

## Mixed Breed Dog Events

**Your guide to organizations that offer mixed breeds a competitive challenge.**

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A growing number of organizations allow mixed-breed dogs to compete and earn titles, either with other mixed-breed dogs or alongside purebreds. Most require the dog to have some obedience training and to be at least 18 months of age, spayed or neutered or not in season, not blind or otherwise disabled, and not aggressive toward other dogs. Most organizations require a registration fee to participate.

Check out these organizations to get you and your dog involved:

**Canine Freestyle Federation**

Offers classes, demonstrations and seminars on freestyle competitions.

**International Disc Dog Handlers Association**

Offers officially sanctioned testing, titling, and ranking for canine disc events.

**International Weight Pull Association**

Hosts about 100 pulls per season (September through March) in the U.S. and Canada.

**Mixed Breed Clubs of America**

Dogs can earn titles in obedience, conformation, tracking, and lure coursing from this national registry.

**North American Dog Agility Council**

Offers agility titles, classes, and competitions.

**Classic K9 Games**

Mixed-breed and purebred dogs can earn titles and compete in such activities as Grand Prix racing (a timed obstacle course), high jumping, relay racing, barrel racing, flying disc, and musical mats (a version of musical chairs).

**North American Flyball Association**

Dogs compete in tournaments to earn titles.

**United Kennel Club**

Mixed-breed dogs can participate in agility, obedience, and weight pull events.

**United States Dog Agility Association**

Offers dog agility certification tests and tournaments.

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