

DogsNZ Agility Standing Orders - Section 8

National Events Calendar

The Agility Calendar is set 5 years in advance by the NZKC Agility Committee (or a sub-committee of its members). Club committees must confirm all their dates and classes for Championship, Open Events and Ribbon Trials. Any deviation in the number or type of classes offered requires AC approval.

AD and ADX Trial dates will be allocated by the Agility Committee and may vary from year to year due to differences between number of trials available and number of Clubs per Zone.

A draft is produced, and clubs may make submissions by contacting the Agility Committee Calendar responsible members for their island.

A final draft of the calendar is available **by the end of August each year** with any updates for the following year.

Number of jumpers and agility events

The intention is to maintain a balance of jumpers and agility between clubs and between zones as well as nationwide. When clubs apply with changes to their events, the Agility committee will consider the balance of Jumpers, Agility and games classes to help ensure a balance.

Agility Calendar

The following procedures will be adopted when drafting or updating the 5 year calendar. The Agility Committee reserves the right to make changes to these procedures if circumstances require it.

- Any date currently held by a club for any event (ribbon or champ) will be held for all future agility calendars where possible. Dates will generally roll over to the corresponding week each year.
- Any club which wishes to add an event on a date already held by another club will only have the new date approved if:
 - a) Both clubs discuss and agree to the change in writing
 - b) If the new event is to be held in a location where it is unlikely to impact on the other club holding the date (eg in another island, at the opposite end of the island or the show is a ribbon trial more than 300km away from the other show on the same date.
- Clubs wishing to relinquish existing dates must inform the Agility Committee calendar responsible team by the deadline set when the draft calendar is distributed.
- Free dates and relinquished dates will be available for clubs to apply for.
- Clubs must apply if they wish to take up a free date within a timeframe set by the Agility Committee
- If more than one club applies to take a free date in the same region, the Agility Committee will make the decision which of the applications is successful and this decision will be final.
- Where clubs are unsuccessful in their application they may be offered alternative free dates on a first option basis should they arise. The club will be given a 2 week deadline to accept new free dates once offered to them.

- AD and ADX Advanced allocations will be made by the Agility Committee to ensure the dates are spread throughout the calendar year. These will be distributed annually and must be re-applied for each year.
- Any clubs whose dates are susceptible to outside influences (eg movable festivals etc) will be accommodated as far as possible in the 5 year calendar and other club's dates may be moved in any one year to allow this. A list of these movable show dates are listed at the bottom of this document.

Events

Where clubs wish to change the type and number of classes within their approved events they must apply to the Agility Committee for permission.

Policy on Special Dates

Some clubs are given special consideration when allocating dates each year. These are detailed below:

1. Queen's Birthday Weekend – Nelson and Gisborne Clubs will be allocated the weekend that this falls on each year.
2. National Dog Show – As agility is no longer held at the Nationals, this weekend no longer influences any club dates. Approval for Agility to be able to allocate the National Dog Show date to clubs to run agility events was made at the EC meeting in November 2020 and is recorded in these minutes.
3. NZDAC – The weekend when NZDAC is held is not to be allocated to any other agility event or ribbon trial without the express permission of the Agility Committee.
4. Annual Conference of delegates weekend. NO championship events are to be held on this weekend.