



## **Equipment & Progression Panel Report**

1. A poll was issued with the question “Should the hurdle and long jump be of a standard build/colour?”

The result was No – 45 Yes – 20

It was discussed from feedback received, that the colour of these jumps should not be standardised to allow for weather and ground conditions to be taken into account when used. It is also accepted that the material of the jumps does not require to be standardised.

A proposal regarding the actual construction of the Clear jump has been submitted to reduce the risk of injury.

2. It was raised at a previous WTLC meeting (06/07/21) that the issue of second attempts during the agility section should be considered due to the inconsistency between different judges, and different societies, as to whether competitors were offered the opportunity for a second attempt at an obstacle.

The Panel have opted to wait for the results of proposals to reduce the scale and long jump and will review it thereafter.

3. At the January 2020 WTLC, it was noted that the Progression Panel was in the process of carrying out two polls, via social media, as follows: • Do you think the Introductory Stake should remain in its current format? • Do you think the CD Open Stake should be mandatory?

Covid-19 delayed progression of these polls however the subjects can now be reviewed. The results of the polls were

Intro to remain: no – 62; yes - 29 CD to be mandatory: no – 94; yes - 28

Following discussions and further feedback, the Panel agreed with the view that CD Open should not be mandatory prior to entering CD Championship.

The Introductory Stake Poll results voted against it remaining in working trials. However the Panel are keen to keep a KC recognised stake for beginners, but recognised that changes may benefit it. The Panel discussed feedback received and there were discussions about the eligibility of the handlers and dogs in the Intro Stake and making CD Open and possibly CD Championship more suited to beginners. This has been put forward as a Discussion Item to then be progressed further.

4. Proposals have been submitted with regards to the reduction of the length of the long jump to 7ft, an amendment to the Clear Jump and the removal of the Steadiness to Gun exercise.

Discussion items have been submitted with regards the A Frame and further jump research, small dogs competing through the stakes to TD, mark reallocation if the gun test removal proposal is agreed and making the CD Open and Introductory Stake more beginner friendly.