



# ANNOUNCEMENT

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## CHANGES TO AGILITY RULES AND REGULATIONS

The General Committee has recently approved a number of changes to agility rules and regulations, the Kennel Club has announced.

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 the following amendments to the regulations have been made:

### Amendment to Regulation H(1)(A)7 and addition of new Regulation H(1)(A)8

It has been noted that there has been some confusion amongst show organisers and that there is a belief that the requirement for a dog to compete at one height at any one competition only applied to standard classes and not to special classes. The following amendment is made in order to clarify the position regarding the introduction of the lower height option in relation to special classes.

Regulation H(1)(A)7

**To:**

**Lower Height Option.** Societies may offer the Lower Height Option to all dogs in that height category and it may be offered at all grades. It is to be run as part of any Standard class as defined in these regulations and must be clearly identified in the schedule. ~~When the Lower Height Option is scheduled a dog may only be entered at either the Full Height or at the Lower Height and cannot compete at a different height in any class at that competition. For these purposes a competition shall be defined as all classes covered within the same schedule.~~ Each relevant class will have two heights with a change part way through to higher/lower the jump heights and competitors must run at their entered height. The order in which the height will run must be detailed on the ring cards/ring plan. There will be only one course walking at the start of the class. In a class where the Lower Height Option is available show organisers may offer one set of awards by combining the results of each height or may offer separate awards for each height category.

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Regulation H(1)(A)8

When the Lower Height Option is scheduled a dog may only be entered at either the Full Height or at the Lower Height and it cannot compete at a different height in any other class at that competition, including special classes. For these purposes a competition shall be defined as all classes covered within the same schedule.

(Insertion underlined)

Also with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 the following amendment to the regulations has been made:

Amendment to Regulation H(1)(B)3.a

The following amendment is made in order to make it clear that it is permissible for the Lower Height Option to be available in Special classes.

Regulation H(1)(B)3.a

**To:**

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 1.219, (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 the hurdles in special classes may be lower than those listed above, but the height(s) must be included in the schedule.

(Insertion underlined)

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 the following amendment to the regulations has been made:

Amendment to Regulation H(1)9.d

The following amendment is made in order to clear up the process of timekeeping for championship agility classes.

Regulation H(1)9.d

**To:**

For the Championship Class societies must provide suitable electronic timing equipment. Times will also be recorded manually but the electronic time will take precedence. Where the electronic time has successfully been recorded, the manual time can be disregarded.

(Insertions underlined)