

Report on Judges Sub-Group Meeting 2-May-18

The meeting was very constructive, with range of views provided by other disciplines on various issues appertaining to Agility Judges Development were discussed.

The KC Academy Agility will be getting more video clips added later this year, as the other disciplines are taking priority at the moment, these will include the judging of specific pieces of equipment.

The numbers of judges withdrawing from judging was discussed, this is not reflected in other disciplines, and appears to be mainly an agility issue. Agility needs to address the issue of judges withdrawing; many judges have made the comment that they would continue if the expectations to judge the high numbers were not (in their opinion) so excessive.

The role of social media influencing judges deciding to withdraw was discussed, it was agreed that competitors' attitudes may be an issue, but this could be more of a fear than a reality. As when you agree to judge you need to accept that you and your decisions will be under a degree of scrutiny, but your training and support should have provided you with the knowledge and the confidence in your decisions.

The recent press release inviting potential applicants to apply to join the existing team of judges' trainers has had a good response, from these CV's the applicants appear to have a wide range of differing skills and there are some high quality applicants. Dates are being sought the interview and presentation.

The mentoring of new judges that the Liaison Council felt should become mandatory was supported, as was the mandatory completion of refresher training every five years for all judges in the Rules and Regulations. This will bring Agility into line with all the other disciplines covered by the Judges Competency Framework. This issue needs to be taken forward by the Council.

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