

Agility Regulation Changes Approved by the Board from Activities Committee

Regulations not related to Grading or Heights – all effective 1 January 2019

Regulation H11.g.

TO:

... In the event that a dog becomes eligible for the next grade at a particular show, after the entry for that show has been sent, it is the competitor's responsibility to notify the show secretary **or the show processor** at least 14 days before the date of the show...

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective date 1 January 2019)

Regulation H18.b

TO:

...You should note that we reserve the right to cancel the contract before the date of the appointment if there is a change in your circumstances, which in our reasonable opinion would adversely affect your ability to fulfil the appointment.

Clubs may cancel a judging appointment where there is clear evidence that the judge's ability to fulfil the appointment has been adversely affected, or in consultation with the judge.

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2019)

Agility H20. Judges and Judging.

- a. Organisers of Agility Shows must ensure that those invited to judge are competent to fulfil their engagement taking into account the nature of the competition.
- b. Additionally judges appointed to officiate for the first time at a Kennel Club licensed Agility show (other than those judging special classes at a Limited Agility show) must have completed and passed an Agility Judges examination on the Kennel Club Academy prior to attending a Kennel Club Judges Seminar.
- c. Judges appointed to officiate for the first time at a Kennel Club licensed Agility show (other than those judging special classes at a Limited Agility show) must have attended a Kennel Club Agility Judges Seminar and passed the assessment.
- d. All Judges must have completed and passed an Agility Judges examination on the Kennel Club Academy every five years since passing the Regulations and Judging Procedure examination. This Regulation is effective from 1 January 2022.**

(Insertion in bold. Subsequent paragraphs to be renumbered.)

(Effective 1 January 2019)

Regulation H(1)4.a.

TO:

- a. On the front outside cover or page, the name of the Society, the type, venue and date of the competition as described on the licence and any additional title

for which prior permission has been given by the Board of the Kennel Club; the names and addresses, **or email addresses**, of the Guarantors of the competition, and the Secretary's name, address and telephone number where appropriate, and the name of the Competition Manager.

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2019)

Regulation H(1)10.c.

TO:

c. Dogs must not wear any type of slip, half-slip collar or lead when under test. A **single** flat, close fitting, ~~leather or webbing~~ collar is permitted, providing the only attachment is a plain identification panel as an integral part of the collar i.e.: not attached by a ring.

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(Effective 1 January 2019)

Regulation H(1)(B)3.i.

TO:

Pipe Tunnel—This obstacle should have a diameter of a minimum of ~~609mm (2ft)~~ **600mm (1ft 11.6ins)** and should be a minimum of ~~3.048m (10ft)~~ **3m (9ft 10.4ins)** in length. **The tunnel may only curve in a single direction.**

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(Effective 1 January 2019)

Regulation H(1)(B)3.n

TO:

n. Dog Walk—A walk plank of approximately ~~4.372m~~ **1.200m** measured from the ground to the top of the plank, with firmly fixed ramps at either end...

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(Effective 1 January 2019)

Regulation H(1)(B)4.(11)

TO:

An additional measurement may be requested by the Kennel Club or a Kennel Club approved Championship Agility Judge. The dog in question must have already had its final official Kennel Club measurement. The Judge need not be officiating on the day the additional measurement is requested but must be in attendance at the Show. No fee will be required from either the Judge or the handler/owner. **Any Large dog which has not been through the measuring process shall not be eligible for an additional measurement.**

(Insertion in bold.)

(Effective 1 January 2019)

Regulation H(1)(B)4.(15)

TO:

(15) The dog will continue competing at its current height until the additional measurement has been completed ~~and confirmed by the Kennel Club.~~

The Kennel Club will confirm the results of the additional measure in due course.

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(Effective date 1 January 2019)

Regulation changes related to Grading – all effective 1 January 2019

New Regulation H(1)(A)6

TO:

A maximum of four standard classes may be scheduled for any dog on an individual day of competition. Any number of special classes may be scheduled.

(Insertions in bold)

(Subsequent paragraphs to be renumbered)

(Effective 1 January 2019)

Regulation H(1)(A)6

TO:

6. Class Structure. A Class may either be held as a Graded Class or a Combined Class. A Graded Class may be scheduled for ~~one or more~~ **a maximum of three** consecutive Grades with separate results and awards issued for each grade. The eligibility for a Graded Class is detailed below. A Combined Class may be scheduled for more than one consecutive grade with one overall set of results. A Combined Class is open to any combination of dog and handler that qualifies for any of the Grades in that class.

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(Effective 1 January 2019)

Regulation H(1)(A)9

TO:

Progression from each Grade will be determined by the eligibility for the class as referenced in H(1)(A)11. Results from Combined Classes will only count towards progression from the dog's current grade.

To count for progression wins must be gained in standard classes at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows.

Only a first place with a clear round completed within the course time set by the judge will count towards grade progression.

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2019)

Regulation H(1)(A)2

TO:

2. In the following definitions of classes First prize or other prize wins are those gained in standard classes at any Kennel Club licensed Championship agility,

Premier agility, Open agility or Limited agility Shows (i.e. special classes and invitational events are excepted). ~~Only a first place with a clear round completed within the course time set by the judge will count towards grade progression.~~

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Regulation H(1)(A)10

TO:

10. Points Progression. At the handler's discretion a dog may progress up to Grade 4 by winning 100 points at each grade, using the agility Warrant points scheme, regulation K3.c refers, ~~except that there is no requirement for a minimum number of agility points.~~ **A minimum of 50 points must be gained in agility (not jumping) classes in the relevant grade.** If this method of progression is selected, the handler must ensure the Show Secretary signs the dog's agility record book at the first show entered at the higher grade. There is no time limit on this progression, however, once a dog has progressed, it cannot return to a previous grade.

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(Effective 1 January 2019)

Regulation H(1)(A)11

TO:

11. Standard Classes

Only first prizes and points gained in standard classes at Kennel Club licensed agility Shows may be used for progression through the classes. (A dog is only eligible for one grade). In defining the eligibility of the owner or handler for Grade 1, the ~~three~~ **two** jumping wins and points progression referred to in the definition apply only to one dog and not an accumulation of dogs.

a. Grade 1 ~~(Elementary)~~

~~For owners, handlers or dogs which have not gained a first place in an agility class or three first places in Jumping Classes at Kennel Club licensed agility shows. N.B. Owners, handlers or dogs previously qualified out of Grade 1, (Elementary) are not eligible for this class.~~ **Open to owners, handlers or dogs which have not gained a minimum of two first places at Grade 1 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, at least one of which must have been gained in an agility (not jumping) class. N.B Owners, handlers or dogs previously qualified out of Grade 1 are not eligible for this class.**

b. Grade 2 ~~(Starters)~~

- ~~Open to dogs which are not eligible for Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and have not~~
- ~~gained a first place in an agility Class or three first places in Jumping Classes at Grade 2 at Kennel Club licensed agility Shows, or elected to progress on points from Grade 1. N.B. Owners, handlers or dogs previously qualified out of Grade 2. (Starters) are not eligible for this class.~~ **Open to dogs which are not eligible for Grade 1 or have elected to progress on points from Grade 1 and are not eligible for Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7.**

c. Grade 3 ~~(Graduate)~~

- ~~Open to dogs which are not eligible for Grade 1 or 2 or have elected to progress on points from Grade 2 at Kennel Club licensed agility Shows and dogs which are not eligible for Grade 4, 5, 6 or 7.~~ **Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of two first places at Grade 2 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, one of which must have been gained in an agility (not jumping) class, or have elected to progress on points from Grade 2 and are not eligible for Grades 2, 4, 5, 6 or 7.**
- d. Grade 4 (Novice)
 - ~~Open to dogs which have gained a first place in an agility Class or three first places in Jumping Classes at Grade 3 or elected to progress on points from Grade 3 at Kennel Club licensed agility Shows and are not eligible for Grade 3, 5, 6 or 7.~~ **Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of three first places at Grade 3 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, two of which must have been gained in agility (not jumping classes), or have elected to progress on points from Grade 3 and are not eligible for Grades 2, 3, 5, 6 or 7**
- e. Grade 5 (Intermediate)
 - ~~Open to dogs which have gained a first place in an agility Class or three first places in Jumping Classes at Grade 4 at Kennel Club licensed agility Shows and are not eligible for Grade 3, 4, 6 or 7.~~ **Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of four first places at Grade 4 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, two of which must have been gained in agility (not jumping) classes, and are not eligible for Grades 2, 3, 4, 6 or 7**
- f. Grade 6 (Senior)
 - ~~Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of 3 first places at Grade 5 at Kennel Club licensed agility Shows, 1 first place must be gained in an agility (not Jumping) Class, and are not eligible for Grade 3, 4, 5 or 7.~~ **Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of four first places at Grade 5 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, two of which must have been gained in agility (not jumping) classes, and are not eligible for Grades 2, 3, 4, 5 or 7.**
- g. Grade 7 (Advanced)
 - ~~Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of 4 first places at Grade 6 at Kennel Club Licensed agility Shows, 2 first places must be gained in agility (not Jumping) Classes.~~ **Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of five first places at Grade 6 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, three of which must have been gained in agility (not jumping) classes, and are not eligible for Grades 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6.**
- h. Championship Class.

Open to dogs having qualified to compete in Grade 7 which have had **4 five** wins at Full Height in either Grade 6 or Grade 7, at least **2 three** of which must be gained in Agility classes. To consist of 2 qualifying rounds of Standard Kennel Club Classes, 1 Agility Class and 1 Jumping Class and a final round of Agility to be held at the same Show.
(Insertions in bold. Deletions struck through.)
(Effective 1 January 2019)

Removal of Imperial Measurements from Regulations

Regulation H(1)

TO:

9. Management—Societies are responsible for the following:

- a. Test area shall have a suitable surface and measure a minimum of 32m x 32m (~~35yds x 35 yds~~) for outdoor venues. Indoor venues may be smaller but must be appropriate to the size of the test.

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(Effective 1 January 2019)

Regulation H(1)(B)

TO:

1. Courses.

a. The following regulations apply to the construction of courses:

- (1) Test area—shall have a suitable surface and measure a minimum of 32m x 32m (~~35yds x 35yds~~) for outdoor venues. Indoor venues may be smaller but must be appropriate to the size of the test.
- (3) Design—The course should require a dog to traverse at least 10 obstacles but not more than 20 and all jump obstacles in any class should be the same height. All obstacles should have a minimum of 5m (~~5.5yds~~) and up to a maximum of 10m (~~11yds~~) between centres of consecutive obstacles using the straight line centre-to-centre method.
- (6) Electronic timing gates—the only obstacles allowed at the Start and Finish of a Standard agility or Jumping Course are; Hurdle, Spread Jump, Brush Jump, Long Jump, tyre, Wishing Well, pipe tunnel. The electronic timing gates should be positioned within 30cm (~~12ins~~) in front of the first obstacle and within 30cm (~~12ins~~) after the last obstacle. the distance between the electronic timing gates should be no less than the width of the part of the obstacle the dog must negotiate. Whenever possible the timing gates should be placed within the width of the Hurdle wings, or in the case of the Wall, within the pillars. For the Long Jump, tyre, Wishing Well and pipe tunnel, the timing gates should be placed as close as possible to the outside edge of the obstacle without impeding the dog's natural path.

N.B. This regulation should also apply if manual timing is used in conjunction with start/finish poles.

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(Effective 1 January 2019)

Regulation H(1)(B)2

TO:

2. Height Limit for Dogs

- a. Large Dogs - For dogs measuring over 430mm (~~1ft 5ins~~) at the withers.
- b. Medium Dogs - For dogs measuring over 350mm (~~1ft 1.75ins~~) and measuring 430mm (~~1ft 5ins~~) or under at the withers.
- c. Small Dogs - For dogs measuring 350mm (~~1ft 1.75ins~~) or under at the withers.

Regulation H(1)(B)3

TO:

3. Obstacles.—the following obstacles meet with the approval of the Board of the Kennel Club. Any changes to current obstacles (such as materials used, structure or style) or any other new obstacles must be submitted for approval by the Kennel Club before being made available for use at its licensed events.

- a. Hurdle—the height of the hurdle must be 650mm (~~2ft 1.6ins~~) (550mm (~~1ft 9.6ins~~) for Lower Height Option) for Large Dogs, 450mm (~~1ft 5.7ins~~) (350mm (~~1ft 1.75ins~~) for Lower Height Option) for Medium Dogs and 350mm (~~1ft 1.75ins~~) (250mm (~~9.8ins~~) for Lower Height Option) for Small Dogs. Width: 1.219m (~~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 hurdles in special classes may be lower than those listed above, but the height(s) must be included in the schedule.
- b. Rising Spread Jump—a maximum of 2 single jumps as in item a- (Hurdle) placed together to form a double spread, there must be no more than 2 elements to this obstacle. the top bar on the first hurdle must be at least 150mm (~~5.9ins~~) to 250mm (~~9.8ins~~) lower than the second hurdle. the maximum spread to be: Large Dogs - 550mm (~~4ft 9.6ins~~), Medium Dogs - 400mm (~~1ft 3.7ins~~), Small Dogs - 300mm (~~11.8ins~~). There must be only one pole on the back hurdle. The feet of the side supports (wings) should not be interlocking but touching and must not be out of line by more than 76mm (~~3ins~~).
- c. Brush Fence—Dimensions and details as for item a—(Hurdle). This obstacle must have an easily displaceable top unit.
- d. Hoop-(Tyre)—aperture diameter 533mm (~~4ft 9ins~~) minimum. Aperture centre from the ground: Large Dogs - 800mm (~~2ft 7.5ins~~). Medium Dogs - 550mm (~~1ft 9.6ins~~). Small Dogs - 490mm (~~1ft 7.3ins~~). The hoop to be of a consistent shape, constructed of an impact-absorbing material. The height of the hoop should not be lowered. The tyre/hoop must be directly mounted in a substantial frame structure which must be secured in such a way that dogs cannot knock the obstacle over from either direction; the frame shall not have a beam across the top. All tyres must have easily displaced element(s). For saloon style tyres, both opening sides must have an ability to swing open to 90-140 degrees from the closed hoop position. They must not self-return and must be manually re-set.
- e. Table—914mm (~~3ft~~) square minimum. Height: Large Dogs - 600mm (~~1ft 11.6ins~~), Medium Dogs - 400mm (~~1ft 3.75ins~~), Small Dogs - 300mm (~~11.8ins~~). To be of stable construction with a non-slip surface.
- f. Long Jump—each unit a minimum length of 1.219m (~~4ft~~). Large Dogs – to comprise 3 to 5 units the overall maximum length to be between 1.2m (~~3ft 11.2ins~~) and 1.5m (~~4ft 11ins~~). The height of the front unit to be 127mm (~~5ins~~) and the height of the rear unit to be 381mm (~~15ins~~). Medium Dogs - to comprise 3 to 4 units the overall maximum length to be between 700mm (~~2ft 3.8ins~~) and 900mm (~~2ft 11.4ins~~). The height of the front unit to be 127mm (~~5ins~~) and the height of the rear unit to be 305mm (~~12ins~~). Small Dogs - to comprise 2 to 3 units the overall maximum length to be between 400mm (~~1ft 3ins~~) and 500mm (~~1ft 7.7ins~~). The height of the front unit to be 127mm (~~5ins~~) and the height of the rear unit to be 229mm (~~9ins~~). Marker poles with a minimum

- height of approximately 1.219m (4ft) shall be used, these should not be attached to any part of the obstacle.
- g. Water Jump—the overall maximum spread should be: Large Dogs – between 1.2m (3ft 11.2ins) and 1.5m (4ft 11ins). Medium Dogs - between 700mm (2ft 3.8ins) and 900mm (2ft 11.4ins). Small Dogs - between 400mm (1ft 3ins) and 500mm (1ft 7.7ins). A low hurdle or brush, with a maximum height of: Large Dogs - 610mm (2ft), Medium Dogs - 356mm (14ins), Small Dogs - 228mm (9ins) may be placed in front of the water. Marker poles with a minimum height of approximately 1.22m (4ft), should be placed at all 4 corners, these should not be attached to any part of the water jump.
- h. Wishing Well—this obstacle will be of stable construction and will be able to be fixed to the ground. To ensure the safety of the dog, it will have no sharp edges. Should a design be utilised which involves a removable centre section then the resultant corners must be rounded or padded. It will have a roof of which the bottom will be no less than Large Dogs - 1500mm, Medium Dogs - 1220mm, Small Dogs - 950mm from the ground. The roof must not project beyond the width or depth of the base. It will have a displaceable top bar the height of which will be: Large Dogs - 650mm, Medium Dogs - 450mm, Small Dogs - 350mm.
The minimum space from the top of the bar to the top of the base will be Large Dogs - 160mm, Medium Dogs - 150mm, Small Dogs - 105mm.
The overall width of the base will be between 900mm & 1400mm. the depth of the base which the dog jumps will be a maximum of Large Dogs - 550mm, Medium Dogs - 400mm, Small Dogs - 300mm.
- i. Pipe Tunnel—this obstacle should have a diameter of a minimum of 609mm (2ft) and should be a minimum of 3.048m (10ft) in length.
- j. Weaving Poles—the minimum number of poles should be five and the maximum number 12. They should be in a continuous line, as straight as possible and should be 600mm (1ft 11.5ins) apart (between the poles). The poles must be of rigid construction and with a minimum height of 762mm (2ft 6ins) and a diameter between 32mm (1¼ ins) and 38mm (1½ ins). The base must have support bars at the bottom of each pole and they must be positioned away from the side a dog would normally negotiate each pole.
- k. Pause Box—Defined area 1.219m x 1.219m (4ft x 4ft).
- l. 'A' Ramp—two ramps 2.74m (9ft) long by 914mm (3ft) wide hinged at the apex 1.7m (5ft 7ins) from the ground. The last 1.067m (3ft 6ins) from the bottom of each ramp should be a different colour to indicate the area with which the dog should make contact. Each ramp to have a non-slip surface, and anti-slip slats at intervals but not within 152mm (6ins) of the start of the contact area.
- m. See-Saw—this obstacle will consist of a plank firmly mounted on a central bracket. The length of the plank must be 3.66m (12ft). The width should be 254mm (10ins) minimum and 305mm (12ins) maximum. The height of the central bracket measured from the ground to the top of the plank should be 610mm (2ft) minimum and 685mm (2ft

~~3ins~~) maximum. The last 914mm (~~3ft~~) from each end should be a different colour to indicate the area with which the dog should make contact. The plank should have a non-slip surface with no slats. The See-Saw must start to tip and then touch the ground between 2–3 seconds after a weight of 1 kilogram has been placed in the middle of the down contact area.

- n. Dog Walk—a walk plank of approximately 1.372m (~~4ft 6ins~~) measured from the ground to the top of the plank, with firmly fixed ramps at either end. The planks must be 3.66m (~~12ft~~) in length and a minimum of 254mm (~~10ins~~) and a maximum of 305mm (~~12ins~~) in width. The last 914mm (~~3ft~~) from the bottom of each ramp should be a different colour to indicate the area with which the dog should make contact. Each ramp should have a non-slip surface, and anti-slip slats at intervals but not within 152mm (~~6ins~~) of the start of a contact area.

Regulation H(1)(B)3.n

TO:

n. Dog Walk—A walk plank of approximately ~~1.372m~~ **1.2m** measured from the ground to the top of the plank, with firmly fixed ramps at either end...

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(Effective 1 January 2019)

Regulation changes relating to heights – Effective from 1 January 2020

Regulation H10.c.(11)

TO:

(11) Definitions of classes. ~~Classes that will include the Lower Height Option must be specified together with whether there will be separate awards for each height.~~

Regulation H(1)9.b

TO:

Ensuring that all obstacles and equipment in the test area do not include unnecessary protusions and where wings or side supports are part of an obstacle **the inner upright of the wings must be a minimum of 900mm.**~~they must be appreciably higher than the part to be cleared by the dog.~~

Regulation H(1)9.f.

TO:

- f. (1) Splitting of classes
~~Where classes do not have the Lower Height Option, classes should be split according to the following:~~
Where combined classes are split, they must be split into parts of equal numbers (to within one dog). Splits must be conducted on a random basis.
Where graded classes are split, they must be split by grade. If a subsequent grade or single grade class is split, it must be split into parts of equal numbers (to within one dog). Splits must be conducted on a random basis.
Competitors entered therein must be notified of all changes.

- ~~(2) Where classes have the Lower Height Option and are required to be split, classes should be split according to the following:~~
- ~~(i) Where combined classes with one set of results are split, they must be split into parts of equal numbers (to within one dog). Splits must be conducted on a random basis.~~
 - ~~(ii) Where combined classes with separate awards for Lower Height and Full Height are split, they must be split by Lower Height and Full Height. if a subsequent height class is split, it must be split into parts of equal numbers (to within one dog). Splits must be conducted on a random basis.~~
 - ~~(iii) Where graded classes with one set of results per grade are split, they must be split by grade. if a subsequent grade or single grade class is split, it must be split into parts of equal numbers (to within one dog). Splits must be conducted on a random basis.~~
 - ~~(iv) Where graded classes with separate awards for Lower Height and Full Height are split, they must be split by grade. if a subsequent grade or single grade class is split, it must be split by Lower Height and Full Height. if a subsequent height class is split, it must be split into parts of equal numbers (to within one dog). Splits must be conducted on a random basis.~~
- ~~Competitors entered therein must be notified of all changes~~

Regulation H(1)(A)1

TO:

1. This classification should apply to competitions for large, **intermediate**, medium and small dogs.
- ~~4. All rounds of a Championship Agility Class and any Kennel Club heat, semi-final or final must be run at Full Height.~~
- ~~7. 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. Each relevant class will have two heights with a change part way through to raise/lower the jump heights and may extend/reduce the length of the long jump and width of the rising spread, within the permitted ranges, and competitors must run at their entered height. The order in which the heights 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.~~
- ~~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.~~

9. Progression. Progression from each Grade will require one agility win or three Jumping wins in standard classes at that grade, ~~at either Full Height or the Lower Height Option~~, except that progression from Grade 5 will require 3 wins at Grade 5, one of which must be an agility class. Progression from Grade 6 will require 4 wins at Grade 6, two of which must be agility classes. Results from Combined Classes will only count towards progression from the dog's current grade.

Regulation H(1)(A)11.h

TO:

- h. Championship Class
Open to dogs having qualified to compete in Grade 7 which have had 4 ~~5~~ wins at Full Height in either Grade 6 or Grade 7, at least ~~2-3~~ of which must be gained in Agility classes. To consist of 2 qualifying rounds of Standard Kennel Club Classes, 1 Agility Class and 1 Jumping Class and a final round of Agility to be held at the same Show.

Regulation H(1)(B)1.a.(5)

TO:

- (5) Safety – Obstacles and equipment in the test area must not include unnecessary protrusions and where 'wings' or side supports are part of an obstacle **the inner upright of the wings must be a minimum of 900mm.** ~~they must be appreciably higher than the part to be cleared by the dog.~~

Regulation H(1)(B)1.c

TO:

- c. No practice is allowed on the course save that competitors will be allowed to walk the course set at Small, Medium, **Intermediate** or Large height without their dog(s) before the class begins. ~~The height of the hurdles may be raised/lowered and the length of the long jump and width of the rising spread may be extended/reduced, within the permitted ranges, during the course walking time if multiple heights are offered within the same class.~~

Regulation H(1)(B)2

TO:

2. Height Limit for Dogs
- a. Large Dogs – For dogs measuring over ~~430mm (1ft 5ins)~~ **500mm** at the withers.
 - b. **Intermediate Dogs – For dogs measuring over 430mm and measuring 500mm or under at the withers.**
 - c. Medium Dogs – For dogs measuring over 350mm ~~(1ft 1.75ins)~~ and measuring 430mm ~~(1ft 5ins)~~ or under at the withers.
 - d. Small Dogs – For dogs measuring 350mm ~~(1ft 1.75ins)~~ or under at the withers.

Regulation H(1)(B)3

TO:

3. Obstacles – The following obstacles meet with the approval of the Board of the Kennel Club. Any changes to current obstacles (such as materials used, structure or style) or any other new obstacles must be submitted for approval by the Kennel Club before being made available for use at its licensed events.
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 - b. Rising Spread Jump—a maximum of 2 single jumps as in item a- (Hurdle) placed together to form a double spread, there must be no more than 2 elements to this obstacle. The top bar on the first hurdle must be **400mm for Large Dogs, 300mm for Intermediate Dogs, 300mm for Medium Dogs and 200mm for Small Dogs.** ~~at least 150mm (5.9ins) to 250mm (9.8ins) lower than the second hurdle.~~ The maximum spread to be: Large Dogs – 550mm (1ft 9.6ins), **Intermediate Dogs – 475mm**, Medium Dogs – 400mm (1ft 3.7ins), Small Dogs – 300mm (1.8ins). There must be only one pole on ~~the back~~ **each** hurdle. The feet of the side supports (wings) should not be interlocking but touching and must not be out of line by more than ~~76~~ **75mm (3ins).**
 - c. Brush Fence—Dimensions and details as for item a—(Hurdle). This obstacle must have an easily displaceable top unit.
 - d. Hoop-(Tyre)—aperture diameter 533mm (1ft 9ins) minimum. Aperture centre from the ground: Large Dogs - 800mm (2ft 7.5ins). **Intermediate Dogs – 650mm** Medium Dogs - 550mm (1ft 9.6ins). Small Dogs - 490mm (1ft 7.3ins). The hoop to be of a consistent shape, constructed of an impact-absorbing material. ~~The height of the hoop should not be lowered.~~ The tyre/hoop must be directly mounted in a substantial frame structure which must be secured in such a way that dogs cannot knock the obstacle over from either direction; the frame shall not have a beam across the top.
All tyres must have easily displaced element(s). For saloon style tyres, both opening sides must have an ability to swing open to 90-140 degrees from the closed hoop position. They must not self-return and must be manually re-set.
 - e. Table—914mm (3ft) square minimum. Height: Large Dogs - ~~600mm~~ **550mm, Intermediate Dogs 450mm** (1ft 11.6ins), Medium Dogs - ~~400mm~~ **350mm** (1ft 3.75ins), Small Dogs - ~~300mm~~ **250mm** (1.8ins). To be of stable construction with a non-slip surface.

- f. Long Jump—each unit a minimum length of 1.219m (~~4ft~~). Large Dogs – to comprise 3 to 5 units the overall ~~maximum~~ length to be between 1.2m (~~3ft 11.2ins~~) and 1.5m (~~4ft 11ins~~). The height of the front unit to be 127mm (~~5ins~~) and the height of the rear unit to be 381mm (~~15ins~~). **Intermediate Dogs – to comprise 3 to 5 unites the overall length to be between 1m and 1.3m. The height of the front unit to be 127mm and the height of the rear unit to be 381mm.** Medium Dogs - to comprise 3 to 4 units the overall ~~maximum~~ length to be between 700mm (~~2ft 3.8ins~~) and 900mm (~~2ft 11.4ins~~). The height of the front unit to be 127mm (~~5ins~~) and the height of the rear unit to be 305mm (~~12ins~~). Small Dogs - to comprise 2 to 3 units the overall ~~maximum~~ length to be between 400mm (~~1ft 3ins~~) and 500mm (~~1ft 7.7ins~~). The height of the front unit to be 127mm (~~5ins~~) and the height of the rear unit to be 229mm (~~9ins~~). Marker poles with a minimum height of ~~approximately~~ 1.219m (~~4ft~~) shall be used, these should not be attached to any part of the obstacle.
- g. Water Jump—the overall ~~maximum~~ spread should be: Large Dogs – between 1.2m (~~3ft 11.2ins~~) and 1.5m (~~4ft 11ins~~). **Intermediate Dogs – between 1m and 1,3m.** Medium Dogs - between 700mm (~~2ft 3.8ins~~) and 900mm (~~2ft 11.4ins~~). Small Dogs - between 400mm (~~1ft 3ins~~) and 500mm (~~1ft 7.7ins~~). A low hurdle or brush, with a maximum height of: Large Dogs - ~~640mm (2ft)~~ **550mm**, **Intermediate Dogs – 450mm**, Medium Dogs - ~~356mm (14ins)~~ **350mm**, Small Dogs - ~~228mm (9ins)~~ **250mm** may be placed in front of the water. Marker poles with a minimum height of ~~approximately~~ 1.22m (~~4ft~~), should be placed at all 4 corners, these should not be attached to any part of the water jump.
- h. Wishing Well—this obstacle will be of stable construction and will be able to be fixed to the ground. To ensure the safety of the dog, it will have no sharp edges. Should a design be utilised which involves a removable centre section then the resultant corners must be rounded or padded. It will have a roof of which the bottom will be no less than Large **and Intermediate** Dogs - 1500mm, Medium Dogs - 1220mm, Small Dogs - 950mm from the ground. The roof must not project beyond the width or depth of the base. It will have a displaceable top bar the height of which will be: Large Dogs - ~~650mm~~ **600mm**, **Intermediate Dogs – 500mm**, Medium Dogs - ~~450mm~~ **400mm**, Small Dogs - ~~350mm~~ **300mm**. The minimum space from the top of the bar to the top of the base will be Large Dogs - 160mm, **Intermediate Dogs – 155mm**, Medium Dogs - 150mm, Small Dogs - 105mm. The overall width of the base will be between 900mm & 1400mm. The depth of the base which the dog jumps will be a maximum of Large Dogs - 550mm, **Intermediate Dogs – 475mm**, Medium Dogs - 400mm, Small Dogs - 300mm.
- i. Pipe Tunnel — This obstacle should have a diameter of a minimum of 609mm (~~2ft~~) and should be a minimum of 3.048m (~~10ft~~) in length.
- j. Weaving Poles—the minimum number of poles should be five and the maximum number 12. They should be in a continuous line, as straight as possible and should be 600mm (~~1ft 11.5ins~~) apart (between the poles). The poles must be of rigid construction and with a

minimum height of 762mm (~~2ft 6ins~~) and a diameter between 32mm (~~1¼ ins~~) and 38mm (~~1½ ins~~). The base must have support bars at the bottom of each pole and they must be positioned away from the side a dog would normally negotiate each pole.

- k. Pause Box—Defined area 1.219m x 1.219m (~~4ft x 4ft~~).
- l. 'A' Ramp—Two ramps 2.74m (~~9ft~~) long by 914mm (~~3ft~~) wide hinged at the apex 1.7m (~~5ft 7ins~~) from the ground. The last 1.067m (~~3ft 6ins~~) from the bottom of each ramp should be a different colour to indicate the area with which the dog should make contact. Each ramp to have a non-slip surface, and anti-slip slats at intervals but not within 152mm (~~6ins~~) of the start of the contact area.
- m. See-Saw— This obstacle will consist of a plank firmly mounted on a central bracket. The length of the plank must be 3.66m (~~12ft~~). The width should be 254mm (~~10ins~~) minimum and 305mm (~~12ins~~) maximum. The height of the central bracket measured from the ground to the top of the plank should be 610mm (~~2ft~~) minimum and 685mm (~~2ft 3ins~~) maximum. The last 914mm (~~3ft~~) from each end should be a different colour to indicate the area with which the dog should make contact. The plank should have a non-slip surface with no slats. The See-Saw must start to tip and then touch the ground between 2–3 seconds after a weight of 1 kilogram has been placed in the middle of the down contact area.
- n. Dog Walk—a walk plank of approximately 1.372m (~~4ft 6ins~~) measured from the ground to the top of the plank, with firmly fixed ramps at either end. the planks must be 3.66m (~~12ft~~) in length and a minimum of 254mm (~~10ins~~) and a maximum of 305mm (~~12ins~~) in width. The last 914mm (~~3ft~~) from the bottom of each ramp should be a different colour to indicate the area with which the dog should make contact. Each ramp should have a non-slip surface, and anti-slip slats at intervals but not within 152mm (~~6ins~~) of the start of a contact area.

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- b. **Wall – The height of the wall must be 600mm for Large Dogs, 500mm for Intermediate Dogs, 400mm for Medium Dogs and 300mm for Small Dogs. Width: 1.2m minimum. All central units must be easily displaced by the dog and not interlocking with the pillars. Pillars must be a minimum of 900mm.**

Regulation H(1)(B)4

TO:

4. Height Classification of Dogs

- (1) The provisions of sub-paragraphs (2) to (17) below shall not apply to dogs competing only in special classes at Limited agility shows.
- (2) Dogs competing in small, ~~or~~ medium **or intermediate** height categories must be measured for competition. Competitors must ensure that their dog is measured prior to their first competition and that the dog's agility record Book has been signed and dated by the measuring officials.

- (3) Large dogs entered for competition will not require an official Kennel Club measurement. Once a dog has competed in any class in the Large Height category at a Kennel Club Licenced event it may not change to a different height.
- (4) A second measurement must be carried out on the dog between 12 and 24 months after the first. If the second measurement places the dog in the same height category as the first, this will be the final measurement. However, if the second measurement places the dog in a different category then a third measurement must be carried out within two calendar months by two measurers, both of whom must not have measured the dog on a previous occasion. The dog's height category will be that confirmed by two out of the three measurements. The dog should compete in the original height category until the final decision has been made.
- (5) The dog's signed agility record book must be available for inspection by the Show Management and/or the Judge on the date of any competition entered by the owner/handler.
- (6) The Kennel Club will nominate officials authorised to measure dogs for competition and to sign the agility record book. The record book must be notated 'small', 'medium', '**intermediate**' or 'large' as determined by the official measurement.
- (7) Measurement must be carried out on a level and even surface, in a quiet place, separate from other dogs and handlers.
- (8) Measurement of the dog's height will be taken from the ground to the highest point of the withers. The dog must be standing squarely with all four legs on the ground, neither stretched nor crouched. The dog's head should be in a natural position.
- (9) A dog will be eligible to compete in small, ~~or~~ medium **or intermediate** height categories only after the official measurement has been carried out. Where a dog is measured out of the height category in which it has been entered it is permissible, at the discretion of the organising club, for entries to be altered in order that the dog can compete at the correct height category.
- (10) In the event of a dispute over the measuring procedure the Kennel Club will evaluate whether there are grounds for appeal. The owner/handler of the dog may appeal in writing to the Kennel Club, but must do so within seven days of the disputed measure having taken place. Any appeal must be accompanied by a written statement from the owner/handler of the dog with a brief description as to the ground for the appeal and must be accompanied by the appropriate fee.
- (11) An additional measurement may be requested by the Kennel Club or a Kennel Club approved Championship agility Judge. The dog in question must have already had its final official Kennel Club measurement. The Judge need not be officiating on the day the additional measurement is requested but must be in attendance at the Show. No fee will be required from either the Judge or the handler/owner.
- (12) The request for an additional measurement must be recorded in the Show's incident book and lodged in writing at the Kennel Club within 14 days. The Kennel Club will advise the owner/handler of the dog of the requirement for an additional measure.

- (13) All small and medium dogs who are invited on to the team GB Squad will be subject to an additional measurement.
- (14) The additional measurement must be completed within 2 months of the request being received at the Kennel Club and must be undertaken by two measurers appointed by the Kennel Club from the list of Senior Measurers.
- (15) The dog will continue competing at its current height until the additional measurement has been completed and confirmed by the Kennel Club.
- (16) The height recorded at the additional measurement will take immediate effect.
- (17) The additional measurement can only be undertaken once in a dog's lifetime