

Judges Sub Group – Agility Items

At its previous meeting the Sub-Group noted an amended proposal for the Minimum Standards for Competition Managers/Chief Stewards. The Sub-Group is invited to note the final wording as recommended by the Activities Committee and approved by the Board:

Amendment to Regulation H(1)10.e

TO:

e. The society shall appoint a Show Manager whose name must be announced in the schedule, and who The competition manager must not enter for competition a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership or work a dog at the agility show. **The person appointed must be aware of their responsibilities as laid out in the Instructions as to the Duties of Agility Show Managers Annex.**

(Deletion struck through. Insertion in bold.)

(Effective 1 January 2025)

New Annex H(1)(E)

TO:

INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THE DUTIES OF AGILITY SHOW MANAGERS

1. Experiences and Qualifications

The Show Manager should have a sound knowledge of the Kennel Club Rules and H Regulations.

2. Responsibilities

a. To ensure that competitors and judges abide by the Kennel Club Rules and H Regulations.

b. To act as decision maker in all matters relating to the Kennel Club Rules and H Regulations for the duration of the show.

c. To fully document all decisions and actions taken in relation to the H Regulations in the show's Kennel Club Incident Book.

d. To support the show management team in the smooth running of the show.

3. Duties

a. In the event of extreme adverse weather conditions at a show a judge, with the full agreement of the Show Manager, may omit any compulsory equipment as deemed appropriate at the time. Any alterations must be recorded in the show's Kennel Club Incident Book and be reported, by the show management, to the Kennel Club within 14 days of the date of the show.

b. Should a judge be prevented from completing a class which has already started, the Show Manager shall decide what action is to be taken. Guidance is covered in the Code of Best Practice for Agility Judges and Stewards. Private and Confidential Activities Judges Sub-Group 24.10.2024

c. The Show Manager in conjunction with the show management must act to remove a dog from the show under the conditions of the Removal of Dogs from Competition Regulation.

d. If there are any concerns over the suitability of a course the Show Manager must consult with the relevant judge, and if available Accredited Trainers, and agree the proposed course of action

e. Any complaints or matters arising at the show should be referred, in the first instance to the Show Manager, who may consult with other members of the show management before taking appropriate action. All incidents, even if they are resolved on the day of the show, must be recorded in the Kennel Club Incident Book and be reported, by the show management, to the Kennel Club within 14 days of the date of the show.

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Any wording in 'H' regulations that referenced 'Competition Manager' has now been amended to **Show** Manager.

Judges Trainer Resignations

a. The Sub-Group is requested to note Ms K McManigan and Mr P Hinchley have resigned as Accredited Judges Trainers for Agility. We would like to thank them both for all the work they have done as Judges Trainers.

The KC have advertised for new Judges Trainers and Interviews are being held at Clarges Street on 28th November.

There will be an Agility Judges Trainers Day on 11th January at Stoneleigh, any new Agility Judges Trainers will be invited to attend.

We will be looking at updating the training seminars and all forms used by the judge's trainers

This includes updating the Agility Championship Judge assessment form to include the submission of previous course plans from the judge prior to assessment.

The Sub-Group was invited to note concerns regarding 2 judges. The complaint was not upheld.

Mentoring of new judges was once again on the agenda. We are looking asking Championship judges to join the mentoring scheme.

We are also looking at the feasibility of Introducing compulsory mentoring for judges at their first Championship appointment.

The Agility Liaison Council requested the Sub-Group to consider some guidance for judges regarding when the long jump sections were nudged together but did not fall to ensure

consistency and clarity. The Judges Sub Group agreed that this needs to be looked at further,
and that a possible rule change is required regarding the spacing of the long jump elements
