

- 1) Why is a capped class being introduced to Open Shows?**
This was requested through the Obedience Liaison Council. It is hoped this will give KC clubs the flexibility to run events to suit their situation and venue size, and make it easier to manage entry numbers and to ultimately encourage more clubs to hold an obedience show.
- 2) Why are classes capped instead of the show itself?**
The KC believes it would be fairer on the competitor if they knew the class they were entering would not exceed a certain number. Additionally, Open shows would have the option to cap some classes and not others depending on how the show organiser wanted to manage the show, therefore giving further flexibility.
- 3) What is the minimum capped number for a class?**
The minimum capped number will be 35; an organiser/society can decide to cap at a higher number, but not lower.
- 4) Do wins count towards progression in capped standard classes?**
Yes, in the same way as they do currently for standard classes.
- 5) If a class is capped but the entries are lower than the minimum, would wins still count towards progression?**
Yes because a cap states that a class cannot have more entries than the scheduled number (minimum 35) and, therefore, any less is also acceptable, the same as it would be at an uncapped show with lower entries.
- 6) Will this dilute standards in Obedience?**
35 dogs in a class is still considered a reasonable sized class and, therefore, any placings have been well earned.
- 7) Are capped classes different from standard classes?**
No, wins and places will still count towards progression as normal.
- 8) Will my entry fee for a capped class be refunded if the class has reached its limit?**
Yes, the entry form will state three options for the type of refund available if the class has reached its limit as follows;
 - that you wish the dog to remain entered in all other classes, or
 - that you wish the entire entry for the dog in question to be cancelled, or
 - that you wish the entire entry for all dogs you have entered at the show to be cancelled.
- 9) As a competitor, how will I know when my entry for a capped class has been successful?**

The show organiser will return any entry where a capped class has reached its limit.

10) If my entry for a capped class has reached its limit, how will I be refunded?

If the entry was made online, the money would be deposited into your account as credit. If it was a postal entry, a cheque with the appropriate fees would be returned.

11) How will capping work for show organisers?

Capping allows show organisers to control the size of their show and the number of entries to ensure the show does not exceed the space available at their venue or require more resources than the show has available. Capping is applied to individual classes (not the show as a whole) and because capping must be stated in the schedule, the decision must be made before the schedule is published. Shows will be required to refund class entry fees to competitors whose entries arrive after a capped class is full.

12) How will show organisers manage a capped class which has reached its maximum capacity?

- Entries must be processed in the order received on a first come, first served basis. Processing of entry forms, and of online entries where applicable, must be managed so that the date of receipt of each entry is recorded. (It is permissible to set different opening and closing dates for online entries from those applying to postal entries.)
 - Show organisers should inform competitors when a capped class has reached its limit, which would require keeping a running total of the entries received. For this reason it is imperative that the date of receipt of each entry is recorded as well as date of online entries.
 - Entry forms must allow competitors to specify, if their entry for any capped class is declined because the capping level has been reached:-
 - that they wish the dog to remain entered in all other classes, or
 - that they wish their entire entry for the dog in question to be cancelled, or
 - that they wish their entire entry for all dogs they have entered at the show to be cancelled
- In such cases the relevant entry fees must be refunded in full.

13) As a show organiser, how would I accommodate class progression or any last minute changes in a capped class?

The capping level applied may be adjusted upwards by a maximum of 10% after the closing date of a show at the discretion of the show organisers to help accommodate last minute changes.

14) Why can't Championship shows hold capped standard classes?

The Championship shows are the most prestigious obedience shows and, therefore, should be able to demonstrate their excellence by being open to all those wishing to enter.

15) Is there a limit on the number of shows a Listed Status Club or Fully Registered club may hold?

No, but if there is a significant detrimental effect on the show calendar as a whole, then the General Committee will reserve the right to review the number of licenses issued to a particular show organiser.

16) Will the Kennel Club continue to manage show date clashes?

Yes, clubs will still be able to register objections to shows which are to be held within 100 miles by road of their own show. Objections will not be upheld if the clubs involved agree to the clash of show date.

17) Will the Kennel Club regulate the cost of entry fees?

No, the KC has never regulated the cost of entry fees.

18) How do we manage entry forms?

Specimen entry forms are available from the KC website. Entry forms must be completed for all dogs entered. They must be retained by the show organisers for 12 months from the date of the show and forwarded to the KC on request.