

Equipment Panel Report June 2025 ALC Meeting

This report was submitted on 3rd April to meet KC deadlines & there may be changes since then.

Equipment Related Incidents at KC Shows

At the time of writing there had been no equipment related incidents sent to the panel via the judge's equipment form or the show incident book since the last meeting.

All incidents from 2024 have been collated, reviewed & followed up where necessary & the chair was of the view that communication with manufacturers & suppliers was the best it had been for a considerable time.

Coalition for Agility Reporting on Incidents & Safety (CARIS)

The panel has been included in the discussions around this excellent initiative & there is currently a lot of background work being done to arrange effective data collection. The updating of the judge's equipment incident form & the process of putting it online has been placed on hold until the details of how this data is to be collected have been established. This will be prioritised though & hopefully Mrs Bale will be able to give a better update at the meeting in June.

Equipment Approval Process

The panel will be reviewing this process so it is clearer for manufacturers/shows that use personal equipment over the coming months. The requirement for approval & the appeals process need to be addressed in particular.

Standard Equipment List

This is on the radar of the panel as there appears to be more shows than there are hire companies, resulting in a shortage of equipment being made available to a judge/each ring. The panel will monitor & probably present KC judges with a survey on this topic later in the year to see what has been happening on the ground.

Hurdle Review

See separate review document. There will need to be further consultation over the summer as this is a complex obstacle & any changes will have a huge impact on manufacturers, suppliers & shows as well as the dogs. It was good to note that there no longer appears to be any wood fillers in use, something that had been raised previously. The use of wood for poles, pole length, pole weight & pole diameter will be prioritised over legislating on wing dimensions.

Jo Bale

Chair