

## **Guidance for overseas Agility Competitors wishing to compete at a Kennel Club Agility Show**

This document has been designed to provide guidelines for overseas competitors who wish to compete at Kennel Club Agility Shows in the UK.

### **1. UK Government Requirements for Dogs coming into the UK from abroad**

Before entering the UK, dog owners should ensure that they comply with current legislation, regarding travelling abroad with animals, issued by the UK Government. Details of the regulations can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/pet-travel-information-for-pet-owners>

### **2. Kennel Club Registration**

To compete at a Kennel Club Agility Show you must register your dog with the Kennel Club. There are a couple of ways to register with the Kennel Club. If you have not done so already, please download, complete and return the most applicable form from the list below:

- The easiest way to register your dog so that they can compete at Kennel Club Agility Shows is to complete and return the Application for registration of a dog on the Activity Register -Form 5
- If your dog is on the Breed Register with your own country's Kennel Club, you can obtain an Authority to Compete number. To do this you must complete the Application for an Authority to Compete Number - Form 14
- If your dog is registered with the Irish Kennel Club (IKC) or Jersey or Guernsey Kennel Club complete the Application for the Registration of an Imported Dog - Form 4

**N.B. Please be aware that if your dog is registered on the Activity Register, you will not be able to compete in Field Trials, Bloodhound Trials, Breed Shows or have progeny registered on the Pedigree Breed Register.**

### **3. What Grade and Classes can my dog compete in at Kennel Club Agility Shows?**

- **Dogs entering from FCI Countries.**

FCI Grade 1 → KC Grade 2

**N.B. If the dog is still in FCI Grade 1, but the owner/handler has previously won out of FCI Grade 1, then the dog should be entered in classes eligible for KC Grade 3 dogs**

FCI Grade 2 → KC Grade 4

FCI Grade 3 → KC Grade 6

- **Dogs entering from the USA**

Novice in the USA → KC Grade 2

**N.B. If the dog is still in Novice, but the owner/handler has previously won out of Novice, then the dog should be entered in classes eligible for KC Grade 3.**

Open or Excellent in the USA → KC Grade 4

Masters or Championship Title in the USA → KC Grade 6

- **Dogs entering from Southern Ireland**

Some shows in Southern Ireland are held under FCI rules so would be comparable above, other (open) shows are held under a similar grading structure to UK Grades.

Therefore, at shows where the UK grading system is used dogs would be eligible for the same Grade in the UK as that in which they competed under Irish Kennel Club Regulations until Grade 6. However, eligibility for Grade 7 must be gained at Kennel Club licensed events.

- **Dogs entering from the Channel Islands**

Wins achieved by Channel Island residents competing at their own licensed shows DO count in the UK.

Channel Island Grade A → KC Grade 2

If the handler has won out of Grade A with another dog they will be eligible for Grade 3

Channel Island Grade B → KC Grade 4

If the dog wins out of Grade B

#### **4. Change of Grade**

If a dog qualifies into the next Grade after the closing date for entries but more than 25 days before the show, you must notify the secretary in writing or by email, a minimum of 14 days before the Show. The dog in question will then be moved to the equivalent class/s for the next grade.

If the dog qualifies into the next grade less than 25 days before the start of the competition, they will remain in the original Grade.

#### **5. Progression**

Any clear wins in the UK count to UK progression. If a dog wins out of a Grade at a UK show the dog should compete at the higher Grade when competing at future UK shows.