



# AGILITY COMMITTEE

## POLICY & PROCEDURE

### - Calendar

**Agility procedure and policy not otherwise documented in NZKC Agility Regulations  
or Show Regulations**

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## **Introduction**

This Policy and Procedure handbook has been created to provide NZ Agility clubs, competitors and personnel, with information related to Agility matters.

It is the intention that all matters not otherwise provided for in AGILITY Regulations or other NZKC rules/regulations be provided for in this handbook.

## **Compliance**

These policies and procedures have been developed over the years as a result of the experience of many people and clubs, and have been determined to be the best practice available at the time. They will be improved and updated from time to time.

With this in mind, it is the intention that all clubs and individuals comply with the policies and procedures outlined.

Deviation from these policies and procedures is not advisable. If any person/group think the policy or procedure is inappropriate or needs to be changed/updated they must consult the Agility Committee first.

## **NZKC Agility Committee Contacts**

For any further information, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Agility Committee.

Details can be found on **[www.dogagility.org.nz](http://www.dogagility.org.nz)**

# National Agility Calendar

## Policy.

The Agility Calendar is set annually by the NZKC Agility Committee (or a sub-committee of its members).

## Procedure.

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 NZKCAC approval.

A draft calendar is produced and clubs may make submissions by contacting the NZKC Agility Committee. A final draft of the calendar is available **by the end of August each year** for the following year.

NB: The process for determining changes of dates etc. is available on the website INFORMATION FOR CLUBS

AD and ADX Advanced 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.

## **Policy**

### **Number of jumpers and agility events.**

The intention is to maintain a balance of jumpers to agility between clubs and between zones as well as nationwide.

### **Procedure.**

When clubs apply with changes to their events, the Agility committee will consider the balance of Jumpers/Agility and games classes and respond to ensure an even balance.

## Policy and procedure for allocating calendar dates

### Agility Calendar.

The following procedures will be adopted when drafting calendars from 2011. The NZKC 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. Dates will roll over to the corresponding week each year.
- Any club wishing to hold an event on a date already held by another club, will not usually be approved. However, approval may be given if:-
  - the two clubs enter discussions and agree to the change, whereupon the Agility Committee will adjust the calendar.
  - if the new event is to be held somewhere where it is probable the entries will not impact on the other club (for example in another island, at extreme ends of an island, or a ribbon trial wanting to be held on the same date as an existing champ show being held 300km away ).
- Clubs wishing to relinquish held dates must inform the Agility Committee by a deadline set by the Agility Committee when the draft calendar is distributed.
- Free dates and relinquished free dates will become available to all clubs on a date set by the Agility Committee. Clubs may then apply for these dates by another deadline set by the Agility Committee. After this deadline, any new dates applied for will be distributed to clubs. In the case of two clubs wanting to hold an event on the same date in geographic closeness, the Agility Committee will make a decision and this will be final. Where possible, clubs who are not successful in their application for a new date will be given first option on other free dates available. When this is the case, the club will be given a two week deadline from notification to accept the suggested date. After this deadline, the date will become available if not accepted by the club.
- AD and ADX Advanced allocations will be made by the Agility committee to ensure the dates are spread throughout the calendar both in time and location. AD and ADXA classes will be distributed to Clubs each year to try to ensure every Club has the opportunity to hold an AD and ADXA over a five year period. These decisions will be non-negotiable.
- Clubs whose dates are susceptible to outside influences such as movable festivals will be accommodated where possible, and other clubs' dates may be moved slightly to allow this. Clubs whose dates are changed slightly each year will be notified. A list of these movable show dates are attached as an appendix.

- A final calendar will be published after all deadlines have occurred. This calendar will then be submitted to the NZKC for approval.
- Any free dates existing on the final calendar can be applied for throughout the year by applying to the Agility Committee. Any decision regarding allocation of these free dates will be made by the Agility Committee and this decision will be final.

### **Events.**

Where clubs wish to change the classes within their 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 relate to the following dates.

1. Waitangi Weekend/Master Games – A club holding agility at the New Zealand Master Games (in the South Island) will hold this weekend. CCATS will hold Waitangi weekend on years when agility is not offered at the New Zealand Masters Games. If agility is being held at the New Zealand Master Games, CCATS will be given the last weekend in January as an alternative date. (This historic arrangement has existed since 2009 between CCATS and Masters Games organisers)
2. Easter weekend – Waimak, Wanganui, South Rangitikei and Counties held dates will move to Easter weekend each year.
3. ANZAC Day – When ANZAC Day falls on the WAG weekend, WAG may choose to have a one day event. They will be given back their two day placement for that weekend if ANZAC Day does not fall on the weekend for future years. (This is to allow for complications with their grounds and respecting ANZAC Day restrictions)
4. May– Leeston show held by MCCOC – as this show is being held in conjunction with a breed show and off site from the club, MCCOC will be given the date allocated to the breed show each year, until such time as they chose not to run with the breed show.
6. Queen’s Birthday Weekend – Nelson DTC and Gisborne will be allocated the weekend that Queens Birthday falls on each year.
7. Nationals Weekend – any club who is influenced by the placement of the National Show each year will be given first opportunity to negotiate a date as close as possible to their original date. No other events to be held on this date.
8. Labour Weekend – this date will be allocated to the NZDAC each year. No other events to be held on this date.
9. Annual Conference of delegates’ weekend – no Championship events to be held this weekend.