

Proposal for the Assessment of Existing Agility Judges

When the judging programme was originally introduced, all the agility trainers suggested that all existing judges should be assessed.

As the programme was in its infancy it was deemed not the right time to try and implement anything to do this.

However, the agility trainers at the October 2011 Annual Seminar agreed that with the on-going complaints about some existing judges, that now would be the right time to address this matter. The trainers unanimously agreed to volunteer a day or two each per year to attend a given agility show and assess as many judges as possible within that day. It was emphasised that this could be more positive than reporting sub-standard judging performance as judges would be given feedback on the day which would then give them the opportunity for improvement. As a result, the process would be a more proactive approach to dealing with sub-standard judges.

- Trainers to be asked to provide a date(s) they are available and matched to a show
- The trainer assessing that day cannot compete on that day
- The trainer must announce their presence at the show to the show secretary first before carrying out any assessments
- Each judge must be assessed for a minimum of twenty dogs
- Judges to be assessed using the current Judges Assessment Form
- Judges to be given verbal feedback at an appropriate juncture
- Completed Judges Assessment Forms to be returned to the office