

Grade / Progression classes

I currently compete in Grade 3 with my existing dogs, what Grade will I start in with my new dog?

If your new dog was entered at a Kennel Club Licensed agility show prior to 31 December 2018, he will continue in Grade 3. However, if you have not entered your new dog in a Kennel Club Licensed agility show prior to 1 January 2019 he will start in Grade 2.

My new dog, who has started in Grade 3, has only ever been entered in special classes such as All Sorts. Can I compete with her in Grade 2?

No. You will need to continue competing her in Grade 3 as you have previously entered her at a Kennel Club Licensed agility show.

I have only ever taken my young dog to shows as NFC as I was competing my other dog in Grade 3. If I start competing what Grade will my young dog come out in?

Dogs entered as NFC are not entered in a class and therefore have not specified a Grade. If you start competing your new dog then you can enter him in Grade 2.

I have been competing my young dog in Grade 3 but she hasn't won anything, what Grade will she be in?

You will continue competing in Grade 3 with your young dog as she has already started competing.

My dog is currently eligible for Championship classes having gained the current four qualifying wins. Will I still be able to compete in Champ or will I have to gain the extra qualifying wins?

None of the changes are retrospective. If your dog is currently eligible for Champ classes then you can continue competing in Champ.

My dog only has three wins towards qualifying for Championship classes. How many more wins will I need now the regulations have changed?

You will keep your current wins as eligibility for Champ classes, but you will now need two more wins to be eligible for Champ.

I have gained some wins to the next Grade, but not enough to progress, do these still count?

Yes, these wins still count, you are just required to gain more wins to progress.

I have half the points I need for my dog to progress to the next Grade on points, will these points still count?

Yes, you can still use any points you currently have towards your agility warrant or Grade progression when the criteria changes. However, you will now need at least 50 points from agility classes to progress to the next Grade.

Can I still progress to the next Grade on points only?

Yes, you can still progress on points up to Grade 4, however you will need a minimum of 50 points from agility classes.

If I progress my dog on points only do any of them need to be from agility classes?

Yes, at least 50 points must be from agility classes to be able to progress on points.

I own a Grade 1 dog and have been competing him in All Sorts classes. My friend has also handled him and she competes in Grade 3 with her own dog. What Grade will my dog be next year? What Grade will my friend be able to compete him in?

As you are the owner of the dog and have not had any wins in a Standard class with him, then he remains a Grade 1 dog. If your friend were to compete with him in Standard classes, they would need to compete with him in a Combined Grade 1 – 2 class.

What do I do if I have entered my dog in their first show in 2019 at Grade 3 but they should now be Grade 2?

If your dog is eligible to be entered in Grade 2 under the new regulations then you will need to contact the show secretary or show processor of any shows that you have entered to inform them of the Grade change as you would with any other Grade changes.

I organise a show and understand there is a change to the number of classes I can schedule?

The regulations have been changed so that a **maximum** of 4 standard classes can be scheduled for any dog on an individual day of competition. This means you can only have four standard classes for each Grade of dog per day of your show.

Can I schedule more than 4 standard classes but limit the number of classes a dog can enter?

No, the regulation specifically states that a maximum of 4 standard classes can be **scheduled** and therefore, more than that is not allowed.

I have already issued my schedule and I have more than 4 standard classes for some Grades. What do I do?

You will need to reschedule your classes to meet the new regulations and reissue your schedule. You will need to ensure that any entries already taken are checked and competitors informed if they have entered a class that is being rescheduled.

I am currently planning my classes for my show in 2019 and want to schedule a Graded 1-7 class. Can I still do this?

As of 1 January 2019, no you will not be able to schedule Graded 1-7 classes. You can still schedule Graded classes, however, they can only be for a maximum of three consecutive Grades. You can still hold combined classes for Grades 1-7.

Things are always changing and I can't keep up, are the Grades all going to change again as soon as I've got my head around these changes?

There is a 5-year suspension on any further changes to the grading structure, in order to allow these changes to take effect and for the information to be gathered about the effect of the changes on agility. The only exceptions would be for dog welfare or minor amendments to correct inconsistencies. Changes to qualification criteria for Championship might also be considered to address the large numbers of dogs at Championship level.

Changes to Jump Heights and New Intermediate Height – EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2020

What heights will the jumps be in 2020? What will happen with LHO then?

The jump heights and dog heights will be as follows:

| Height | Jumps | Dog |
|--------------|-------|--------------------|
| Large | 600mm | Over 500mm |
| Intermediate | 500mm | Over 430mm – 500mm |
| Medium | 400mm | Over 350mm – 430mm |
| Small | 300mm | 350mm or under |

The LHO option will no longer be available.

I currently compete in Large dog classes, do I have to get my dog measured?

If you are happy that your dog is obviously large and do not wish to see whether she could be measured in to Intermediate then, no you do not need to get your dog measured. However, you only have until 31 December 2019 to get your dog measured for Intermediate if you wish to do so.

I currently compete in LHO, will this option be changing?

LHO will stay in place for 2019. As of 1 January 2020, the LHO will no longer be available and dogs will need to compete in their measured height of either Small, Medium, Intermediate or Large.

I currently compete in LHO, will wins/points gained from LHO classes still count?

Yes, any awards won prior to the Regulation start date will still count towards progression.

What Grade can I progress to on LHO?

The rules for LHO are not changing in 2019, so you can still progress to Grade 7 on LHO wins. You will still need FH wins to qualify for Championship classes.

The LHO will no longer be available in 2020.

I have a large dog and want to compete in Intermediate, do I need to get my dog measured?

Yes, dogs are required to be measured in to Intermediate and dogs can't compete in that height category without being measured. You will need to do this before 1 January 2020.

I want to compete in Intermediate classes, how long have I got to get him measured?

You have until 1 January 2020 to get any currently competing dog measured. I have had my dog measured and he is large, can the same people measure him again?

No. The measuring regulations have not changed, which means you will need to get two measurers who have not measured your dog before to measure your dog.

If I don't get my currently competing large dog measured but want to move him into Intermediate later will that be possible?

No, you must have your dog measured before 1 January 2020. If you have not then you can no longer opt to get your dog measured in to Intermediate.

My measuring book doesn't have an option for Intermediate, what shall I do?

Inserts are available from the Kennel Club website to include the Intermediate height, which can be printed and kept with your Record Book as proof of measurement. To download the insert please go to <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/activities/agility/> and refer to the downloads section.

My dog hasn't competed yet and won't start competing until 2020. Will he need to be measured?

Yes, all dogs will need to be measured before competing, unless they are obviously large.

I have one measurement at large, do I need to start again to be measured into Intermediate?

No, that measurement is still a valid Kennel Club measurement so you will not need to start again. However, if your second measurement is Intermediate then you will not need to have another measurement and your dog will compete in Intermediate. This will be your final measurement.

I have had 1 measurement at large, if I have another one at Intermediate, will I need a 3rd as he will have technically changed height?

No, if your dog has been measured in to Large and measures in to Intermediate then your dog will be Intermediate.

I have a dog in Large who has already been measured. If he measures in to Intermediate will I need to get a 3rd measure as his height has changed?

No. If your dog has already completed the measuring process then you will only need to get your dog measured once to determine if he falls in to the Intermediate category. You will still need to find two measurers who have not measured your dog before.

I have a large dog that I have never had measured but I feel he may be Intermediate. What do I do to find out if he is Intermediate?

As your dog has never been measured, you will need to start the process from the beginning. Once you get your dog measured for the first time, you will need to get a second measurement done between 12 and 24 months after the first.

If my dog is measured into Intermediate but I decide I want to run him in Large instead, will I be able to?

No. Once your dog measures in to Intermediate then you must run your dog in that height category from 1 January 2020. If you want to run your dog as Large then you should not present him for an Intermediate measure.

I'm a Kennel Club measurer, if a dog is presented for an intermediate measure that has previously measured as large either as a 1st measurement or having finished the process, do I need to try with the medium measure again?

No, as the dog has previously measured Large, there is no need to try the medium hoop again. You should only use the Intermediate hoop.

I have a Large dog that has not had any measure. I want to continue competing him in Large. Will I be at risk of a challenge measurement?

No, a dog that has never entered the measuring process cannot be asked to have an additional measure.

Jump Heights

What heights will jumps be in 2019?

Jumps heights will stay as they are in 2019, including the Lower Height Option. All changes regarding the height of the jumps are effective from 1 January 2020. Therefore, dogs will be jumping the following heights:

| Height | Jumps | Dog |
|-----------|-------|---------------|
| Large | 650mm | Over 430mm |
| LH Large | 550mm | - |
| Medium | 450mm | 350mm – 430mm |
| LH Medium | 350mm | - |
| Small | 350mm | Under 350mm |
| LH Small | 250mm | - |

Will the LHO option still be available?

The LHO will stay in place for 2019; however, from 1 January 2020 the LHO will no longer be available. The heights of the hurdles will be 5cm lower than they are currently for full height.

If the jump heights are changing, does that mean other obstacles are changing as well?

A new regulation has been created to separate the wall obstacle from the hurdle regulation, however, the wall heights for each dog height are the same as the hurdle.

The wishing well obstacle will also have reduced heights as per the hurdle regulation. The heights for the table obstacle have also been reduced to 550mm for large dogs, 450mm for intermediate dogs, 350mm for medium dogs and 250mm for small dogs.

For all obstacles, intermediate dimensions have been added where necessary.

These are all effective as of 1 January 2020.

What's happening with Intermediate Qualifiers?

Qualifiers have been confirmed for Olympia 2020. Details for qualifiers for Crufts 2021 will be announced in July 2019.

What class will I have as an Intermediate dog for Olympia?

All competitions for Olympia will be changed to Grades 5-7 from 1 January 2020. These will be for small, medium, intermediate, large and large ABC dogs.

What is happening with the Large Novice class at Olympia?

It is being replaced with the new Intermediate Competition. However, currently competing Large Grade 5 dogs will now be eligible for either intermediate or large finals, or if applicable Large ABC, obviously depending on what height they have measured in to.

If I qualify in an Olympia 2020 heat in Large or Large ABC and my dog is intermediate, does the qualification still count?

As the quarter/semi-finals take place a considerable length of time after the heats, only Large dogs will be eligible to compete in them. Therefore your dog must be over 500mm to compete in these quarter/semi-finals.

I have qualified for Crufts 2020 with a large dog. What happens if it measures into intermediate in 2019?

You can compete in the Large final at Crufts 2020 but may not compete in any other Large dog class on or after 1 January 2020.

What will the eligibility be for Intermediate Championship classes?

Qualification for Intermediate Champ will be the same as the eligibility for the other heights.

Will my Lower Height wins at Large Grade 7 count toward Championship eligibility for Intermediate Champ?

Yes, for Intermediate Championship eligibility only, Lower Height wins at Large will count.

Which societies will be granted Crufts intermediate qualifiers and Champ?

This will be announced after the Crufts Committee meeting in July.

My society hosted a Novice Olympia heat. Will this automatically be changed in to an Intermediate heat?

Any society currently holding Novice qualifiers will be given first refusal for the new Intermediate qualifiers.