

Judging the Weaving Poles

There are several Agility Regulations that cover judging the weaving poles. These are:

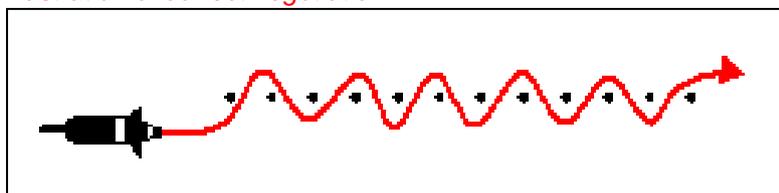
- 13.3 correct negotiation
- 13.5.4.9 refusals
- 13.6.3.8 faults
- 13.7.3 mandatory disqualification
- 13.8.1 scoring the weaves

The nature of this obstacle means that it can be difficult to convey how the regulations should be interpreted in various situations, using only the written word. The following is designed to illustrate how the regulations are to be applied in situations that will commonly arise.

1. Correct Negotiation

Correct negotiation of the weaving poles is for the dog to enter the weaving poles by passing between the first and second poles with the first weaving pole on the dog's left-hand side and then passing all subsequent poles on alternate sides thereafter.

Illustration of correct negotiation



2. Refusals

2.1 A refusal shall be assessed when either of the following criteria has been met:

- i. the dog has been presented to the weaving poles; and
ii. the dog fails to enter between the first and second pole (on either side); and
iii. any part of the dog passes an imaginary line perpendicular to the second weaving pole (on either side)

or

- i. the dog has been presented to the weaving poles; and
ii. the dog fails to enter between the first and second pole (on either side); and
iii. the dog passes between any two weaving poles other than the first and second poles or the two end poles (i.e. the two furthest from the start of the weaving poles) when the dog's initial approach to the weaving poles meant that it had at all times been past an imaginary line perpendicular to the second weaving pole (on either side)

Illustration of 2.1 (a) – refusal incurred in these instances

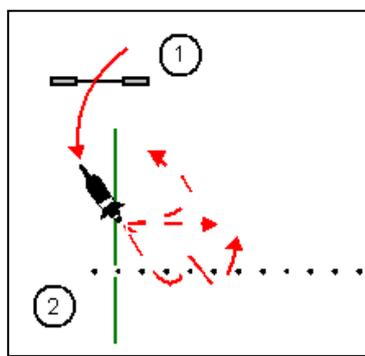
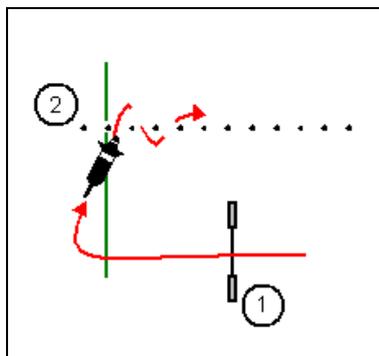
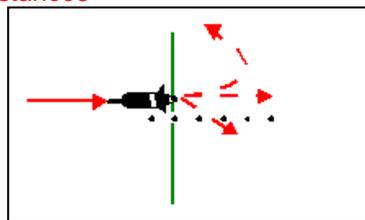
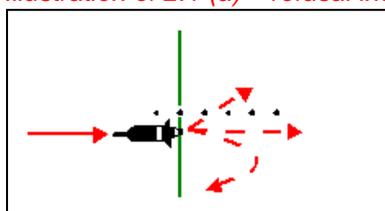
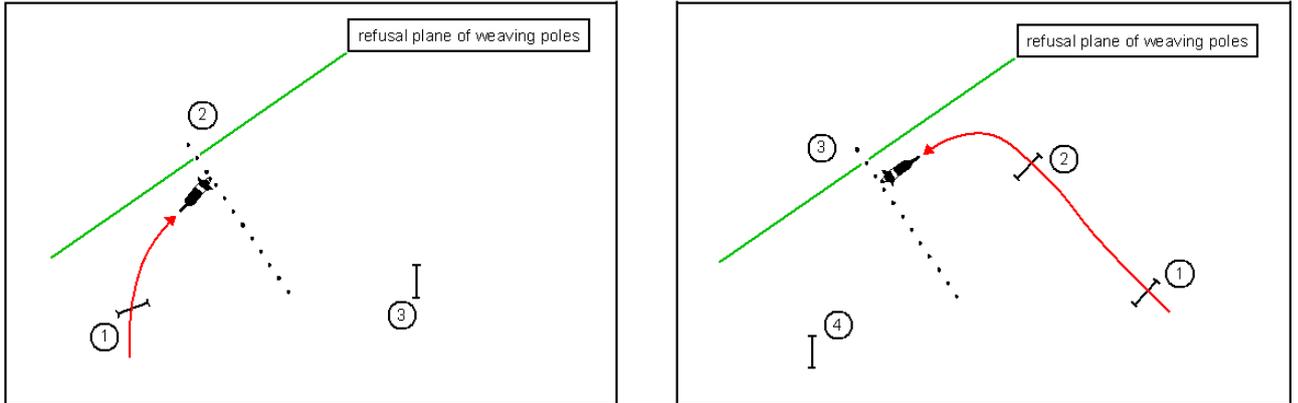
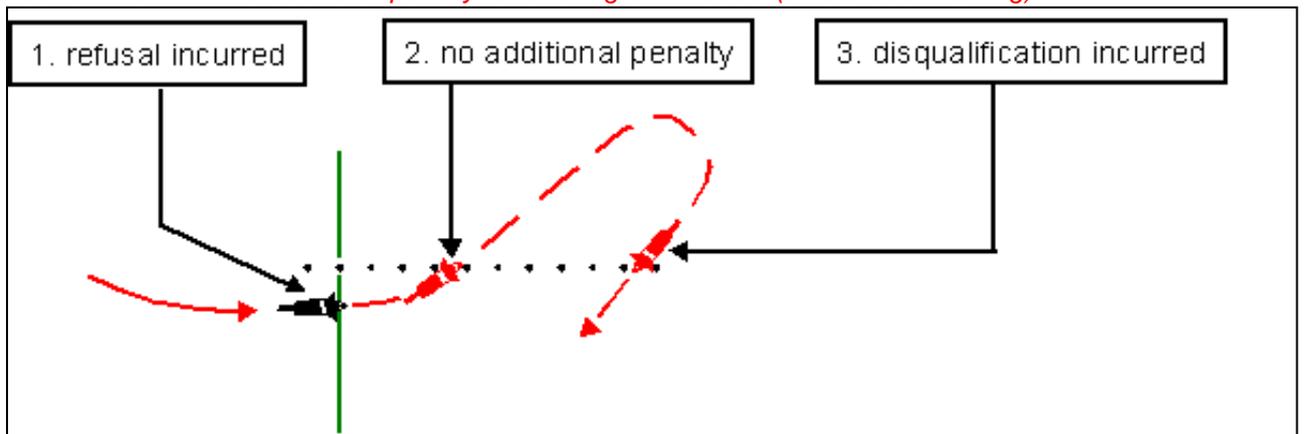


Illustration of 2.1 (b) – refusal incurred in these instances



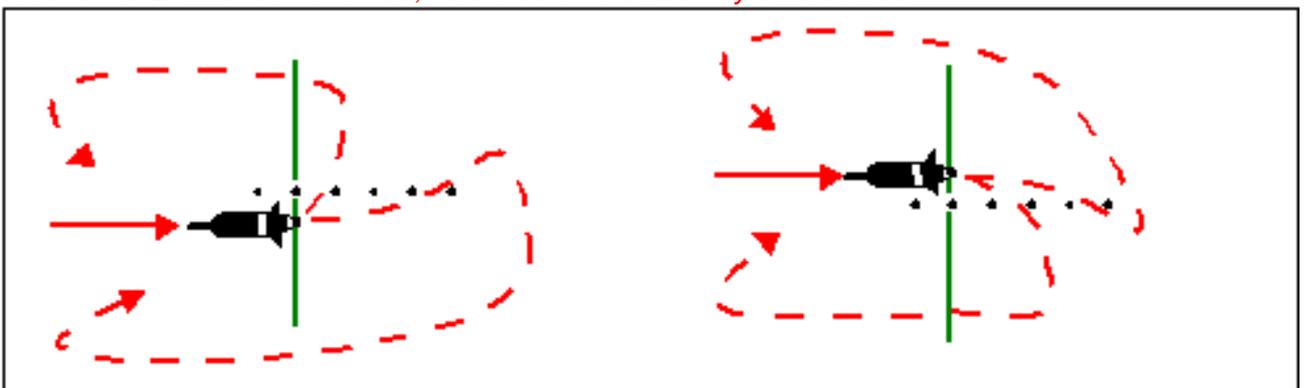
2.2 No additional penalty is assessed if, having incurred the refusal and before returning to the start of the weaving poles for the obstacle to be re-attempted, the dog proceeds to enter the weaving poles by passing between any other two poles, unless a disqualification is incurred for backweaving (as later described in section 4(a)).

Illustration of 2.2 – no additional penalty for entering after refusal (unless backweaving)



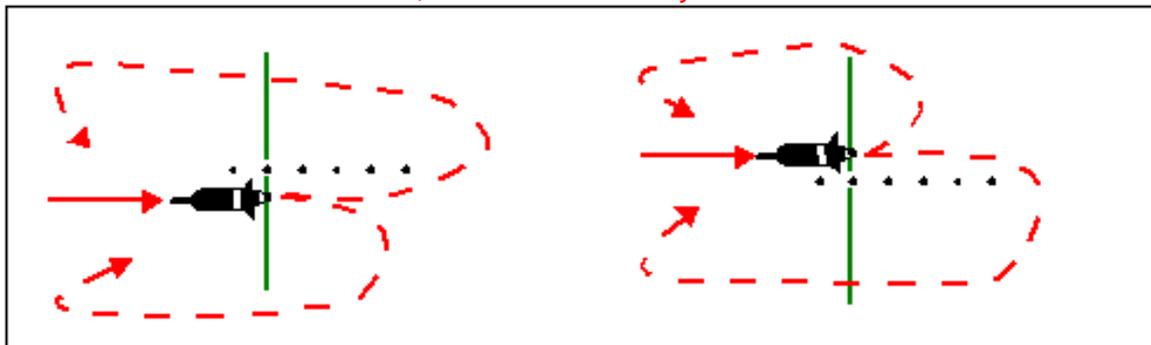
2.3 If, once having incurred a refusal and before subsequently being re-presented for a further attempt at the weaving poles, the dog enters the weaving poles, no additional refusal can then be assessed.

Illustration of 2.3 – after first refusal, no additional refusal/s may be assessed



2.4 An additional refusal is assessed if, once having incurred a refusal, the dog does not enter the weaving poles and is subsequently re-presented for a further attempt at the weaving poles, and either of the criteria described in 2.1 are again met.

Illustration of 2.4 – after first refusal, additional refusal may be assessed



2.5 After incurring a second refusal, a third refusal may be assessed if the dog again did not enter the weaving poles i.e. the provisions of 2.3 and 2.4 above apply again after the second refusal.

2.6 Refusals assessed on the weaving poles are included in the assessment of a mandatory disqualification being assessed for incurring three refusals in a round in terms of Agility Regulation 13.7.3.

3. Faults

3.1 A fault shall be assessed when

- a) the dog enters the weaving poles by passing between the first and second poles with the first weaving pole on the dog's right-hand side;
or
- b) the dog enters the weaving poles by passing between the first and second poles with the first weaving pole on the dog's left-hand side and then fails to pass all subsequent poles on alternate sides thereafter

Illustration of 3.1 (a) – fault incurred

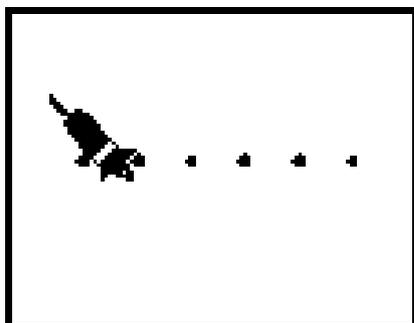
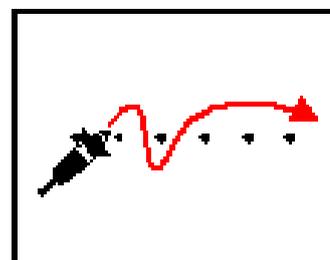
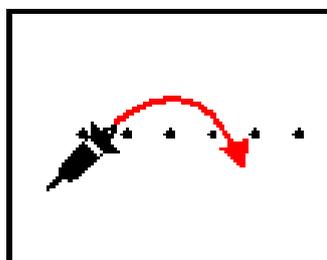
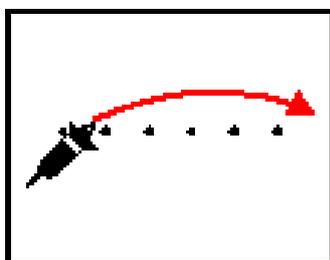
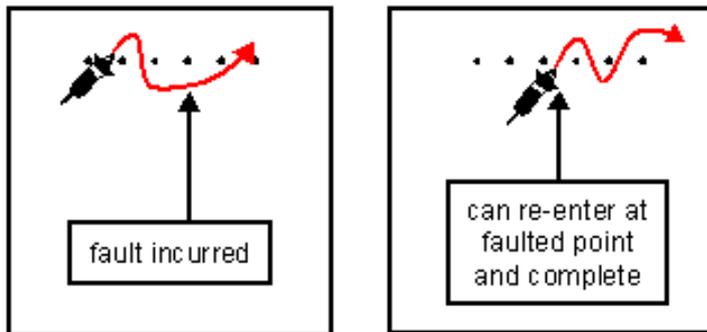


Illustration of 3.1 (b) – fault incurred



3.2 In the instance of the failure described in 3.1 (b), it is acceptable for the dog to re-enter the weaving poles at the point where the failure incurred and negotiate the remaining weaving poles so that correct negotiation as described in 1 above is completed on a cumulative basis.

Illustration of 3.2 – can re-enter at faulted point



4. Disqualification

A disqualification shall be assessed when

- a) the dog negotiates or attempts to negotiate the weaving poles in the wrong direction by passing between the two end poles (i.e. the two furthest from the start of the weaving poles) on either side (backweaving);
or
- b) the dog passes between any two weaving poles when the weaving poles is not the correct obstacle to be performed at the time i.e. taking the obstacle in incorrect sequence;
or
- c) the dog fails to complete correct negotiation of the weaving poles as described in 1 above before either
 - (i) negotiating another obstacle; or
 - (ii) where the weaving poles are the final obstacle, breaking the finish beam of the electronic timer, or crossing the finish line if manual timing is being utilised.

Illustration of 4 (a) – backweaving

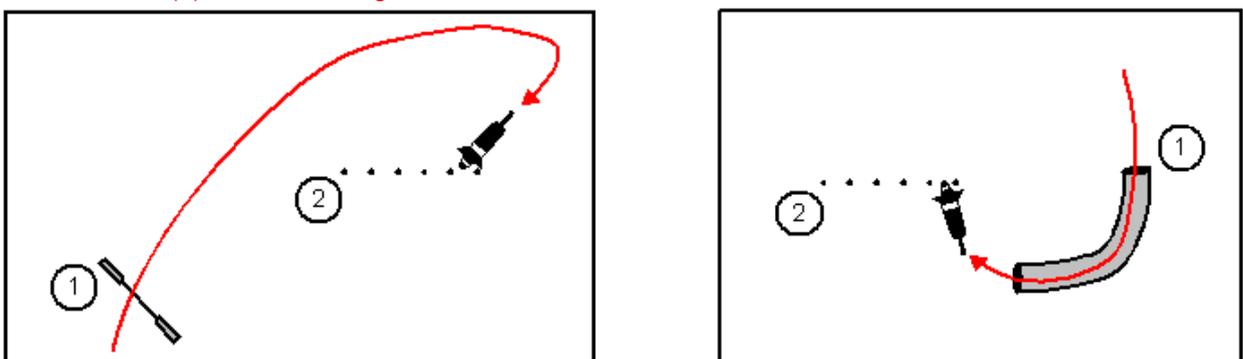


Illustration of 4 (b) – incorrect sequence (wrong course)

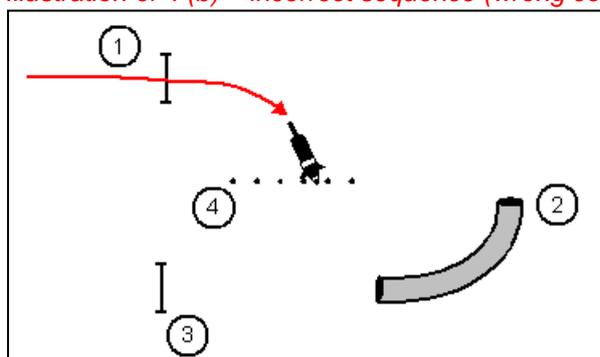


Illustration of 4 (c)(i) – not completing weaving poles before completing next obstacle

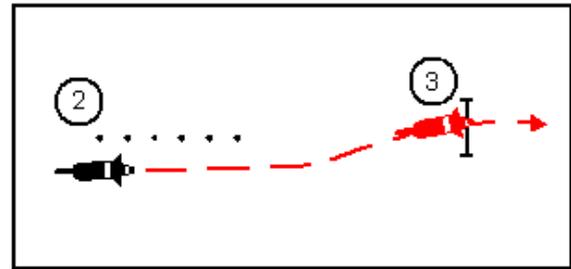
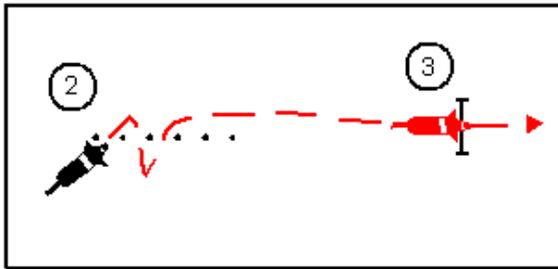
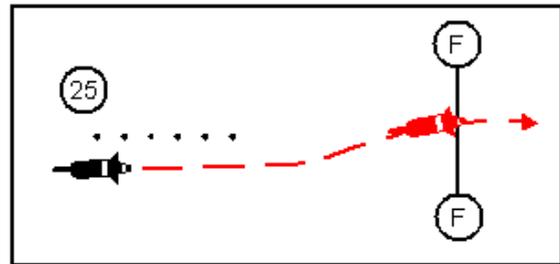
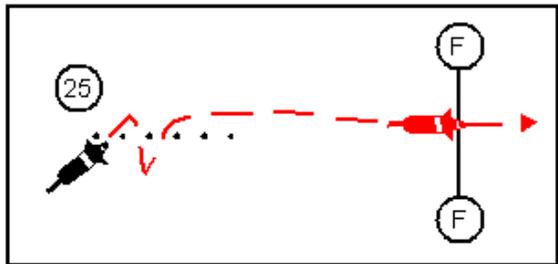


Illustration of 4 (c)(ii) – not completing weaving poles before crossing finish line



5. Penalty points incurred in classes

5.1 In Elementary A, Starters, Novice, Intermediate and Senior classes a maximum of one fault may be incurred, however additional penalty points for the handler interacting with the weaving poles may be assessed in terms of Agility Regulation 13.6.4.3

5.2 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.

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