



HEELWORK TO MUSIC - SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS from The Kennel Club Working Party Meeting 18 May 2021

	Proposed	Recommended	Action
1.	Amendments to L Regulations	<p>At its meeting on 13 April 2021, the Board approved the following amendments to L Regulations:</p> <p>Regulation L14. Judges Approval TO:</p> <p>b. Competition organisers must be satisfied that the following minimum conditions have been met for all judges for any Heelwork to Music/Freestyle class:</p> <p>(i) All judges must should have qualified a dog out of Starters' class in either Heelwork to Music or Freestyle classes and have a minimum of two years' experience competing in standard classes at a minimum of six Kennel Club licensed Heelwork to Music Competitions.</p> <p>(ii) A judge's first three appointments for shows must be restricted to Starters and Novice.</p> <p>(iii) (ii) Judges must demonstrate a good knowledge of heelwork to music the sport and a thorough understanding of the rules of heelwork to music the sport.</p> <p>(iv) (iii) Additionally judges must have attended a Kennel Club Heelwork to Music Regulations and Judging Procedure Seminar and passed the Regulations and Judging Procedure examination. From 1 January 2016 this will apply to new and existing judges. The initial Regulations and Judging Procedure Seminar and examination must be classroom based.</p> <p>(v) (iv) All Judges must have attended a Regulations and Judging Procedure seminar every four years since passing the Regulations and Judging Procedure examination. From 1 January 2022 all Judges must have attended a Regulations and Judging Procedure seminar, either classroom based or online, and must have passed the examination, every five years since passing the Regulations and Judging Procedure examination.</p> <p>(v) A judge's first three appointments for shows must be restricted to</p>	Judges, competitors and competition organisers to note.



		<p>Starters and Novice.</p> <p>(vi) From 1 January 2023, prior to being fully qualified, a judge must undertake mentoring by an approved Heelwork to Music mentor on three separate occasions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) observing a whole class from the ringside and discussing it with the mentor (2) carrying out two judging appointments, at starters or novice, and discussing the marking and results with the mentor. <p>(vii) The third judging appointment must be restricted to starters or novice. After the third appointment the judge may undertake any further appointments</p> <p>(vi)(viii) Or judges have otherwise been approved by the Board (Deletions struck through. Insertions in bold) (Effective 1 January 2022)</p> <p>New Regulation K3.e A Heelwork to Music or Freestyle Warrant will be issued on application by the registered owner at the time of qualification in respect of a dog that has obtained points in standard classes at Premier and Open Competitions. The requirements for the three levels of warrant, Bronze, Silver, and Gold are:</p> <table data-bbox="705 965 1019 1061"> <tr> <td>Bronze</td> <td>100 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Silver</td> <td>200 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gold</td> <td>400 points</td> </tr> </table> <p>The following titles may be used after the name of the dog on competition entries and in catalogues:</p> <p>Heelwork to Music Bronze HTMW(B) Silver HTMW(S) Gold HTMW(G) Freestyle Bronze FSW(B) Silver FSW(S) Gold FSW(G)</p> <p>Points awarded will be as follows:</p>	Bronze	100 points	Silver	200 points	Gold	400 points	
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		<p>Standard heelwork to music OR freestyle classes Points will be awarded at any level as long as a minimum score of 18 is achieved. Places must have been awarded by the competition organiser.</p> <p>1st place 20 points 2nd place 19 points 3rd place 18 points 4th place 17 points 5th place 16 points 6th place 15 points 7th place 14 points 8th place 13 points 9th place 12 points 10th place 11 points</p> <p>5 points will also be awarded to any unplaced routines that have achieved a qualifying score or above. (Insertions in bold) (Effective 1 January 2022)</p> <p>Regulation L10.h. TO: h. The duration of the routine should be a maximum length as detailed below. An over-run of 5% is permitted, but 2 marks will be deducted from the final score for any time taken in excess of this. Starters maximum time limit - up to 2½ minutes Novice maximum time limit - up to 3½ 3 minutes Intermediate maximum time limit - up to 3½ minutes Advanced maximum time limit - up to 4 minutes (Deletion struck through. Insertion in bold) (Effective 1 January 2022)</p>	
2.	Overseas championship events	<p>2021 Three Championships were scheduled for 2021, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCI Dog Dance World Championship on June 11–13, 2021, Czech Republic (subsequently cancelled by the organisers due to Covid-19) • OEC Germany, September 16–19 2021, Germany. 	Competitors to note



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Dance European Open Championships 2021 (The EOC - supported by FCI) October 7–10 2021, Russia. <p>However, the decision had been made that Heelwork to Music Team GB would not participate in any overseas championships during 2021, and a statement to that effect had been placed on the Kennel Club’s website.</p> <p>2022 There are two international championship events due to take place in Europe in 2022, as follows:</p> <p>World Championships - Villepinte Durant, France at the European Dog Show date 21–24 April 2022</p> <p>The FCI European Open Championships - Stuttgart, Germany date 17– 20 November 2022</p> <p>It is hoped that Heelwork to Music Team GB would participate in both events, and plans will be made to do so. Team sponsors have kindly indicated their willingness for sponsorship funds for 2020 to be carried forward to 2022.</p> <p>Application forms for those wishing to take part will be issued in due course.</p>	
3.	Extreme or unnatural moves	<p>The following move is being added to the list of ‘extreme or unnatural moves’ included within the Guide for Heelwork to Music Judges as it is considered to be physically stressful for a dog:</p> <p>‘Dog balanced on a narrow object such as a stick, beam or tightrope, or a similar object’</p>	Judges, competitors and competition organisers to note.
4.	Date of next meeting	The Working Party’s next meeting will take place on 14 December 2021. Items for the agenda must be submitted to a member of the Working Party by 16 November 2021.	Judges, competitors and competition organisers to note.