

What Can CPE Agility Do for You!!

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Since its founding in **1998**, CPE Agility has stayed true to one simple mission: to give dog-and-handler teams a place to play, learn, and show off their talents in a FUN, supportive, competitive environment. Nearly three decades later, that mission has blossomed into a thriving, nationwide community. CPE's growth has been remarkable—and it's no accident. The organization continues to stand out for its welcoming atmosphere, thoughtful course design, flexible titling system, and commitment to making dog sports accessible to all.

A Sport Built on Inclusivity

One of CPE's greatest strengths is its open-armed approach to participation. CPE welcomes:

- All breeds and mixes
- Junior Handlers
- Differently Abled handlers
- Differently Abled dogs
- Teams who want to compete at the highest levels
- Teams who simply want to have fun with their best friend

Every team has a place, and every team is celebrated.

Jump Heights and Categories Designed with Dogs in Mind

CPE's jump height structure is intentionally dog-friendly, helping keep canine athletes healthy and sound throughout their careers. Regular jump heights are based on shoulder height, with thoughtful options for large dogs, seniors, and dogs needing reduced impact.

Teams can choose from four jump height categories—Regular, Veterans/Early Veterans, Enthusiast, and Specialist—each offering flexibility to support dogs at

different stages of life and training with favorable course times.

Levels That Let Teams Progress at Their Own Pace

CPE offers five levels of challenge, from brand-new beginners to advanced competitors. What makes CPE unique is that no team is ever required to move up. Teams may continue earning points and titles at their chosen level for as long as they wish, and no qualifying score is ever lost. This approach keeps the sport fun, accessible, and confidence-building for everyone.

A Full Range of Classes and Games

Beyond Standard Agility, CPE offers seven games classes across Handler, Strategy, and Fun categories. Teams can move up in individual classes, allowing them to grow where their strengths shine. Certificates are awarded in each category, giving teams multiple pathways to celebrate progress.

Awards That Truly Celebrate Achievement

CPE is known for its generous and meaningful awards program. Competitors enjoy:

- Frequent mailed title certificates
- C-ATCH and C-ATE championships
- Lifetime Cumulative awards
- Annual Top Ten recognition
- Beautiful plaques, rosettes, trophies, and National event swag

These awards reflect the heart of CPE: celebrating teamwork, effort, and joy.

A Judging Program You Can Trust

CPE's Judges are widely respected for being knowledgeable, friendly, and approachable. Each Judge completes a rigorous process

that includes testing, training in safe course design, efficient course building, and a full apprenticeship. The result is a judging core that supports both safety and fun in every ring.

Expanding the CPE Family: Canine Scent Sport (CSS) and SpeedWay

Because CPE stands for **Canine**

Performance Events, agility was only the beginning. Two additional sports—Canine Scent Sport (CSS) and SpeedWay—now offer even more opportunities for dogs and handlers to learn, play, and grow.

Canine Scent Sport (CSS)

Introduced in **2019**, CSS brings the joy of scent detection to the CPE community. With accessible rules, colorful search vehicles, and beginner-friendly allowances like “try again” opportunities in Levels 1 and 2, CSS welcomes dogs of all ages and abilities. CSS awards include the SNITCH (Level 5) and SNITE (Level C) Championships. Levels 3 through C are eligible for Nationals, and host clubs may offer CSS at their own sites.

SpeedWay

Developed by Art Malott and Kim Thompson during the COVID era, SpeedWay held its first competition in July 2021. Its goal is simple: a low-stress, high-fun entry point into dog sports with minimal ring crew and maximum excitement.

Ring Games

SpeedWay offers five low-impact games using barrels, hoops, and tunnels. Two of the games are relay type games. Teams run the numbered course as fast as they can—mistakes simply add time. These games test speed, flexibility, distance, and teamwork.

Drag Race

SpeedWay’s straight-line racing includes both a 100-yard dash and a 50-yard dash,

making it perfect for beginners, seniors, and dogs who just love to run.

Titling Through Speed

SpeedWay titles are earned through speed-based points. The first title requires 150 points, often achievable in one or two days of trialing. Some dogs are now pursuing 10,000-point titles, a testament to the sport’s popularity and replay value. SpeedWay uses trained Course Marshals rather than Judges, allowing local competitors to help run trials while still participating.

Three Sports. One Community. Endless Opportunities.

CPE offers a welcoming, supportive environment across three distinct dog sports:

- **Agility** — safe, flowing courses for dogs of all sizes and abilities
- **Canine Scent Sport** — a chance to watch dogs use their natural instincts
- **SpeedWay** — an outlet for young, novice, senior, and high-energy dogs alike

Whether you’re stepping into the ring for the first time or chasing advanced titles, CPE gives you and your dog a place to grow, play, and strengthen the bond you share.