

## **Kennel Club Regulation Booklets**

This is one of a series of booklets designed to present the Regulations in a more accessible form. The complete set of Rules & Regulations is of course still available within the  
Kennel Club Year Book.

There are booklets available for Breed Shows, Obedience Shows, Agility Shows and Flyball Competitions, Working Trials and Bloodhound Trials, Heelwork to Music and Field Trials. Whilst including all the relevant regulations also included is an extract from the B Regulations on the requirements of dog registration and an extract from the K Regulations confirming requirements to make a dog up  
to a champion.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR AGILITY AND FLYBALL COMPETITIONS

*As at 1st January 2010*

These Regulations apply to all licensed Agility Shows and Flyball Competitions, except where indicated.

### **1. Permission to hold Agility Shows and Flyball Competitions.**

- a. The General Committee shall have the power to grant, withhold or cancel permission to hold any licensed Agility Show or Flyball Competition.
- b. Any cancellation or abandonment of a competition without prior permission of the General Committee must be reported in writing to the Kennel Club without delay.

### **2. Welfare of Dogs.**

An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

### **3. Eligibility/Licensing.**

- a. Agility Show or Flyball Competition licenses will only be issued to Registered or Affiliated Societies or other organisations approved by the General Committee.
- b. On the day of the event a current Public Liability Insurance Document must be held or the event will be deemed unlicensed.
- c. Companion Dog Shows may not hold Agility Shows or Flyball Competitions unless organised on their behalf by a Registered Society or Club and separately licensed.
- d. Dogs entered in Agility Shows or Flyball Competitions must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B.
- e. Only dogs of 18 calendar months of age and over on the day of competition are eligible for competition at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows and Flyball Competitions. However, Societies may accept Not For Competition entries at their discretion. Dogs aged four calendar months and over are eligible to enter Not For Competition.
- f. If, in the opinion of the General Committee, a dog is of a savage disposition it shall be ineligible for entry at any Agility Show and Flyball Competition held under Kennel Club Regulations.
- g. Persons disqualified or suspended under Kennel Club Rules are not

- eligible to take part in any Kennel Club licensed event.
- h. No activity shall be conducted which permits, encourages or develops aggression in a dog.

#### **4. Application—**

The application for a licence to hold an Agility Show or Flyball Competition must be made to the Secretary of the Kennel Club, 1–5 Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London W1J 8AB on the official form which must be properly completed, together with the appropriate licence fee at least 6 calendar months before the proposed date of the competition.

#### **5. Unlicensed Agility Show and/or Flyball Competitions—**

Notwithstanding the provision of these Regulations, certain events which are not licensed by the Kennel Club may from time to time be recognised by the General Committee of the Kennel Club. The General Committee shall have power to grant permission for Kennel Club registered dogs to be entered for such events. A judge, competitor or promoter will not be prejudiced by participating in these special unlicensed events.

#### **6. Guarantors.**

- a. Licensed Agility Shows and Flyball Competitions require Guarantors who shall undertake jointly and severally to hold and conduct the competition under and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Kennel Club, to guarantee the due payment of any prize money, and to abide by and adopt any decision of the General Committee or any authority to whom the General Committee may delegate its powers subject to the conditions of Regulation H31.
- b. Such undertaking shall also be taken as an agreement by such guarantors and each of them, that any decision given against them or any of them, under Rule A42 of the Kennel Club Rules may be communicated by the Secretary of the Kennel Club to the Secretaries of Dog Shows, Field Trials, Working Trials, Agility Shows, Flyball Competitions and Societies affiliated with the Kennel Club, and may also be published in the KENNEL GAZETTE, the official publication of the Kennel Club together with a report of any proceeding in the matter, including names, addresses and descriptions.
- c. Any notice sent by registered post to any such Guarantors at the addresses given by them on the licence application shall be deemed full and sufficient notice on the part of the Kennel Club to them or any of them, of any proceedings, matters or decisions of the General Committee, or any authority to whom the General Committee may delegate its powers, or in regard to anything arising out of the Licence or to the conduct of the Competition, or in respect of any other matter whatsoever arising out of or in connection with the same.

#### **7. Undertaking of Guarantors.**

- a. The application form for an Agility and/or Flyball Competition licence

must be signed by the Guarantors who must give their full addresses in the spaces provided on the form. The signed application shall be a binding undertaking.

- b. Should changed circumstances affect the status of any of the original signatories as Guarantors, then notice of replacement(s) must be forwarded to the Kennel Club. Such notice shall be accompanied by a signed declaration from the replacement Guarantor(s) agreeing to the conditions of the guarantee.
- c. Notice of such change(s) must be made in the Schedule, if possible, or by notice in the Canine Press.
- d. The Guarantors for Shows shall be as follows:-
  - (1) Championship Shows - A minimum of six members of the Committee which must include the Society Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.
  - (2) Open and Limited Shows -A minimum of three members of the Committee which must include the Society Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.
- e. The Guarantors for an Agility and Flyball Competition shall be a total of three members of the Committee which must include the Society Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

#### **8. Documentation.—**

At every Agility Show and Flyball Competition the following documents must be available:

- a. The licence for the Competition, which must be clearly displayed.
- b. The current Public Liability Insurance Documents, which must be clearly displayed.
- c. A copy of Kennel Club Rules and relevant Regulations.
- d. A copy of the Schedule for the Competition.
- e. The completed entry forms for the Competition. All entry forms must be preserved by the Committee for at least 12 months from the closing date of entries and must be forwarded to the Kennel Club if requested, together with any other documents. A list of results for each class must be retained by the Society for at least 12 months from the date of the Competition.
- f. An incident book, not to be of a loose leaf style, a copy of which must be submitted to the Kennel Club within 14 days should an incident occur.

#### **9. Schedule.**

- a. The organisers must issue a schedule for the event, such schedule to follow the layout of the specimen schedule provided by the Kennel Club and conform with Kennel Club Regulations. No modifications may be made to the schedule except by permission of the Kennel Club and such modifications must be advertised.
- b. Submission of Schedules—2 copies of the schedule must be lodged with the Kennel Club when published or at least one month before the date of the Competition.
- c. Contents of Schedule
  - (1) On the front outside cover or title page, the name of the Society,

the type, venue and date of the Competition as described on the licence and any additional title for which prior permission has been given by the General Committee of the Kennel Club; the names and addresses of the Guarantors of the Competition, and the Secretary's name, address and telephone number where appropriate, and the name of the Competition Manager, and the date of closing of entries.

- (2) An announcement that the Competition is held under Kennel Club Regulations.
- (3) Kennel Club Championship Agility Certificate (Large Dogs) and / or Kennel Club Championship Agility Certificate (Medium Dogs) and / or Kennel Club Championship Agility Certificate (Small Dogs) for Championship Class.
- (4) The names of the Judge(s) with the name of the class.
- (5) All offers of sponsorship or donations with the names of the sponsors.
- (6) The amount of entry and other fees.
- (7) The amount of prize money where offered.
- (8) The time of opening of the Competition.
- (9) An entry form, which must include a box for the Kennel Club Registration Number of the dog and the standard declaration as included in the specimen entry form issued by the Kennel Club.
- (10) A statement if applicable on details of how entries can be made via the internet.
- (11) Definitions of classes.
- (12) Method by which the Judge will mark the Tests (Agility Shows only).
- (13) A statement that in estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including 25 days before the start of the competition shall be counted when entering for any class. For these purposes a competition shall be defined as all classes covered within the same schedule. In the event that a dog becomes eligible for the next grade at a particular show, after the entry for that show has been sent, it is the competitor's responsibility to notify the show secretary at least 14 days before the date of the show. The dog should then be moved into the appropriate class(es) for the next grade. The dog must be moved into the corresponding number of classes as were entered at the lower grade. If there are fewer or no classes available for the next grade the competitor should be offered a refund of the relevant entry fees.
- (14) A statement defining the composition of teams (Flyball Competitions only).
- (15) A statement that no bitch in season is allowed to compete.
- (16) A statement that the Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse any entries.
- (17) A statement that should a Judge be unable to fulfil the appointment to judge the Committee reserves the right to appoint another judge.
- (18) A statement that should circumstances so dictate the Society, in consultation with the Judge, may alter arrangements as necessary.

Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them must be reported to the Kennel Club.

- (19) Notice of Kennel Club Agility and Flyball Regulations H paragraphs: 10.e.  
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- (20) If applicable a statement that;
1. Not For Competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged four calendar months and over. Details of each dog so entered must be recorded on the entry form and must be Kennel Club registered or
  2. Not For Competition entries are not accepted.
- (21) A pay on the day class will be held if time permits.
- (22) A practice ring may be available to dogs entered for competition at the show if space allows. The ring must be supervised by a responsible adult with agility knowledge.

#### **10. Entry for Competition.**

- a. Entries for the event must close at the time indicated in the Schedule, which must be no later than 14 days before the event opens.
- b. Entries received by post bearing the Post Office postmark of the date for closing of entries or before must be accepted subject to the conditions of Regulation H9.c.(16).
- c. Entries from competitors claiming that undelivered entries have been correctly posted must be accepted on the day of the Competition, subject to the conditions of Regulation H9.c.(16). Such claims will have to be substantiated to the Kennel Club which will request documentary evidence, subsequent to the Competition.
- d. A dog must at the time of entry for a Competition be registered as required by Kennel Club Rules and Regulations in the owner's name (or registration or transfer applied for). In the case of joint registered owners the full name of every registered owner must be given. Where an owner makes an entry on behalf of another joint registered owner(s) or where an agent enters on behalf of a single or joint registered owner(s) such person must have the authority and consent from the single or joint registered owner(s) to sign the entry form on their behalf thereby binding them all to Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. In the event of any dispute, evidence of such authority and consent will be required. A dog acquired subsequent to entry having been made at a Competition may compete as the new owner's property provided that an application for the transfer has been forwarded to the Kennel Club before the Competition, and the new owner has undertaken to abide by the Regulations and conditions of the original entry form (and in accordance with the conditions set out above).
- e. A separate application for entry must be made by each owner and acceptance of the entry declaration must be given in accordance with the provisions specified thereon - whether in writing or via the internet. Entries cannot be accepted without the appropriate fees or acceptance of the entry declaration.
- f. If a competitor reports before competition that a dog has been entered

which is ineligible, the dog must be withdrawn from competition. (Except under regulation H(1)(B)4.11 where, at the discretion of the Show Management, the dog's entries may be transferred in order that it can compete at the correct height category).

- g. In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including 25 days before the start of the competition shall be counted when entering for any class. For these purposes a competition shall be defined as all classes covered within the same schedule. In the event that a dog becomes eligible for the next grade at a particular show, after the entry for that show has been sent, it is the competitor's responsibility to notify the show secretary at least 14 days before the date of the show. The dog should then be moved into the appropriate class(es) for the next grade. The dog must be moved into the corresponding number of classes as were entered at the lower grade. If there are fewer or no classes available for the next grade the competitor should be offered a refund of the relevant entry fees.
- h. Dogs may be limited to a specific number of classes. (*If applicable*)

#### **11. Control of Dogs—**

The owner, exhibitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog at Kennel Club licensed events must at all times ensure that the dog is kept under proper control whilst at the licensed venue, including its environs, car and caravan parks and approaches. This Regulation applies before (at any time during the set up period at the venue), during the event and afterwards (at any time during the breakdown of the event).

#### **12. Free Passes—**

The Committee of an Agility Show and/or Flyball Competition shall provide all competitors with a free pass enabling them to enter the event at any time of the day their competition is scheduled, but in the case of a dog owned in partnership only one such free pass need be issued. Additional free passes may be issued at the organising Committee's discretion.

#### **13. Withdrawal of dogs from Competition—**

A dog shall be withdrawn from competition and removed from an Agility Show and/or Flyball Competition if it is:

- a. A bitch which is in season.
- b. Suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.
- c. Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent.
- d. Of such temperament or is so much out of hand as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal.
- e. Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing.

#### **14. Competition of Dogs Suffering from Contagious or Infectious Disease—**

No dog suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or having been exposed to such disease during the period of 21 days prior to the Competition may compete. Competitors infringing this Regulation will be liable to be fined and/or dealt with under Kennel Club Rule A42.

### 15. Animals allowed in Event—

No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of the event during its continuance, except any dogs registered to assist the disabled, or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes or by permission of the General Committee.

However, at the discretion of the show society, a dog brought to the show by a spectator may be admitted into the precincts of the dog show, with the proviso that those in charge of the dog sign a declaration confirming the dog is free from disease and that the dog will be kept under proper control at all times.

### 16. Veterinary Support—

The Secretary of a licensed Agility Show and/or Flyball Competition is required to arrange veterinary support compatible with the arrangements for the Competition and anticipated entries. The name, address and telephone number of the Veterinary Surgeon, Practitioner or Practice supporting the Competition is to be available.

### 17. Judging Contracts.

- a. Invitations to judge must be made by organising societies in writing and they must ensure that written acceptances are received. Written acceptance must be followed by written confirmation of the appointment by the Society upon which a judging contract will be deemed to have been formed; except that in the case of appointments to award Agility Certificates, the contract to judge will only be formed when Kennel Club approval of the appointment has been given.
- b. Societies are required to include the following wording in Judges' invitation letters:
 

"In accepting this invitation you agree to be bound by Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and the Kennel Club Code of Best Practice for Judges, and confirm that you are qualified to judge in accordance with Agility and Flyball Regulation H19. In doing so you also recognise that you are obliged to notify us in writing of any change in personal circumstances which will affect your ability to fulfil this judging appointment. You should also note that we reserve the right to cancel the contract before the date of the appointment if there is a change in your circumstances, which in our reasonable opinion would adversely affect your ability to fulfil the appointment."
- c. All judging contracts are subject to cancellation at the discretion of the Kennel Club in the event of the judge being subject to relevant disciplinary action.
- d. In the event of a judge failing to honour an engagement to judge, the General Committee will require reasons for such failure, and in the event of the explanation not being considered satisfactory, the General Committee may impose a fine. Similarly, in the event of a Society not honouring a judging contract, the Society may be required by the General Committee to give reasons for such failure, and in the event of the explanation not being considered satisfactory, the General Committee may impose a fine upon the Society.

- e. In the event of such fines not being paid within the time stipulated by the General Committee, the judge or Guarantors of the Competition, as applicable, may at the discretion of the General Committee be dealt with as if a complaint under Kennel Club Rule A42 had been lodged and proved to the satisfaction of the General Committee.

### 18. Approval of Judges

- a. Show Societies must apply to the General Committee for approval of Championship Agility Class judges for Championship Agility Shows, at least nine months before the date of the Show on the approved form. All first time appointments must be applied for a minimum of twelve months before the date of the Show on the form provided.
- b. On a person's first appointment to judge the Championship Agility Class the minimum conditions which apply are:  
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On application a person must:-
  - (1) have a minimum of 5 years' experience of competing at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows, and
  - (2) have a minimum of 5 years' experience of judging at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows, and
  - (3) have judged at a minimum of 10 licensed Agility Shows over the previous 3 years including standard classes in each height category which must include Grade 7, class size and geographical distribution of judging appointments will be a consideration, and
  - (4) have handled a dog competitively at Grade 6 or 7, and
  - (5) have been assessed before their first Championship appointment, and
  - (6) have attended a Kennel Club Agility Regulations and Judging Procedure Seminar and passed the Regulations and Judging Procedure examination, and
  - (7) have attended a Kennel Club Agility Course Design and Judging Seminar and passed the assessment, or
  - (8) otherwise have been approved by the General Committee.
- c. The Committee shall have the power to grant, withhold, suspend or cancel the approval of any judge. A person approved to judge a Championship Agility Certificate may not judge another Championship Agility Certificate at the same height category within a period of six calendar months.

### 19. Judges and Judging.

- a. Organisers of Agility Shows and/or Flyball Competitions must ensure that those invited to judge are competent to fulfil their engagement taking into account the nature of the competition.
- b. Additionally judges appointed to officiate at a Kennel Club licensed show for the first time must have attended a Kennel Club Agility Regulations and Judging Procedure Seminar and passed the Regulations and Judging Procedure examination.
- c. Judges appointed to officiate for the first time at a Kennel Club licensed show must have attended a Kennel Club Agility Course Design and Judging

- Seminar and passed the assessment. (Effective date: 1 January 2009).
- d. Judges at an Agility Show and/or Flyball Competition may not enter for competition a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership; or handle a dog at the Show/Competition at which they are judging.
  - e. Judges at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows and/or Flyball Competitions are expected to maintain and abide by the highest standards in accordance with Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and appropriate Codes of Best Practice as published from time to time.
  - f. Judges are not permitted to make a public commentary on the dogs whilst judging.
  - g. Any physical disciplining of the dog by the handler in the ring or any uncontrolled behaviour of the dog must be penalised by adjusting the dog's score and the judge may bar the dog from further competition in the class.
  - h. The Judge must observe the dog at all times whilst it is in the ring, even after elimination from competition.
  - i. The Committee shall have the power to grant, withhold, suspend or cancel the appointment of any Judge.

#### **20. Dog Fouling.**

- a. Any owner, competitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog is required to remove, as soon as possible any fouling caused by their dog(s) at any Kennel Club licensed event within the licensed venue and within the environs of that event including car and caravan parks and approaches.
- b. Any organisation holding a Kennel Club licensed event is required to provide an adequate number of receptacles for the disposal of such fouling.

#### **21. Use of Firearms and Sound Amplifiers—**

The use of firearms is prohibited and the use of sound amplifiers is forbidden except as authorised by the Competition Management.

#### **22. Sponsorship and Donations—**

No offer of sponsorship or donation may be made on condition that a specified person is appointed to judge.

#### **23. Payment of Sponsorship—**

In the absence of any agreement to the contrary, the liability of the sponsor(s) for any class or classes at an Agility Show and/or Flyball Competition shall be limited to making good any deficiency between entry fees received and any prize money paid out. The Competition Manager must intimate the amount of sponsorship due within one calendar month of the close of the Competition and the sponsor(s) must pay this amount within 14 days of receipt of such notice. If the sponsorship is not paid within the specified time the Competition Manager must report the matter to the Kennel Club.

#### **24. Objections.**

- a. An objection to a breach of Kennel Club Regulation(s) may be made

direct to the Secretary of the Show before the end of the Show. As an alternative, an objection may be lodged directly with the Kennel Club within seven days after the last day of the Show and under these circumstances a copy of the objection must be sent to the Show Secretary.

When an objection is lodged the following information must be given;

A statement detailing the objection, quoting the relevant regulation(s).

The objection fee of £35, or such amount as may from time to time be decided by the General Committee.

The name and address of the objector.

The name and address of the owner of the dog (if relevant).

All relevant evidence.

The objection fee may be returned after consideration of the objection.

- b. With the exception of objections made under Regulation H13 (Withdrawal of Dogs from Competition) the dog should be allowed to compete and a full report made to the Kennel Club.
- c. The right to lodge an objection to a dog or any action taken at a Show is limited to anyone in attendance at the Show not under a term of suspension imposed by the Kennel Club, or the owner of a dog competing or his accredited representative.
- d. No objection shall be invalidated solely on the grounds that it was incorrectly lodged.
- e. Objections or alleged breaches of Kennel Club Regulations shall be referred to the General Committee who shall have the power to delegate the hearing of the objection or breach of regulation to the relevant sub-committee or may decide to refer the matter for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rule A42.
- f. Any appeal against the relevant Sub-Committee decision must be lodged within fourteen days of the decision being given and will be subject to the prescribed appeals procedure as shall be determined by the General Committee from time to time.

#### **25. Fraudulent or Discreditable Conduct at Agility Shows and Flyball Competitions—**

The Secretary of an Agility Show and/or Flyball Competition must immediately report in writing to the Secretary of the Kennel Club any case of alleged fraudulent or discreditable conduct, or any default omission or incident at or in connection with the Competition which may come under his notice, even where parties concerned have indicated that they intend taking no action and at the same time forward to the Secretary of the Kennel Club all documents and information in connection therewith which may be in his possession or power. If evidence is placed before the General Committee to its satisfaction that undue influence has been exercised by any person(s), or that any improper means have been used to influence the appointment of a judge or to interfere with the competition of a dog at any event held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations, the General Committee may require all correspondence and evidence in connection with the case to be produced in order that it may deal with the offender(s) under Kennel Club Rule A42.

## **26. Penalty for Infringement of Kennel Club Rules by Agility Show and/or Flyball Competition Management—**

The General Committee shall have power to fine the Guarantors of an Agility Show or Flyball Competition who have broken Kennel Club Rules and Regulations in the conduct of the Competition.

## **27. Disqualification and Forfeit of Awards**

- a. A dog may be disqualified by the General Committee from any award whether an objection has been lodged or not, if proved amongst other things to have been;
  - (1) Competing at an unrecognised Competition.
  - (2) Handled by a person disqualified or suspended under Rule A42 as from the date of the complaint having been lodged at the Kennel Club and for the period of disqualification or suspension.
  - (3) Not entered on a Kennel Club approved entry form in the name and with the details which are recorded with the Kennel Club.
  - (4) Entered after the date announced for closing of entries, subject to the condition of Regulation H10.b or contrary to Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.
  - (5) Suffering from an infectious or contagious disease.
  - (6) In competition in a class for which it was not entered.
  - (7) Entered for competition or handled in the ring by a judge at that Competition.
  - (8) Registered or recorded as owned by the scheduled Judge within a period of 12 months prior to the Competition. This shall not apply to dogs owned by a Judge appointed in an emergency.
  - (9) Not correctly registered and recorded in the name of the owner at the Kennel Club or as provided in Regulation H10.d.
  - (10) To have been the subject of any other default, omission, action or incident occurring at or in connection with the Show rendering it unfair that the award should be allowed to stand.
- b. A dog shall be disqualified by the General Committee from any awards gained whether an objection has been lodged or not if entered in a class for which it is ineligible and not withdrawn from competition and the Competitor may be fined at the discretion of the General Committee.
- c. The owner of a dog disqualified for any of the above reasons is liable to forfeit all entry fees paid, and all prize money won by such dog.

## **28. Fines—**

The General Committee shall have power to fine any person for breaches of Kennel Club Regulations subject to a right of appeal notice of intention of which must be lodged within 14 days from the date on which the decision is given and subject to the prescribed appeals process as shall be determined by the General Committee from time to time. In the event of such fines not being paid within the time stipulated by the General Committee, that person may, at the discretion of the General Committee, be dealt with as if a complaint under Kennel Club Rule A42 had been lodged and proved to the satisfaction of the General Committee.

**29. Payment and Delivery of Prize Money and Printed Awards.**

- a. All prize money and printed awards must be available for collection at the Competition.
- b. Prize money and printed awards, except special awards, not collected on the day, must be claimed not later than 31 days from the close of the Competition, otherwise they will be forfeited.
- c. Where any money prize is offered in the Schedule it must be paid in full, without deduction except in cases where amounts are legally due to the Competition organisers.
- d. In the event of the disqualification of an award winner subsequent to the receipt of any prize or prize money, such prize or prize money must be returned at once on receipt of a demand from the Competition organisers. A failure to comply with any request shall be reported to the Kennel Club and may be dealt with under RuleA42.

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## SPECIFIC AGILITY SHOW REGULATIONS

These Regulations must be read in conjunction with Kennel Club General Agility Show and Flyball Regulations H.

1. The following Regulations apply to Agility Shows and must be read in conjunction with Kennel Club General Regulations H.

2. Agility Shows are considered to be “fun competitions” designed for enjoyment by competitors, their dogs and for appeal to spectators. Informality is encouraged and maximum discretion is granted to Societies within the constraints of safety and these Regulations. Nothing may be included in an Agility Show which could endanger the safety of the dogs competing, the handlers or the spectators.

3. **Licensed Agility Shows**—Licensed Shows held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations are those held under licence granted by the General Committee of the Kennel Club and are:

- a. Championship Agility Shows - Open to all competitors, except where a qualification for entry has been approved by the General Committee of the Kennel Club, and at which Kennel Club Agility Certificates are on offer.
- b. **Open Agility Shows**—Open to all competitors.
- c. **Limited Agility Shows**  
Where entry is limited to:
  - (1) Members of the Show Society
  - (2) Competitors resident within a Specific area
  - (3) Specific Breeds
  - (4) By numbers (such numbers to be stipulated in the schedule)
  - (5) Or otherwise subject to the approval of the General Committee of the Kennel Club.
- d. **Matches\*** -Where entry is limited to the members of societies  
On the day of the event a current Public Liability Insurance Document must be held or the event will be deemed to be unlicensed.  
\* - Dogs which have won an Agility Certificate or obtained any award that counts towards the title of Agility Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club are not eligible for entry at these Shows.

4. **Marked Running Orders Championship Class** - The Show Society must publish a marked running order containing the following:-

- a. On the front outside cover or page, the name of the Society, the type, venue and date of the competition as described on the licence and any additional title for which prior permission has been given by the General Committee of the Kennel Club; the names and addresses of the Guarantors of the competition, and the Secretary’s name, address and

telephone number where appropriate, and the name of the Competition Manager.

- b. Championship Agility Class - An alphabetical index containing the names and addresses of competitors (unless withheld by competitors), the number and name of each exhibit and the number of the Championship Agility Class in which it is entered, giving a separate line to the name of each competitor, and the full particulars of the exhibit as given on the entry form completed by the competitor.
- c. Submission of Running Order - Within fourteen days of the close of the Show, a copy of the official marked running order, containing a full and correct list of the entries in the required classes as detailed above, with all the awards correctly marked, must be submitted to the Kennel Club.

#### **5. Championship Agility Certificates (Large, Medium and Small Dogs)**

- a. A Kennel Club Agility Certificate will be awarded to any Large Agility Dog, Medium Agility Dog or any Small Agility Dog winning a Championship Agility Class provided such a dog has no faults in the final round of the Class. If the winning dog does have faults in the final round of the Championship Agility Class the award must be withheld.
- b. A Reserve Agility Certificate will be awarded to any Large Agility Dog, Medium Agility Dog or any Small Agility Dog placed second in the Championship Agility Class provided it has gained a clear round in the final round of the Class. If the second placed dog has faults in the final round the award must be withheld.

#### **6. Agility Championships**

- a. The Kennel Club will offer at Crufts Dog Show each year the Kennel Club Agility Championships Large Dog, the Kennel Club Agility Championships Medium Dog and the Kennel Club Agility Championships Small Dog. A dog awarded one or more Agility Certificates during the calendar year preceding Crufts Dog Show shall be entitled to compete.
- b. The Test for the Agility Championships shall be those required in the Championship Class in these Regulations. If the winning dog(s) do not gain a clear round in the final round the Championship Award shall be withheld.

#### **7. Ballot for Championship Running Orders**

- a. Agility Round and Jumping Round -A draw for the running order of the Agility and Jumping Rounds must be made prior to the Show. The relevant competitors must be notified before the day of the Show. The dogs must run in the order in which they are drawn.
- b. Final Agility Round - Dogs to run in reverse order to their combined placings at the end of the first two rounds
- c. A dog must have the same handler for each round of the Championship Agility Class.

## 8. Format of the Championship Class

- a. The top 50% of the entry, up to a maximum of 20 dogs from the combined results of the 2 qualifying rounds will contest a final round of Agility to determine the overall winner. The top 50% up to a maximum of 20 places will be determined by combining the accumulated placings gained by the dogs in the qualifying rounds. Where there are an uneven number of entries in classes numbers will be rounded up.
- b. The first placed dog in the final round, having achieved a clear round, will be awarded a Championship Agility Certificate.
- c. The second placed dog in the final round, having achieved a clear round, will be awarded a Reserve Championship Agility Certificate.
- d. A dog having been eliminated in either qualifying round will not be eligible for the final, even if placed in the top placings.

## 9. Management—Societies are responsible for the following:

- a. Test area shall have a suitable surface and measure a minimum of 32m x 32m (35yds x 35 yds) for outdoor venues. Indoor venues may be smaller but must be appropriate to the size of the Test.
- b. Ensuring that all obstacles and equipment in the test area do not include unnecessary protrusions and where wings or side supports are part of an obstacle they must be appreciably higher than the part to be cleared by the dog.
- c. The Competition Manager must not enter for competition a dog, which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership or work a dog at the Agility Show.
- d. Electronic Timing Equipment. For the Championship Class societies must provide suitable electronic timing equipment. Time will also be recorded manually but electronic time will take precedence.
- e. The maximum number of dogs a person may judge on one day is 450. Reserve judges may enter dogs for competition at the Show, but may not compete if called upon to judge. Show Committees must appoint sufficient judges for the expected entries.
- f. Where combined classes are split, they must be split into parts of equal numbers (to within one dog). Splits must be conducted on a random basis. Where graded classes are split, they must be split by grade. If a subsequent grade or single grade class is split, they must be split into parts of equal numbers (to within one dog). Splits must be conducted on a random basis. Competitors entered therein must be notified of all changes.
- g. If a practice ring is provided, it must be supervised by a responsible adult with agility knowledge.

## 10. Competing

- a. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the precincts of the Show.
- b. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the Judge or Judges.
- c. Dogs must not wear any type of slip, half-slip collar or lead when under test. A flat, close fitting, leather or webbing collar is permitted,

providing the only attachment is a plain identification panel as an integral part of the collar i.e.: not attached by a ring.

- d. Handlers working more than one dog in a Class must ensure that the dogs compete in the sequence in which they are drawn. Failure to do so may result in elimination.
- e. Food shall not be carried in the hand or given to a dog in the ring.
- f. It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order.

**11. Eligibility and Schedule of Classes**—The detailed Regulations for Eligibility and the Schedule of Classes are given in Annex A.

**12. Schedule of Classes, Courses, Obstacles and Marking**—The detailed Regulations for shows, courses, obstacles and marking are given in Annex B.

**13. Specific Regulations for Agility Matches**—The detailed Regulations for Agility Matches are given in Annex C.

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## ELIGIBILITY AND SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

1. This classification should apply to competitions for large, medium and small dogs.

2. In the following definitions of classes First Prize or other prize wins are those gained in standard classes at any Kennel Club licensed Open Agility Shows (i.e. Limited Agility Shows, special classes and invitation events excepted). Only a first place with a clear round will count towards grade progression.

3. Societies may if they so wish limit the number of classes a dog may enter.

4. Societies may schedule classes other than those defined below. The eligibility for "Special" classes must be defined by the Society and included in the schedule. The word "Special" must be included in the title of the class.

5. Classes may be scheduled for Agility Shows, as Agility classes or Jumping classes. Agility classes to include contact points and Jumping classes when there are no contact obstacles. With this proviso classes are defined as follows:

### **6. Class Structure.**

A Class may either be held as a Graded Class or a Combined Class. A Graded Class may be scheduled for one or more consecutive Grades with separate results and awards issued for each grade. The eligibility for a Graded Class is detailed below. A Combined Class may be scheduled for more than one consecutive grade with one overall set of results. A Combined Class is open to any combination of dog and handler that qualifies for any of the Grades in that class.

### **7. Progression.**

Progression from each Grade will require one Agility win or three Jumping wins at that grade, except that progression from Grade 6 will require 4 wins at Grade 6, two of which must be agility classes. Results from Combined Classes will only count towards progression from the dog's current grade.

### **8. Points Progression.**

At the handler's discretion a dog may progress up to Grade 5 by winning 75 points at each grade, using the Agility Warrant points scheme, Regulation K3.c refers, except that there is no requirement for a minimum number of agility points. If this method of progression is selected, the handler must ensure the Show Secretary signs the dog's Agility Record Book at the first show entered at the higher grade. There is no time limit on this progression, however, once a dog has progressed, it cannot return to a previous grade.

## 9. STANDARD CLASSES

Only first prizes and points gained in standard classes at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows may be used for progression through the classes. (A dog is only eligible for one grade). In defining the eligibility of the owner or handler for Grade 1, the three jumping wins and points progression referred to in the definition apply only to one dog and not an accumulation of dogs.

a. **Grade 1 (Elementary)**

For owners, handlers or dogs which have not gained a first place in an Agility Class or three first places in Jumping Classes at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows. *N.B. Owners, handlers or dogs previously qualified out of Grade 1, (Elementary) are not eligible for this class.*

b. **Grade 2 (Starters)**

Open to dogs which are not eligible for Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and have not gained a first place in an Agility Class or three first places in Jumping Classes at Grade 2 at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows, or elected to progress on points from Grade 1. *N.B. Owners, handlers or dogs previously qualified out of Grade 2 (Starters) are not eligible for this class.*

c. **Grade 3 (Graduate)**

Open to dogs which are not eligible for Grade 1 or 2 or have elected to progress on points from Grade 2 at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows and dogs which are not eligible for Grade 4, 5, 6 or 7.

d. **Grade 4 (Novice)**

Open to dogs which have gained a first place in an Agility Class or three first places in Jumping Classes at Grade 3 or elected to progress on points from Grade 3 at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows and are not eligible for Grade 3, 5, 6 or 7.

e. **Grade 5 (Intermediate)**

Open to dogs which have gained a first place in an Agility Class or three first places in Jumping Classes at Grade 4 or elected to progress on points from Grade 4 at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows and are not eligible for Grade 3, 4, 6 or 7.

f. **Grade 6 (Senior)**

Open to dogs which have gained a first place in an Agility Class or three first places in Jumping Classes at Grade 5 at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows and are not eligible for Grade 3, 4, 5 or 7.

g. **Grade 7 (Advanced)**

Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of 4 first places at Grade 6 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, 2 first places must be gained in Agility (not Jumping) Classes.

h. **Championship Class.**

Open to dogs having qualified to compete in Grade 7. To consist of 2 qualifying rounds of Standard Kennel Club Classes, 1 Agility Class and 1 Jumping Class and a final round of Agility to be held at the same Show.

## 10. Championship Agility Class.

- a. Points will be awarded for placings in the Agility round and Jumping round. 1st place - 1 point, 2nd placed - 2 points etc. to the final placed

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- dog, eliminated dogs excepted.
- b. The top 50% of the entry up to a maximum of 20 dogs with the lowest accumulated total will be eligible to compete in the final round.
  - c. Elimination in either of the qualifying rounds will exclude the dog from competition on the final round.
  - d. In the event of any tie the time/faults will be taken into account for both qualifying rounds to determine the placings, on the following basis:-
    - (1) The dog with the least course faults in both the Agility and Jumping rounds takes the higher place.
    - (2) In the event that these dogs are still equal the dog with the fastest combined time takes the higher place.

# H(1)(B)

## SCHEDULE OF TESTS, COURSES, OBSTACLES AND MARKING

### 1. Courses.

- a. The following Regulations apply to the construction of courses:
  - (1) Test Area—shall have a suitable surface and measure a minimum of 32m x 32m (35yds x 35yds) for outdoor venues. Indoor venues may be smaller but must be appropriate to the size of the Test.
  - (2) Championship Class
    - (i) The Agility Rounds (Large, Medium and Small) must contain the following elements: “A” Ramp, Dog Walk, See Saw, Hurdles, Hoop (Tyre), Long Jump, Pipe Tunnel, Collapsible Tunnel and Weaving Poles, together with any other obstacles as described in these Regulations, at the discretion of the judge.
    - (ii) The Jumping Round (Large, Medium and Small) must contain the following elements: Hurdles, Hoop (Tyre), Long Jump, Pipe Tunnel, Collapsible Tunnel and Weaving Poles and must exclude contact obstacles.
    - (iii) The Final Agility round (Large, Medium and Small) may contain the Table obstacle and must contain all the obstacles described in (i) of this Regulation, together with any other obstacles as described in these Regulations, at the discretion of the judge.
    - (iv) In the event of extreme adverse weather conditions at a show a Judge, with the full agreement of the Competition Manager, may alter the compulsory equipment as deemed appropriate at the time. Any alteration to the equipment must be reported by the show management to the Kennel Club within 14 days of the date of the show.
  - (3) Design—The course should require a dog to traverse at least 10 obstacles but not more than 20 and all jump obstacles in any class should be the same height. Obstacles which the dog is required to clear should have a minimum of 3.6m (4yds) between centres except that this may be reduced to 2.74m (3yds) when the following obstacle is placed at 90 degrees or more to the preceding one. The distance between the finishing poles should be wide enough to allow a dog to pass through without impediment.
  - (4) Safety—Obstacles and equipment in the test area must not include unnecessary protrusions and where “wings” or side supports are part of an obstacle they must be appreciably higher than the part to be cleared by the dog.
  - (5) Under NO circumstances may any obstacle involve the use of FIRE.

- (6) Electronic Timing Equipment. For the Championship Class societies must provide suitable electronic timing equipment. Time will also be recorded manually but electronic time will take precedence.
- b. The Judge is responsible for the design of the course and must at all times give total consideration to the safety of the dog.
  - c. No practice is allowed on the course save that competitors will be allowed to walk the course set at the height the dog is to negotiate without their dog(s) before the class begins.

## 2. Height Limit for Dogs

- a. Large Dogs - For dogs measuring over 430mm (1ft 5ins) at the withers.
- b. Medium Dogs - For dogs measuring over 350mm (1ft 1.75ins) and measuring 430mm (1ft 5ins) or under at the withers.
- c. Small Dogs - For dogs measuring 350mm (1ft 1.75ins) or under at the withers

**3. Obstacles.**—The following obstacles meet with the approval of the Committee of the Kennel Club. However, organisers may submit other obstacles for approval, if desired.

- a. **Hurdle**—The height of the hurdle must be 650mm (2ft 1.6ins) for Large Dogs, 450mm (1ft 5.7ins) for Medium Dogs and 350mm (1ft 1.75ins) for Small Dogs. Width: 1.219m (4ft) minimum. The top bar or plank must be easily displaced by the dog. A wall should have displaceable units on the top. The height of hurdles in special classes may be lower than those listed above, but the height must be included in the schedule.
- b. **Rising Spread Jump**—Rising Spread Jump—A maximum of 2 single jumps as in Itema-(Hurdle) placed together to form a double spread, there must be no more than 2 elements to this obstacle. The top bar on the first hurdle must be at least 150mm (5.9ins) to 250mm (9.8ins) lower than the second hurdle. The maximum spread to be: Large Dogs - 550mm (1ft 9.6ins), Medium Dogs - 400mm (1ft 3.7ins), Small Dogs - 300mm (11.8ins). There must be only one pole on the back hurdle. The feet of the side supports (wings) should not be interlocking but touching and must not be out of line by more than 76mm (3ins).
- c. **Brush Fence**—Dimensions and details as for Item a—(Hurdle). This obstacle must have an easily displaceable top unit.
- d. **Hoop-(Tyre)**—Aperture diameter 533mm (1ft 9ins) minimum. Aperture centre from the ground: Large Dogs - 800mm ((2ft 7.5ins). Medium Dogs - 550mm (1ft 9.6ins). Small Dogs - 490mm (1ft 7.3ins). The hoop to be of a consistent shape, constructed of an impact-absorbing material. The height of the hoop should not be lowered. The tyre/hoop must be directly mounted in a substantial frame structure which must be secured in such a way that dogs cannot knock the obstacle over from either direction; the frame shall not have a beam across the top.
- e. **Table**—914mm (3ft) square minimum. Height: Large Dogs - 600mm (1ft 11.6ins), Medium Dogs - 400mm (1ft 3.75ins), Small Dogs - 300mm

- (11.8ins). To be of stable construction with a non-slip surface.
- f. **Long Jump**—Each unit a minimum length of 1.219m (4ft). Large Dogs - To comprise 3 to 5 units the overall maximum length to be between 1.2m (3ft 11.2ins) and 1.5m (4ft 11ins). The height of the front unit to be 127mm (5ins) and the height of the rear unit to be 381mm (15ins). Medium Dogs - To comprise 3 to 4 units the overall maximum length to be between 700mm (2ft 3.8ins) and 900mm (2ft 11.4ins). The height of the front unit to be 127mm (5ins) and the height of the rear unit to be 305mm (12ins). Small Dogs - To comprise 2 to 3 units the overall maximum length to be between 400mm (1ft 3ins) and 500mm (1ft 7.7ins). The height of the front unit to be 127mm (5ins) and the height of the rear unit to be 229mm (9ins). Marker Poles with a minimum height of approximately 1.219m (4ft) shall be used, these should not be attached to any part of the obstacle.
  - g. **Water Jump**—The overall maximum spread should be: Large Dogs - between 1.2m (3ft 11.2ins) and 1.5m (4ft 11ins). Medium Dogs - between 700mm (2ft 3.8ins) and 900mm (2ft 11.4ins). Small Dogs - between 400mm (1ft 3ins) and 500mm (1ft 7.7ins). A low hurdle or brush, with a maximum height of: Large Dogs - 610mm (2ft), Medium Dogs - 356mm (14ins), Small Dogs - 228mm (9ins) may be placed in front of the water. Marker poles with a minimum height of approximately 1.22m (4ft), should be placed at all 4 corners, these should not be attached to any part of the water jump.
  - h. **Wishing Well**—This obstacle will be of stable construction and will be able to be fixed to the ground. To ensure the safety of the dog, it will have no sharp edges. Should a design be utilised which involves a removable centre section then the resultant corners must be rounded or padded. It will have a roof of which the bottom will be no less than Large Dogs - 1500mm, Medium Dogs - 1220mm, Small Dogs - 950mm from the ground. The roof must not project beyond the width or depth of the base. It will have a displaceable top bar the height of which will be between Large Dogs - 550mm & 650mm, Medium Dogs - 350mm & 450mm, Small Dogs - 250mm & 350mm. The minimum space from the top of the bar to the top of the base will be Large Dogs - 160mm, Medium Dogs - 150mm, Small Dogs - 105mm. The overall width of the base will be between 900mm & 1400mm. The depth of the base which the dog jumps will be a maximum of Large Dogs - 550mm, Medium Dogs - 400mm, Small Dogs - 300mm.
    - i. **Collapsible Tunnel**—Diameter: 609mm (2ft) minimum. 762mm (2ft 6ins) maximum. Length 3.048m (10ft) minimum. Circular of non-rigid material construction. It must have an entrance of rigid construction with a depth of at least 457mm (1ft 6ins) that can be fixed or weighted to the ground. Minimum entrance height 483mm (1ft 7ins) clear (with suitable padding), if entrance has a floor this must have a non-slip surface.
  - j. **Pipe Tunnel**—This obstacle should have a diameter of a minimum of 609mm (2ft) and should be a minimum of 3.048m (10ft) in length.
  - k. **Weaving Poles**—The minimum number of poles should be five and the maximum number 12 and they should be in a continuous line, as

straight as possible. They should be a minimum of 457mm (1ft 6ins) and a maximum of 609mm (2ft) apart, between the poles. The poles must be of rigid construction and with a minimum height of 762mm (2ft 6ins) and a diameter between 19mm (¾ in) and 38mm (1½ ins).

- l. **Pause Box**—Defined area 1.219m x 1.219m (4ft x 4ft).
- m. **“A” Ramp**—Two ramps 2.74m (9ft) long by 914mm (3ft) wide hinged at the apex 1.7m (5ft 7ins) from the ground. The last 1.067m (3ft 6ins) from the bottom of each ramp should be a different colour to indicate the area with which the dog should make contact. Each ramp to have a non-slip surface, and anti-slip slats at intervals but not within 152mm (6ins) of the start of the contact area.
- n. **See-Saw**—This obstacle will consist of a plank firmly mounted on a central bracket. The length of the plank should be a minimum of 3.66m (12ft) and a maximum of 4.267m (14ft). The width should be 254mm (10ins) minimum and 305mm (12ins) maximum with the height of the central bracket being a maximum of 685mm (2ft 3ins) from the ground. The last 914mm (3ft) from each end should be a different colour to indicate the area with which the dog should make contact. The plank should have a non-slip surface with no slats.
- o. **Dog Walk**—A walk plank of approximately 1.372m (4ft 6ins) high with firmly fixed ramps at either end. The planks should be a minimum 3.66m (12ft) and a maximum 4.267m (14ft) in length and a minimum of 254mm (10ins) and a maximum of 305mm (12ins) in width. The last 914mm (3ft) from the bottom of each ramp should be a different colour to indicate the area with which the dog should make contact. Each ramp should have a non-slip surface, and anti-slip slats at intervals but not within 152mm (6ins) of the start of a contact area.

#### 4 Height Classification of Dogs

- (1) Dogs competing in small or medium height categories must be measured for competition. Competitors must ensure that their dog is measured prior to their first competition and that the dog’s Agility Record Book has been signed and dated by the measuring officials.
- (2) Large dogs entered for competition must be measured before they compete at their first agility show, if they have not competed prior to 1 January 2006. Dogs must be a minimum of 15 months old before the first official measurement takes place. Dogs that are, in the official measurers’ opinion, obviously over 430mm (1ft 5ins) prior to reaching 15 months of age can be measured. (Dogs incapable of being measured at the time they are presented to the measuring officials will not be eligible for competition until such time that the official measurement has been successfully carried out.)
- (3) A second measurement must be carried out on the dog between 12 and 24 months after the first unless the dog is obviously over 430mm (1ft 5ins), in which case the official measurers can strike out the second measurement in the Agility Record Book. The dog cannot be reclassified into the lower height category retrospectively if the second measurement is not taken up within the 24 month period. If the second measurement

places the dog in the same height category as the first, this will be the final measurement. However, if the second measurement places the dog in a different category then a third measurement must be carried out within two calendar months by two measurers, both of whom must not have measured the dog on a previous occasion. The dog's height category will be that confirmed by two out of the three measurements. The dog should compete in the original height category until the final decision has been made.

- (4) The dog's signed Agility Record Book must be available for inspection by the Show Management and/or the Judge on the date of any competition entered by the owner/handler.
- (5) The Kennel Club will nominate officials authorised to measure dogs for competition and to sign the Agility Record Book. The record book must be notated 'small', 'medium' or 'large' as determined by the official measurement.
- (6) Two authorised officials must carry out the measurement together and must use a measuring device approved by the Kennel Club.
- (7) Measurement must be carried out on a level and even surface, in a quiet place, separate from other dogs and handlers.
- (8) Measurement of the dog's height will be taken from the ground to the highest point of the withers. The dog must be standing squarely with all four legs on the ground, neither stretched nor crouched. The dog's head should be in a natural position.
- (9) Measuring devices will be of a fixed 'hoop' type and must be of a type approved by the Kennel Club. A separate measuring device is required for measuring each of small or medium/large dogs.
- (10) Dogs presented for measurement should be wearing a collar and must be under the control of the owner/handler. Dogs presented for measurement that cannot be controlled by the owner/handler will not be measured. Where a dog is known to have a microchip or ear tattoo this form of identification should take precedence over a photograph and should be used to confirm the identity of the dog. If these types of identification are not available, a clear identifiable photograph must be used.
- (11) A dog will be eligible to compete in small or medium height categories only after the official measurement has been carried out. Where a dog is measured out of the height category in which it has been entered it is permissible, at the discretion of the organising club, for entries to be altered in order that the dog can compete at the correct height category.
- (12) If, at the time of the second official measurement, a dog is found to be eligible for a different height category than originally attested to, awards received at licensed shows up to the date of the second measurement will stand.
- (13) In the event of a dispute over the measuring procedure the Kennel Club will evaluate whether there are grounds for appeal. The owner/handler of the dog may appeal in writing to the Kennel Club, but must do so within 30 days of the disputed measure having taken place. Any appeal must be accompanied by a written statement from the owner/handler of the dog with a brief description as to the ground for the appeal and must be accompanied by the appropriate fee.

## 5. Marking.

- a. Standard marking (which must be used in standard classes).
- All course faults in units of 5. For time faults see paragraph b below.**
- (1) Table/ Pause Box—faulted at judges discretion.
  - (2) See-Saw—must be touching the ground before the dog alights from the obstacle. A dog is considered to have refused the obstacle if it alights before the pivot point.
  - (3) Wishing Well—a dog should be faulted if it touches the base or dislodges the pole.
  - (4) Long Jump—A clean attempt should be made to clear the obstacle. Casual contact with the fore or hind legs will not be faulted. However, running past, jumping in and out to the side of the marker poles, or walking on or between the elements where no attempt has been made to clear the obstacle will be faulted as a refusal. Knocking down one or more elements will be marked as 5 faults.
  - (5) Water Jump—must be cleared without contact with the water.
  - (6) Hurdle/ Wall—a dog should not be faulted if any part of the obstacle is touched and does not fall.
  - (7) Weaving poles—The dog to enter the weaving poles with the first pole adjacent to its left side. Each incorrect entry to be classed as a refusal— further error, maximum 1 fault—failure to complete correctly before negotiating any further obstacle, elimination.
  - (8) A Ramp—a dog is considered to have refused the obstacle if it alights before the down ramp.
  - (9) Dog Walk—A dog is considered to have refused the obstacle if it alights before the down plank.
  - (10) All other obstacles—fault for failure to negotiate correctly.
  - (11) Handler deliberately touching any piece of equipment or their dog—1 fault.
  - (12) Refusal/ Runout—fault for each refusal/ runout.
  - (13) Three refusals/ runouts—elimination.
  - (14) Out of control—elimination.
  - (15) Taking the wrong course—elimination.
  - (16) Fouling the ring—elimination.
  - (17) Contact area—fault for each failure to make contact.
  - (18) Course time—at the judges discretion.
- b. Cumulative Marking/Time Faults—Faults incurred for failure to negotiate obstacles will be added to the faults incurred for failure to complete course in set time. A single fault or part thereof will be added for each second over the set time. Actual time will be recorded and rounding up or rounding down is not permitted.
- c. Other Marking—Any variation in the form of marking must be clearly defined to all competitors prior to competition. There will be no variation to standard marking in standard classes.
- d. No deviation from Kennel Club Standard Marking is acceptable for Championship Agility Class.

# H(1)(C)

## SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR AGILITY MATCHES

The following Regulations must be read in conjunction with Regulations H and H(1)

1. An Agility Match may be a competition between club members or an Inter-Club competition between Associations, Clubs, Societies or Branches of Clubs.

2. Only registered Clubs, Societies and Dog Training Clubs may hold Agility Matches.

3. A Club may hold up to 12 Agility Matches per annum. In the case of Clubs which have registered Branches, each Branch may hold up to 12 Agility Matches per annum.

#### **4. Application.**

- a. Application for authority to hold Matches is to be included within the Annual Return required under Regulation C.4.b.
- b. On the day of the event a current Public Liability Insurance Document must be held or the event will be deemed to be unrecognised.

#### **5. Regulations.**

- a. A dog must, at the time of competition, be registered at the Kennel Club. Exhibits must be the property of Members of one of the Associations, Clubs, Societies or Branches competing in the Agility Match.
- b. The Committee of the organising Club may reserve the right to refuse any entry on reasonable grounds.
- c. Puppies under 18 calendar months of age are not eligible for competition at Agility Matches.
- d. No dogs suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or having been exposed to such disease during the period of 21 days prior to the Match may compete. Competitors infringing this Regulation will be liable to be fined and/or dealt with under Kennel Club Rule A42.
- e. Prize cards, diplomas or other printed awards may be awarded at Agility Matches provided such awards are clearly over printed "MATCH".
- f. Not more than 2 Special Prizes shall be awarded at Agility Matches.
- g. The organising Club shall keep a list of the names of all competing dogs with awards, and the name and addresses of their owners for a period of 12 months from the date of the Match.
- h. Dogs, which have won an Agility certificate or obtained any award

that counts towards the title of Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club, are not eligible for entry in Matches.

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## SPECIFIC FLYBALL REGULATIONS

These Regulations must be read in conjunction with Kennel Club General Agility Show and Flyball Regulations H.

All heats being held to qualify for the Kennel Club Flyball finals must hold a flyball show licence issued by the Kennel Club, as per Regulation H.3. All dogs entered in Kennel Club Flyball competitions must be registered with the Kennel Club, as detailed in Regulation H.10.d.

1. Flyball is essentially a spectator sport involving a team knockout competition. Informality is encouraged and maximum discretion, within these Regulations is granted to organisers, but the safety of the dogs, handlers and spectators is paramount. Clubs are asked to co-operate by loaning equipment.

### 2. Facilities/Management

- a. The Test area must not be less than 24.38m x 12.19m (80ft x 40ft).
- b. An area of approximately 9.14m (30ft) in length behind the start/finish line must be available to allow adequate run-through for incoming dogs. If an indoor venue is used the distance for the run-through can be reduced by sufficient space must be allowed to ensure the dogs safety.
- c. There must be a distance of 1.829m (6ft) from the start/finish line to the first hurdle. There must be a total of four hurdles which must be placed 3.408m(10ft) apart; and there must be 4.572m (15ft) from the last hurdle to the front of the flyball box.
- d. Racing lanes must be a minimum of 3.66m (12ft) to a maximum of 6.1m (20ft) apart and must be 914mm (3ft) wide.
- e. The obstruction of gangways is prohibited.
- f. Each test area must be enclosed by ropes or by other suitable means.
- g. A separate place, where water, disinfectant and soap are available for the use of the Veterinary Surgeon and where dogs can be referred for examination in accordance with the Regulations.
- h. A suitable place in which dogs suspected of contagious or infectious disease can be properly isolated from the rest of the Flyball Competition.
- i. The Competition Manager must not enter or work a dog at the Flyball Competition.
- j. Should a judge be prevented from completing a class which has commenced, the organising society shall decide what action is to be taken.

### 3. Judges and Judging.

- a. The lead judge has overall responsibility for the competition and will control both the start and finish.
- b. There must be a judge positioned at the end of the start/finish line.
- c. 2 line judges must be appointed to ensure that the box and hurdle rules are not infringed. Re-runs must be clearly indicated.
- d. If in the opinion of the lead judge, a box malfunctions during a race,

- the race must be stopped, a spare box must be substituted and the race re-run. If the spare box also breaks down the team forfeits the race.
- e. A dog must attempt to clear every hurdle. However if a hurdle is knocked down, the dog must not be penalised, provided it clears the hurdles as if it were standing.
  - f. A dog must re-run at the end of the line if:
    - (1) an early start is indicated.
    - (2) it does not attempt every jump.
    - (3) it does not trigger the box.
    - (4) it does not return with the ball.
    - (5) its handler's feet cross the start line during its run (with the exception of resetting a jump or retrieving a lost ball).
    - (6) in the judge's opinion it started its run before the preceding dog had reached the start/finish line.
    - (7) the box loader is faulted for assisting the dog.
  - g. If a dog or any team member obstructs the opposing team during a race, the offending team will forfeit the race. A dog chasing a loose ball is not necessarily causing an obstruction.
  - h. The first team to have its fourth dog, (or the last to be re-run) across the finish line, with any part of the dog's body, wins the race.
  - i. The best of 3 or 5 runs decides which team proceeds to the next round.

#### 4. Equipment.

- a. **Hurdles**—The height of the hurdles must be 30.9cm (12ins) in all classes and for all size of dog. The hurdles must be white, have an inside width of 61cm (24ins) with posts not more than 91.4cm (36ins) high and the hurdle rail must not exceed 1.27cm (½in) in depth. In the interests of safety the top bar must be flexible, padded and/or spring loaded.
- b. **Box**—Flyball boxes used for this competition will be of the commercially available flat fronted type. All boxes to have a mechanical release mechanism. When the ball is released it must have a free unobstructed flight of not less than 61cm(24") from the box cup in a forward direction. Boxes shall not exceed 61cm (24") in width, 45.7cm (18") in height or 76.2cm (30") in depth. The dimensions do not include any platform the box loader uses to hold the box in place.  
NOTE: Boxes should be constructed with the comfort and well being of the dog in mind. Sharp edges should be avoided and adequate padding and protection must be used. Alternative designs may be used provided the principles of safety are maintained. Each team must supply its own box.
- c. **Backstop Board**—A backstop board must be provided. Minimum height 61cm (24ins), the design must be clearly visible and positioned a minimum of 213cm (7ft) behind the boxes.
- d. **Balls**—All balls used must be tennis balls, which must not be punctured. Each team must supply its own.

**5. Teams.**

- a. The composition of teams is at the discretion of the organisers and can be for individual dogs or teams of any number.
- b. The number of reserves for each team is at the discretion of the organisers.
- c. Each team must include the required number of handlers and a box loader. An additional person to act as a runner is also advisable.
- d. Reserves must be used in cases of injury or at the team's discretion as substitutes at the end of any run.
- e. All teams must be declared prior to the commencement of the first race. If a club enters more than one team, once the entry has been submitted, dogs must not be switched from one team to another.

**6. Competing.**

- a. Each dog jumps the 4 hurdles in succession, triggers the box and returns over the hurdles with the ball in its mouth. Only when each dog has crossed the start/finish line with any part of its body may the next dog commence its run.
- b. Box loaders may only give verbal encouragement to the dogs, and except when loading, must stand at the rear of the box in an upright position with their hands behind their backs.
- c. A runner or handler may reset the hurdle but must not interfere with or guide the dog in any way.
- d. All competing dogs must wear a smooth buckled collar, or a close fitting harness, which must be used by the handler to restrain the dog whilst waiting its turn, holding the dog by the scruff of the neck or other parts is not permissible.
- e. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the precincts of the Competition.
- f. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the Judge or Judges.

## REGULATIONS FOR ENTRIES IN THE STUD BOOK, CHAMPIONS AND WARRANTS

*As at 1st January 2010*

### 1. Stud Book Qualifications.

- a. An entry in the Stud Book shall consist of the registered name of the dog, its sex, colour, date of birth, owner, breeder and an extension of its pedigree limited to three generations, or a Stud Book Reference within that limit.
- b. All dogs must be entered in the Stud Book in the name of the registered owner at the time of qualification.
- c. A Kennel Club Stud Book number will be assigned to each dog accepted for entry.
- d. A neutered dog, which has qualified for an entry in the Stud Book will be listed therein with the letters 'NEUT' appearing after its name.
- e. The following dogs are entitled to entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book subject to regulations a, b, c, and d above.
  - (8) Winners of First, Second or Third Prizes in Championship Agility Class at Championship Agility Shows.

### 2. Championship Qualifications.

- g. Title of Agility Champion (Ag Ch). The following dogs shall be entitled to be described as Agility Champion.
  - (1) Large Agility Dogs.
    - (a) Any dog awarded three Agility Certificates under three different judges, in accordance with the Kennel Club Regulations for the Championship Agility Classes.
    - (b) Any dog which has won a Kennel Club Agility Championship.
  - (2) Medium Agility Dogs
    - (a) Any dog awarded three Agility Certificates under three different judges, in accordance with the Kennel Club Regulations for the Championship Agility Classes.
    - (b) Any dog which has won a Kennel Club Agility Championship.
  - (3) Small Agility Dogs
    - (a) Any dog awarded three Agility Certificates under three different judges, in accordance with the Kennel Club Regulations for the Championship Agility Classes.
    - (b) Any dog which has won a Kennel Club Agility Championship.

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### 3. Warrants.

#### c. *Agility Warrants*

An Agility Warrant will be issued on application by the registered owner at the time of qualification in respect of a dog that has obtained points in standard agility and jumping classes at Championship and Open Shows. At least 25% of points must be gained in agility (as opposed to jumping) classes. Points will be awarded at any level but may not be gained in any part of the Championship class. Points will also only be awarded where the dog has obtained a clear round within the course time. The requirements for the three levels of warrant, Bronze, Silver and Gold are:

Bronze 200 points (minimum of 50 points in agility)

Silver 400 points (minimum of 100 points in agility)

Gold 800 points (minimum of 200 points in agility)

The following titles may be used after the name of the dog on Show entries and in catalogues.

Bronze AW(B)

Silver AW(S)

Gold AW(G)

Points awarded will be as follows:

#### **Standard Agility classes** (clear rounds only)

1st place 20 points

2nd place 19 points

3rd place 18 points

4th place 17 points

5th place 16 points

6th place 15 points

7th place 14 points

8th place 13 points

9th place 12 points

10th place 11 points

#### **Standard Jumping classes** (clear rounds only)

1st place 10 points

2nd place 9 points

3rd place 8 points

4th place 7 points

5th place 6 points

6th place 5 points

7th place 4 points

8th place 3 points

9th place 2 points

10th place 1 point

Points will also be awarded for clear rounds within the course time as follows:

Standard Agility Classes 2 points

Standard Jumping Classes 1 point

Where less than 10 places are awarded in any class a competitor obtaining a clear round not in the places will be awarded the points applicable for a clear round in that class, i.e. 2 points for an agility class and 1 point for a jumping class.

## KENNEL CLUB REGULATIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

*As at 1st January 2010*

### **8. Change of Name.—**

- a. Addition of an Kennel Name. Subject as mentioned below, the registered name of a dog may normally be changed once only, and only by the addition of the owner's Kennel Name to the existing name in accordance with Regulation B7 and the notes given on the application form. However, the name of a dog cannot be changed more than thirty days after the date of the first award which qualifies that dog for entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book.
- b. Removal of a Kennel Name. If a dog is transferred back to the ownership of the original breeder(s), a Kennel Name added to its name as per sub-para 8a above, may be removed at the request of the original breeder(s). However, this may only be done provided that:-
  - (1) The written consent of the person(s) who added the Kennel Name is obtained.
  - (2) The dog has not gained entry into the Kennel Club Stud Book. Once a Kennel Name has been removed, no further alterations or amendments to the name will be permitted
- c. Changing the original name. In exceptional circumstances, consideration may be given to changing a dog's name on application by the breeder provided that:-
  - (1) such application is made within three months from the date of registration, and
  - (2) the application is supported by the registered owner (if other than the breeder), and
  - (3) the application meets the requirements detailed on the application form.

**20. Dogs for Competition.—**Dogs entered for any form of Kennel Club competition i.e. Show Classes, Field Trials, Gundog Working Tests, Obedience Tests, Working Trials, Agility and Flyball Competitions must be registered in the name of the person(s) making the entry. If, at the closing date for entries, the owner(s) have applied for but have not received the Kennel Club registration certificate, the dog shall be entered in the name shown as the first choice on the application form for registration and the name should be followed by the letters "N.A.F" (Name Applied For). In the case of applications for transfer of ownership and change of name, the dog should be entered "T.A.F" (Transfer Applied For) or "C.N.A.F" (Change of Name Applied For) where application has been made but not received. Dogs are exempt from registration in the following cases:-

- a. Dogs either exhibited exclusively in classes specially exempted by the General Committee or in special classes sanctioned by the General Committee.
- b. Hounds belonging to recognised packs.

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