



THE KENNEL CLUB

CRUFTS HEELWORK TO MUSIC / FREESTYLE COMPETITION REGULATIONS 2019

All Crufts qualifying competitions will be judged under the appropriate Kennel Club Regulations in force at the time of the event. Competitors entering any competition will be deemed to have agreed to abide by these Regulations.

All heats will take place at Kennel Club licensed shows and the class name in the schedule must replicate exactly the name of the competition as stated in these Regulations.

To be eligible to enter these classes, dogs must be eligible to compete in Advanced classes. Both the show organisers and the Kennel Club reserve the right to verify a dog's eligibility to compete.

The semi finals for Crufts Heelwork to Music and Freestyle competitions will be scheduled by Rugby Dog Training Club at its January HTM show each year. The first ten placed Freestyle entries will qualify for the Freestyle Finals at Crufts and the first ten placed dogs will qualify for the Heelwork to Music Finals at Crufts.

Once a routine has been performed at the Crufts Finals by a handler it may not be repeated again at future Crufts Finals for a period of five years. The qualifying routine used by a handler at the Crufts Semi Finals in both freestyle and heelwork to music must be the one used at Crufts.

The following moves may **not** be used in either a heelwork to music or a freestyle routine at Crufts. Any handler performing these moves will be disqualified from the class they are performing in.



Dog balanced on handlers' shoulders
whilst handler is standing



Headstand (also known as the tripod)
Or any variation of this move where
dog is balanced on its nose and front
feet with back feet off of the ground



Dog balanced on handlers upturned feet



Hand stand

Or any variation of this move where dog is independently balanced on its front feet; either moving or statically



Forward or Backward roll where dog is required to roll backwards or forwards

CRUFTS ADVANCED FREESTYLE COMPETITION

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Competitors may qualify more than one dog for the semi final and may qualify more than one dog for the final.

Once a dog has qualified for the semi final, further heats may be entered for competitions although any placings in these further heats will not affect the dog's eligibility for the semi finals.

The first two placed previously unqualified dogs from each heat will be invited to compete in the semi finals, ie in the event that the first and second placed dogs have already qualified for the semi final at a previous heat, the third and fourth placed dogs from that heat will be invited to compete in the semi final.

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Competitors may qualify more than one dog for the semi final and may qualify more than one dog for the final.

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Any person judging at Crufts in 2020 and whose dogs are qualified to work in the Advanced classes, may still compete in a Crufts Semi-final Qualifying class but may not qualify their dogs. They may however, still be awarded the appropriate points and prizes for their places within that class.

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