



HEELWORK TO MUSIC - SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

from Kennel Club Working Party Meeting 8 May 2018

	Proposed	Recommended	Action
1.	Amendments to L Regulations	<p>The Working Party noted that the Board approved the following amendments to the L Regulations:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Regulation L14.h. TO: h. The results and individual judges' scores for each class all routines must be displayed on the day and accessible to all competitors. (Insertion in bold. Deletions struck through)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Regulation L17.a. Judging Contracts. TO: Invitations to judge must be made by competition organisers in writing and they must ensure that written acceptances are received. Written acceptances must be followed by written confirmation of the appointment upon which a judging contract will be deemed to have been formed. Judging contracts must be in place for Premier Heelwork to Music Competitions, and details of the appointment published, at least four calendar months before the date of the competition. (Insertion in bold)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Regulation L11.p. TO: If the music stops during a routine the competitor must be given an opportunity to complete the routine. The handler's back-up music, which must be supplied prior to competing may be used and/or alternative equipment if this was the reason for failure. (Insertions in bold. Deletions struck through.)</p>	<p>Competitors, competition organisers and judges to note.</p> <p>The amended regulations will come into effect on 1 January 2019.</p>
2.	Membership of the Working Party	<p>It was noted with regret that both Mr Ford (Chairman) and Mrs Brocklehurst were standing down from the Working Party. Both were thanked for their contribution to its work which was much appreciated.</p>	Competitors to note.
3.	Minimum ring size for Premier competitions	<p>The Working Party is of the view that a minimum ring size of 15m x 16m should be specified for Premier competitions, and its recommendation that this should be included in the L Regulations with effect from 1 January 2019 will be referred to the Activities Committee, and subsequently, the Board, for consideration.</p>	Competition organisers to note.



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4.	Activities Health and Welfare Sub-Group	Following Mrs Brocklehurst's resignation from the Working Party, it was necessary to appoint a member to serve as its representative on the Activities Health and Welfare Sub-Group. Mrs Pink was recommended to fulfil the role, subject to the approval of the Board.	Competitors to note.
5.	Kennel Club 'Sustainable Canine' seminar	The Working Party noted details of the Kennel Club's 'Sustainable Canine' event being held at Nottingham Trent University on 15 September 2018. Tickets are available at a cost of £80. The event may be of interest to judges and competitors. Details are available at https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/activities/sustainable-canine-seminar/	Competitors and judges to note.
6.	2019 Premier Heelwork to Music competition/Crufts Semi Final Qualifying heats	The Working Party recommended the approval of applications to host a Premier Heelwork to Music competition/Crufts Semi Final Qualifying heat in 2019. Further details will be issued in due course once approved by the Board.	Competitors to note.
7.	World Heelwork to Music and Freestyle Championships and the Open European Heelwork to Music and Freestyle Championships	The Open European Championship will take place 11-14 October 2018 in Berne, Switzerland, the main sponsors being CSJ Dog Food, The Company of Animals and Canine Freestyle GB. Other sponsors are still being actively sought, and fundraising activities are ongoing. However, due to a number of issues, including changes of date and venue, it is unlikely that a team will attend the World Championships which are now due to be held 20–22 July 2018. Further, the event will no longer be held as part of the World Dog Show and as a result will not be as prestigious an event as previously envisaged. Funding for the World Heelwork to Music and Freestyle Championships and the Open European Heelwork to Music and Freestyle Championships in 2019 is currently under consideration.	All to note.
8.	Music	The Working Party agreed that Regulation L18.c(2) required an amendment in order to reflect the concept that the music chosen by a handler does not reflect the moves, but that the moves should reflect or interpret the music. Details of the amended Regulation will be confirmed in due course, subject to approval by the Board. If approved, a similar amendment will also be made to Section 3.28.2 of the Guide for Heelwork to Music Judges.	Competitors and judges to note.



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9.	Use of slip chains	The Working Party discussed the use of slip chains. It agreed that slip chains should not be used, although the use of a half-check collar was acceptable. It recommended an appropriate amendment to L Regulations which will be confirmed in due course, subject to approval by the Board.	All to note.
10.	Details of music on entry forms	The Working Party considered whether the requirement to include details of music on entry forms should be removed. It concluded that it is not necessary for details of music to be included on entry forms, although competition organisers may request this information, and publish it in catalogues if they wish to do so. Details of the relevant amendment to L Regulations will be confirmed in due course, following consideration by the Board.	Competitors and competition organisers to note.
11.	Changes of handler	<p>The Working Party addressed the issue of whether it was acceptable for a handler named on an entry form to be replaced by a different handler.</p> <p>After careful consideration it concluded that the handler and dog should be a team, and that their performance should be carefully planned beforehand, which precludes another handler taking over at short notice. It recommended for approval an amendment to L Regulations which, if approved by the Board, would not permit any changes of handler after the closing date for entries.</p> <p>It was also reiterated that the rules for Heelwork to Music at Crufts stated clearly that the handler that handled a dog in a qualifier must also handle the dog in the semi-final and at Crufts.</p>	Competitors and competition organisers to note.
12.	Date of next meeting	The next meeting of the Working Party is due to take place on 29 November 2018 . Any agenda items should be submitted to Working Party members at least six weeks prior to the meeting.	All to note.