

Agility regulations changes

13.6.3 Faults For Specific Obstacles

13.6.3.1 Hurdles, Brush Fence and Asymmetrical Spread Jump

Dog going underneath any bar, jumps a wing, displaces a bar so that any part of a bar falls below its original height or knocks over any part of the jump.

13.6.3.2 See-Saw

If the dog does not maintain contact with See-Saw plank until its latter end touches the ground.

13.6.3.3 Contact Areas

If the dog does not touch a contact area on the See-Saw, A-frame, Dog Walk or Cross-over Ramp, **except that the up contact on the A-frame is not to be judged.**

13.6.3.4 Long Jump

Dog runs through the Jump, cuts any corner or knocks over any part of the jump.

13.6.3.5 Table

No faults but the exercise must be completed correctly.

13.6.3.6 Hoop

Dog displaces or breaks the hoop. Should the broken section of the hoop re attach itself, this is still a fault.

13.6.3.7 Multiple Bar Ascending Spread Jump

Dog going underneath any bar, jumps a wing, displaces a bar so that any part of a bar falls below its original height, cuts a corner or knocks over any part of the jump.

13.6.3.8 Weaving Poles

13.6.3.8.1 The dog entering the weaving poles with the first weaving pole on the dog's right-hand side.

13.6.3.8.2 The dog (once it has correctly entered the weaving poles) failing to complete negotiation of the weaving poles in terms of Agility Regulation 13.3.

13.6.3.8.3 Any part of the handler's body passing between two weaving poles, or touching a weaving pole.

7.2.2 Conduct of the Ring

7.2.2.1 Judges shall be responsible for the conduct of the Ring, including but not limited to ensuring that stewards instruct handlers in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations and that any ring equipment such as timers is set up correctly.

7.2.2.2 Judges will indicate when a competitor may start their run, by either a verbal or physical gesture.

13.7.3 Mandatory Disqualification

- Taking an obstacle in the incorrect sequence.
- Taking the correct obstacle from the wrong direction. For weaving poles this means the dog passing between the two end poles (i.e. the two furthest from the start of the weaving poles) as if it were negotiating or attempting to negotiate the weaving poles in the wrong direction.
- Three refusals during a round.
- Outside interference during a run includes "double handling" but does not include cheering during around.
- Taking more than the maximum course time.

- Running out of the ring out of control of the handler.
- Fouling (Vomiting, Urinating or defecating) in the ring.
- If the dog starts the course wearing a check chain or any collar other than that allowed under these regulations.
- If the dog commences its run from outside the roped ring area.
- Failure to complete correct negotiation of the weaving poles in terms of Agility Regulation 13.3 either (a) before negotiating the next obstacle, or (b) where the weaving poles are the final obstacle, completing the course by breaking the finish beam of the electronic timer, or crossing the finish line if manual timing is being utilised.
- Where a dog has only been able to complete an obstacle due to the physical assistance of the handler, the dog shall be disqualified. "Physical assistance" shall mean touching or holding the dog so as to guide or control it through or over an obstacle, where the dog would (in the opinion of the judge) have been unable to complete the obstacle otherwise.
- **Starting a run before the judge has indicated.**

13.13 Distance Between Obstacles.

13.13.1 Consecutive Jumping Obstacles

Consecutive Jumping obstacles (other than spread and long jumps) placed so that the dog can travel in a straight line between them must have a minimum of four metres between centres. If either or both of the obstacles is a spread or long jump this distance must be increased to a minimum of six metres.

13.13.2 Collapsible tunnel.

There must be a minimum of five metre straight line approach to a collapsible tunnel, and a further five metres straight line to the next obstacle after a collapsible tunnel.

13.13.3 Unimpeded Run Up

There must be a minimum of four metre unimpeded run up before and after Jumping obstacles. For long and spread jumps this distance must be a minimum of six metres. Asymmetrical spread jumps and Multiple bar ascending spread jumps must not be situated on a corner or with a tight turn required either before or after.

13.8 Scoring Specific Obstacles

13.8.1 Scoring the Weaving Poles

~~13.8.1.1 There shall be no points penalty in Elementary classes, but the weave must be completed correctly.~~

13.8.1.1 In Elementary A, Starters, Novice, Intermediate and Senior classes a maximum of one fault may be awarded under Agility Regulation 13.6.3.8.

13.8.1.2 In Starters, Novice, Intermediate and Senior classes up to three refusals may be awarded under Agility Regulation 13.5.4.9 (thereby incurring disqualification in terms of Agility Regulation 13.7.3.).

13.8.1.3 In Games classes, scoring of the weaving poles may vary depending on the nature of the game and the scoring basis must be outlined within the rules of each Games class.

13.8.1.4 In AD and ADX Advanced classes, any refusal or fault on the weaving poles shall negate the dog from achieving a clear round.

11.1.2.1 Standard Classes Split by Height groups.

At every Championship Event an individual Standard Class must be split when, at the date for closing of entries, entry numbers in each height group in that class reach 15 or more.

11.1.2.1.1 For the purpose of splitting by height, mini and micro height groups may be combined to form a Small group of 15 or more.

11.1.2.1.2 Each height group where numbers exceed 15, will compete as a separate class for separate placings and prizes.

11.1.2.1.3 Height groups may compete under the same or different judges, and on the same or different courses for that class.

11.1.2.1.4 In the running orders, when a Small group is formed, the minis and micros must run directly after each other.

11.3.3 Standard Classes Split by Height groups.

At every Ribbon trial an individual Standard Class must be split when, at the date for closing of entries, entry numbers in each height group in that class reach 15 or more.

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6.13 Running orders

In the event of one handler running multiple dogs in one class, the handler may move dogs but may not change the order in which they run.

17.3.3 Entering a Jumpers Pairs competition.

17.3.3.1 Jumpers Pairs height.

Clubs may offer Jumpers Pairs at one of two levels: either mixed height team competition or same height team competition. In mixed height the Club may define which course the smallest dog of the pair attempts to minimise the number of jump height changes. Where the type of competition is not defined in the schedule it will be assumed to a ~~same mixed~~ height competition.

5.4.3 Safety of Dog

In all agility fixtures at all times the safety and wellbeing of the dog is paramount. No dog shall compete where its safety and/or wellbeing are in jeopardy.

5.4.3.1 Landing side approach on jumps.

Landing side refers to the back side of a jump that a dog, upon completing the previous obstacle, would find less obvious. Where a landing side approach is required a stand-alone wing jump must be used. Judges must not set a landing side approach on a spread jump.

5.2.15. Refunds

The club shall refund in full any entry withdrawn before the closing date for entries stated in the schedule. Refunds shall be granted after the closing date:

- a) if the dog is no longer eligible for competition due to suffering from, or exposure to, a contagious or infectious disease
- b) if the dog or its handler suffers injury or illness making it unable to attend and compete
- c) if the dog, being an un-speyed bitch, comes into season
- d) in other situations at the Club's discretion

The club may request medical professional proof, and shall be entitled to deduct any New Zealand Kennel Club Show levies paid, before any refund is made

13.10 Re-runs

13.10.1 Re-runs permitted in some circumstances

Competitors will be allowed re-runs at the judge's discretion under the following conditions

- (i) Failure of any obstacle.
- (ii) Outside interference.
- (iii) Timing failure.
- (iv) Any other unforeseen circumstance which in the opinion of the judge has unfairly disadvantaged the chances of the dog continuing unimpeded and/or safely.

13.10.2 Timing of Re-run

In the event of a dog being awarded a re-run the judge shall liaise with the handler to determine when the dog will re-run.

13.10.3 Calculation of Faults on Re-run

Faults accumulated up until the point at which the incident occurred in the original round will count. No further faults for this part of the course may be incurred, except that the course must ultimately be run correctly. A missed obstacle not corrected will be penalised with elimination.

13.10.4 Refusing a re-run.

Should a competitor refuse the re-run the original result will stand, except for the situation where no time has been recorded. In this case, the run shall be noted as eliminated.

13.10.5. Tied scores.

Where more than one dog obtains the same time on any placing for which prizes, trophies, awards or sashes are to be contested, the dogs will be given an equal tied score. Prizes, trophies, awards or sashes may be shared. Where dogs are tied for 1st they will both receive a 1st place qualification, and a 1st challenge where appropriate. In such cases there will be no 2nd placing.