

## DogsNZ Agility Standing Orders - Section 7

### Event Conventions

Over the years, several conventions have been established in agility which may not be regulated but are (effectively) common law. Most of these relate to sportsmanship and being courteous to others at competitions.

#### **Walking the Course**

Course walk may be split where the numbers are excessive. Handlers are required to walk the course in their split or at the time set aside for course walk. Under no circumstances may a handler walk a course after the class they are competing in has commenced running. "Class" is deemed to be that part of the competition the handler is entered in and could mean the height class if the overall class is split by height.

#### **Running Orders**

Running orders are randomised and handlers should make every effort to run when it is their turn to do so. It is acceptable to alter the running order for a dog when the handler experiences a clash with another ring or when the handler has multiple dogs in the same class and they are drawn too close together. In the latter case, the order in which the handler's dogs run in relation to each other must be maintained. The handler may not elect to change which one of their dogs runs before the other.

Moving a dog in the running order when there is no clash for the handler is not acceptable except in exceptional circumstances with the permission of the Show Manager.

#### **Scribesheets**

There are several methods for preparing scribe sheets prior to a run. Some involve a two-pad system where the number of the next dog to run is recorded in advance. Whenever someone has taken your number earlier, it is a good idea to ensure that the scribe has the correct sheet by calling your number prior to starting. It is the handler's responsibility to ensure the scribe has the correct number.

The club should ensure that all workers involved in handling scribesheets are properly trained in the performance of these tasks. The ring manager should check in with their ring staff during the class to check they are happy and confident and that the system is working well. Having results recorded against the incorrect number is an error which is extremely hard to sort out so all steps should be taken to ensure the scribesheet detail is correct. A two-pad system is recommended as having less risk of having mistakes made than a multi-pad system. Recording numbers in advance beyond one running and one waiting is not recommended.

### **Levies**

Levies are payable on all Championship and Open agility events. This includes AD and ADX even when they are run in conjunction with a Ribbon Trial.

### **AD and ADX Trials**

The Agility Committee delegates the authority to run these trials to the club which have had them approved on the calendar. Club secretaries are responsible for arranging, signing and issuing the AD/ADX clear round certificates and for the provision of any Top Qualifier sashes which might be awarded.

All entry money collected for the running of AD and ADX trials is retained by the club running the trial except for the levy paid to the Agility Committee. The cost of entry for AD and ADX is set annually by the Agility Committee.

The current cost to enter (2020) is \$5 per run

The course to be run is selected at random from the set of AD (or ADX) courses by the judge. Where there are unique issues and some of the courses are not suitable, the selection of the course can be made based on these restrictions.