



EQUIPMENT PANEL REPORT July 2019

Seesaw

The panel have looked at the seesaw and have found a number of variables that need addressing in order to have a more consistent obstacle.

The following need looking at

1. Height of pivot point to top of plank
2. Height of pivot point
3. Position of pivot along plank
4. Tipping point
5. Width of plank.

A questionnaire has been sent to suppliers to gather information on dimensions.

We will also be collecting information on the effect the ground has on the angle of the seesaw at shows over the next few months.

We also need to be clear on when testing of tipping speed should be done. It would not be realistic do this outside at a show as the wind and any water on the seesaw can change the speed.

In the meantime we recommend that schedules should state who is supplying the equipment, be that hire or the club's own.

Table

At the January meeting the panel were requested to consider ways the table could be used. At present we have been unable to produce a robust method for its use. As such we would welcome the thoughts of the agility community and if no practical solution is forthcoming we consider removing it in the upcoming review.

Incident Books

At the time of writing this report the panel have had no reports from incident books this year. An update on this will be given to the council at the meeting.

Changes to Equipment

At the current time clubs can buy new equipment only to find that it no longer meets regulations come the following year. The panel would like to have a system in place that allows for stability in the regulations and that changes are gradual to allow clubs to plan for renewal of equipment.

The panel would like the council's views on the following.

1. Proposals for changes to regulations on obstacles may only take place as part of review of equipment. Clubs and individuals would still be able to submit proposal at this time. Discussion items would still be welcome with the results feeding into the next review.
2. Following approval of a proposal new equipment should meet that regulation, however the change would not fully come into effect until a set date we would suggest the following review. This would mean that clubs and suppliers do not find themselves with new equipment that they cannot use.
3. Obstacles that are subject to an approved change should not be considered as part of the following review.

The above restrictions should not apply for changes under health and safety. However for a change to be considered under this exception there must be a clear safety concern.



Ring Equipment

The Panel has been asked to consider having a standard list of equipment that should be supplied to a ring. We would welcome the views of equipment suppliers and clubs on this before we consider this.