

## **Regulation Change Summary for 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.**

*In all instances, please refer to the regulations for full and exact wording.*

### **Optional graduation from Starters/Novice to Novice/Intermediate.**

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023, competitors will have the option of graduating from Starters/Novice upon gaining 25 clear round certificates in Starters and/or Novice classes at Championship events.

### **Changes to AD / ADX**

All dogs that are currently in Novice/Intermediate who have not obtained their AD by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 will be automatically awarded AD on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

All dogs that are currently in Intermediate/Senior who have not obtained ADX by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 will be automatically awarded ADX on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

Graduation from Starters/Novice to Novice/Intermediate will be optional upon being awarded AD.

Graduation from Novice/Intermediate to Intermediate/Senior will be optional upon being awarded ADX.

### ***How AD will work now***

At every Championship Agility Event, ONE Novice class will be nominated as the AD. The novice course will be run as a standard novice course (with the addition of obstacle requirements and a set SCT of 2.5m/s).

In all AD nominated Novice courses a Dog Walk and A-Frame must be used, and each piece of contact equipment must be required to be performed only once. A full set of 12 weave poles must be used. At least ONE of the following pieces of equipment must also be included: Hoop/Tyre, Long Jump, Brush Jump, Spread Jump.

You do not need to enter AD as a separate event. You just enter the AD nominated Novice class as normal.

All competitors who gain a clear round within the standard course time will gain an AD clear round certificate. In the event that the competitor has 'Don't print CRC' turned off, they will still receive an AD clear round certificate, but will not receive a Novice clear round certificate.

- To gain AD you must obtain 2 clear rounds on an official AD nominated Novice course: OR graduate from Starters/Novice to Novice/Intermediate.

- To gain ADX you must obtain a further 2 clear rounds on an official AD nominated Novice course; OR graduate from Novice/Intermediate to Intermediate/Senior.

### **How ADX will work now**

At every Championship Agility Event, ONE Intermediate class will be nominated as the ADX. The intermediate course will be run as a standard intermediate course (with the addition of obstacle requirements and a set SCT of 3m/s).

In all ADX nominated Intermediate courses a Dog Walk, A-Frame and See-Saw must be used, and each piece of contact equipment may be required to be performed a maximum of twice only. A full set of 12 weave poles must be used. At least TWO of the following pieces of equipment must also be included: Hoop/Tyre, Long Jump, Brush Jump, Spread Jump.

You do not need to enter ADX as a separate event. You just enter the ADX nominated Intermediate class as normal.

All competitors who gain a clear round within the standard course time will gain an ADX clear round certificate. In the event that the competitor has 'Don't print CRC' turned off, they will still receive an ADX clear round certificate, but will not receive an Intermediate clear round certificate.

- To gain ADXB you must obtain a 2 clear rounds on an official ADX nominated Intermediate course.
- To gain ADXS you must obtain a further 2 clear rounds on an official ADX nominated Intermediate course (total of 4).
- To gain ADXG you must obtain a further 2 clear rounds on an official ADX nominated Intermediate course (total of 6).

### **Addition of 2-Way Variable Splits**

In the instance where there are at least 15 dogs in the 500 height, or 15 dogs in the 600 height, and the remainder of the dogs entered make up a group of at least 15 dogs, a 2-way variable split will occur. In all cases in a variable split, the small dogs will remain together to form a group.

In the event where the variable split results in a tie for which height the smalls would combine with, the must be combined with the 600s, NOT the 500s.

Examples of how splits would occur with various dog numbers in a class.

Note in the 3<sup>rd</sup> example of a 2-way split, there are the same number of 500 dogs and 600 dogs – in this case the smalls will be grouped with the 600s. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> example of a 2-way split you'll see there are more 600 dogs than there are 500 dogs, so in this case, the smalls would be combined with the 500s instead.

Number of dogs in each height					Type of split possible	Height groups formed			
240	320	380	500	600		Smalls	500s	600s	
5	6	5	30	26	3- Way				
5	2	5	25	10	Variable 2-Way	Smalls + 600s			500s
3	2	5	10	15	Variable 2-Way	Smalls + 500s			600s
2	3	5	18	18	Variable 2-Way	Smalls + 600s			500s
5	5	2	5	5	No Split	All Compete together			
16	8	7	29	18	4-Way	240s	300s	500s	600s

### **Addition of 5-Way Splits**

In the event that there are at least 15 dogs in all 5 heights groups, then a 5-way split is now possible. This means that in that situation the 320 and 380 dogs will be split out into their own height groups.

Currently, the only time the numbers would be sufficient to allow this is at an NZDAC.

### **Challenge Certificate Allocation**

From 1<sup>st</sup> January the number of challenge certificates allocated per heights class in Senior and Jumpers A will be as follows:

1-14 Dogs – 0 Challenges (no change from current)

15-24 Dogs – 1 Challenge (no change from current)

25-49 Dogs – 2 Challenges

50-74 Dogs – 3 Challenges

75-99 Dogs – 4 Challenges

100+ Dogs – One additional challenge for every 25 dogs in the height class.

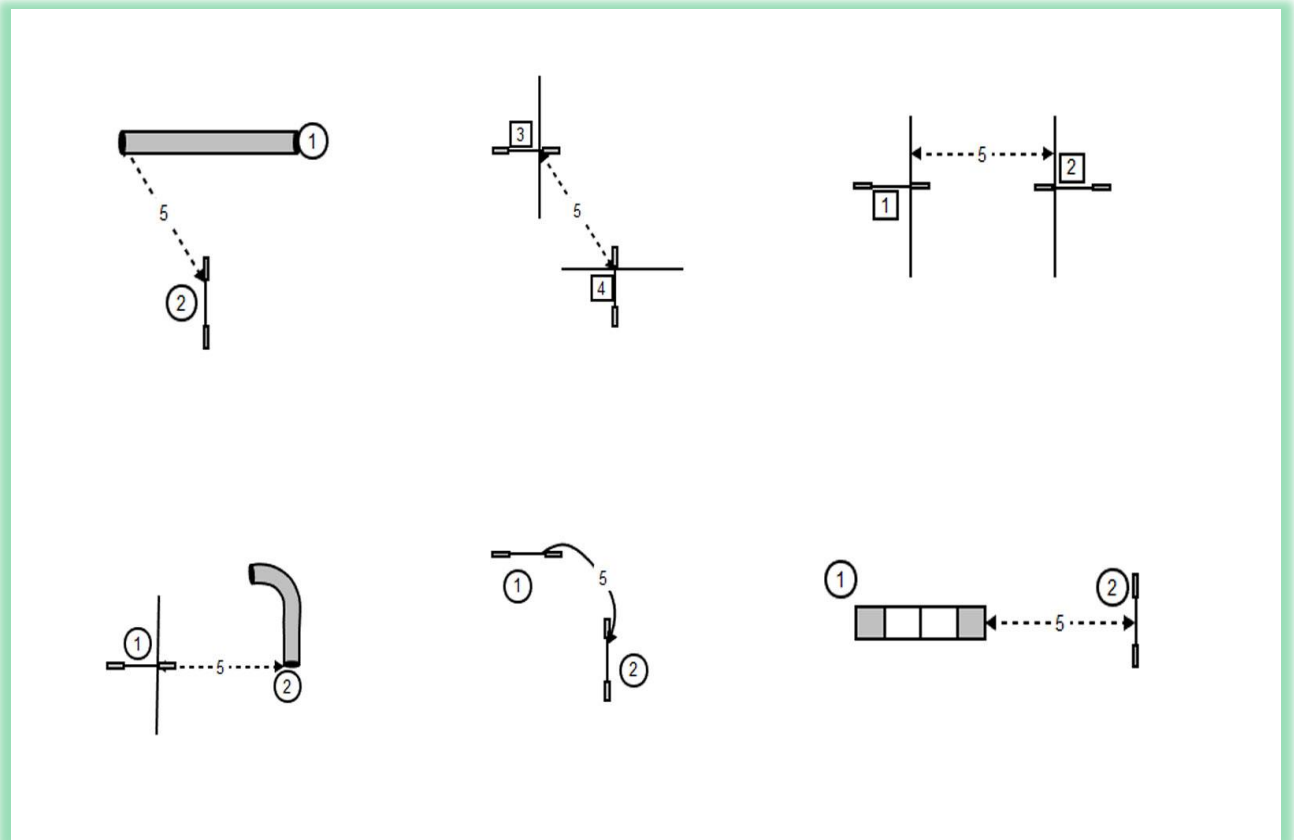
### Minimum Distances between obstacles.

This change is only relevant to judges, but it is good for competitors to know also.

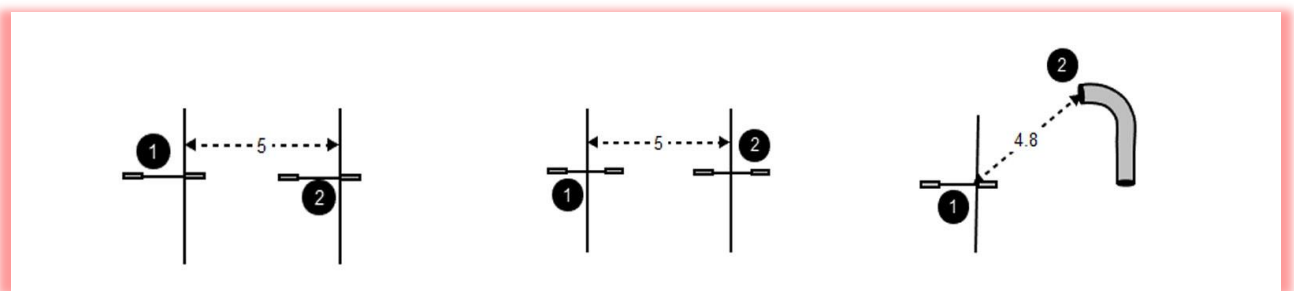
The minimum distance between any 2 obstacles is currently set at 5m.

Whilst the distance of 5m will remain, the way this is measured has changed. It will now be measured using the shortest possible distance between obstacles. Refer to the regulations for images of what this means.

#### Examples of acceptable distances:



#### Examples of prohibited distances:



Addition of Strategic Pairs as a recognised game.