

Report from Judges Working Party to Agility Liaison Council 13th May 15

Agility Seminars

At the April meeting, the Judges Working Party (JWP) discussed the proposal to move to an “Open Book” examination for the Rules and Regulations Seminar, this suggestion came from the Annual Accredited Trainers Seminar in response to feedback from individuals undertaking the exam and also the trainers. It was felt that the judge would have a copy of the Rules & Regulations Booklet to check any queries on measurements and dimensions; they should be encouraged to be familiar with the contents.

This is currently under consideration by the training board.

Mentoring System for First Time Judges

There was feedback on the implementation of the mentoring system for first time judges, this is being managed by the office, there have been 8 candidates who have registered their interest and one has already participated in the mentoring scheme. Early reaction to the scheme has been positive.

Continuing Professional Development of Existing Judges

The JWP was updated on the progress of Continuing Professional Development for existing judges, the objectives and policy were clarified with the aim being to improve the quality and standard of judging and ensure that judges were aware of current regulations.

Judges Trainers had agreed to give up one or two shows a year to carry out the assessments.

This was rolled out earlier this year with an assessment carried out already, the observations that have been undertaken were well received by the Judges, and appeared to be appreciated by the competitors.

Annual Accredited Trainers Seminars

The JWP discussed the criteria for participating in the scheme as an Accredited Trainer, and the office will contact Accredited Trainers who have not met the criteria to discuss as to whether they wish to continue or withdraw from the scheme. The geographic location of the trainers was also discussed.

Re-accreditation of Trainers

Three trainers were reaccredited (Miss L Olden, Mr D Collis and Mr T Griffin) for a period of three years.

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