

Agility Regulation Changes for January 2021

The changes below clarify what happens when a grade change occurs after an entry is submitted but before date of close or where a club extends the entry date

5.5.2.4 Previous Wins and Points

In estimating the number of prizes won, and clear rounds or qualification certificates awarded, all wins, points, clear rounds and qualification certificates awarded previous to the midnight preceding the original day specified in the schedule for closing entries shall be counted when entering for any class. Any extension of entry date for that show or the taking of late entries, will not affect the eligibility date for that show.

If a dog becomes ineligible for a class at a show for which entries have already been submitted but before the scheduled date of close, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure that the show secretary for an upcoming show is notified and that the entries are either changed to the correct class or withdrawn.

Any dog which enters the ring to compete in a class for which it is ineligible will be disqualified and all prizes won in the incorrect class will be forfeited and redistributed as if the dog had not run.

No refunds will be given for runs commenced in the incorrect class. The dog is not permitted to run in the new correct class in any set where it has already run in the incorrect class.

For clarity a set is for example Starters 1, Novice 1, Intermediate 1 and Senior 1 or Jumpers C1, Jumpers B1 and Jumpers A1 etc.

The changes below enable sign off on challenges for Supreme Ch and Grand multipliers where sighting of proof of the dog having attained the challenges prevents the need to post the physical challenges into DogsNZ

8.1.3 Agility Grand Champion Multipliers

After a dog has been awarded the title of Agility Grand Champion, the winning of further sets of 20 challenges will allow multipliers to be added to the title. These will be added up to and including the winning of 80 challenges as follows:

Ag.Gr.Ch2 = 40 challenges

Ag.Gr.Ch3 = 60 challenges

Ag.Gr.Ch4 = 80 challenges

Application for the multipliers to be added requires completion of the relevant application form for this award and its submission to the NZKC. This form will need to be signed by NZKC Club President or Secretary, NZKC Agility Judge, or an NZKC Agility Committee member who will attest that they have sighted the challenge certificates as detailed on the form or that they have witnessed the existence of those challenge certificates via the Agility Committee website. The completed form should be forwarded to the NZKC office who will issue the award.

8.1.4 Agility Supreme Champion

After a dog has been awarded the title of Agility Grand Champion and has won 100 Agility Challenge Certificates in total, it is entitled to be awarded the title of Agility Supreme Champion and once the Agility Supreme Champion certificate is issued by the NZKC may carry the prefix Ag.Sup.Ch. before its name.

Application for the Agility Supreme Champion to be added requires completion of the relevant application form for this award and its submission to the NZKC. This form will need to be signed by NZKC Club President or Secretary, NZKC Agility Judge, or an NZKC Agility Committee member who will attest that they have sighted the challenge certificates as detailed on the form or that they have witnessed the existence of those challenge certificates via the Agility Committee website. The completed form **should be forwarded to the NZKC office who will issue the award.**

8.2.3 Jumpers Grand Champion Multipliers

After a dog has been awarded the title of Jumpers Grand Champion, the winning of further sets of 20 challenges will allow multipliers to be added to the title. These will be added up to and including the winning of 80 challenges as follows:

J.Gr.Ch2 = 40 challenges

J.Gr.Ch3 = 60 challenges

J.Gr.Ch4 = 80 challenges

Application for the multipliers to be added requires completion of the relevant application form for this award and its submission to the NZKC. This form will need to be signed by NZKC Club President or Secretary, NZKC Agility Judge, or an NZKC Agility Committee member who will attest that they have sighted the challenge certificates as detailed on the form or that they have witnessed the existence of those challenge certificates via the Agility Committee website. The completed form should be forwarded to the NZKC office who will issue the award.

8.2.4 Jumpers Supreme Champion

After a dog has been awarded the title of Jumpers Grand Champion and has won 100 Jumpers Challenge Certificates in total, it is entitled to be awarded the title of Jumpers Supreme Champion and once the Jumpers Supreme Champion certificate is issued by the NZKC may carry the prefix J.Sup.Ch. before its name.

Application for the Jumpers Supreme Champion to be added requires completion of the relevant application form for this award and its submission to the NZKC. This form will need to be signed by NZKC Club President or Secretary, NZKC Agility Judge, or an NZKC Agility Committee member who will attest that they have sighted the challenge certificates as detailed on the form or that they have witnessed the existence of those challenge certificates via the Agility Committee website. The completed form **should be forwarded to the NZKC office who will issue the award.**

Removal of redundant wording around previous names of heights. These changes are now two years old and reference to previous heights is no longer required. Also add a new clause clarifying when a split class is complete as it does not seem well understood at present.

10.1.2 Height of Dogs

~~From 1 Jan 2019, all references to height names were changed with the old Mini Height splitting into two height categories. Thus, Maxi becomes 600, Medium becomes 500 and Micro becomes 240. Mini dogs are now 320 and 380.~~

Competing dogs are divided into five height categories based on their measurement at the top of their shoulder blades (withers)

11.1.2.1.7 In a split class, when judging commences for a new height group, the previous height group is deemed to have been completed and no further dogs in the previous height will be judged. The only exception is where an officiating judge is permitted by the show management to compete prior to the class commencing which may require the hurdle height to be changed.

Following a Survey completed on 30 Sept, the agility competitors voted to remove the collapsible tunnel from the equipment list in the regulations permanently. The following regulation changes are required following its removal.

12.2.4 Collapsible Tunnel/Tube - ~~DELETED~~

~~The Collapsible Tunnel consists of a section of Flexible Tunnel (the entrance section) to which a collapsing chute is attached, which extends in a straight line with the entrance section.~~

~~Overall length 3 metres. The entrance section shall make up 1.5 metres of the total length. Entrance diameter 700mm. The exit diameter must measure a minimum 600mm when the collapsed chute is anchored to the ground.~~

~~Interim measure: Dispensation for existing tunnels with measurements outside this will be considered on a case by case basis. Application for dispensation to use tunnels outside of these measurements must be forwarded to the Agility Committee.~~

~~From January 2021 only those collapsible tunnels which conform to the specification detail above will be allowed to be used.~~

~~Tolerance on entrance section, overall length and entry diameter is 50mm each way.~~

13.6.4.3 Handler interacting with Equipment –

A fault shall be incurred if the handler deliberately or accidentally

- (a) interacts with any obstacle by touching, jumping or straddling or stepping over any part of it. or
- (b) places any part of their body within the aperture of a Hoop, ~~Collapsible Tunnel/Tube~~ or Pipe Tunnel. or

13.9 Stopping A Round

A judge may stop a dog and handler during their round if some unforeseen circumstance places either at risk, e.g. another dog loose in the work area, a dog or handler apparently injured, or an obstacle blown down. ~~or the collapsible tunnel twisted.~~

16.2.1 Grade C obstacles

Hurdle, hoop, rigid tunnel, ~~collapsible tunnel~~, long jump, brush fence, weave, wings, dog-walk, A-frame and crossover may be used, depending on the game.

17.1.2.3. Negotiation of obstacles during PAP.

The dog may negotiate an obstacle from any direction (except for the seesaw ~~and collapsible tunnel~~) any number of times, but can only score each obstacle twice. Obstacles may not be taken back to back.

17.2.2.3 Negotiation of the coloured obstacles.

Coloured obstacles can be taken from any direction (except ~~seesaw and collapsible tunnel~~). Only one colour obstacle may be completed between each red obstacle. The handler may direct the dog to perform the same coloured obstacle each time.

Amendment of wording for Novice missed from last alteration to add spread into list of available obstacles.

14.1.3.2 Obstacles

Standard obstacles defined in clauses 12.2, 12.3 and 12.6 to be used. Weave poles, if used must be an even number from 6-12