World Cynosport Rally Office P.O. Box 850955 Richardson, TX 75085-0955		
Email: cs@rallydogs.com Fax: 972-231-9700 Phone: 972-487-2200 x103		

All dogs must have a registration number prior to the first day of competition.