

RE-RUNS IN AGILITY

Re-runs can be called for (by the judge only) in agility for any of the following reasons:

- Obstacle failure – (causing fault or delay in the running of the round)
- Timer failure – includes failure of both timekeeper's watches and loss of time recorded due to premature resetting of the stopwatches.
- Loss of scribe sheet
- Outside interference – causing fault or delay of dog in the ring (includes another dog entering the ring)
- Any other factor which the judge deems to be outside of the control of the handler, resulting in a disadvantage being caused during the run.

The timing of the rerun is decided after discussion between the handler and the judge.

It is important that prior to the rerun, the judge fully informs the handler, the scribe and the timekeepers the reason for the rerun, what is being judged during the rerun and what the handler must do to complete the rerun.

Reruns for time only

In the event of a timer failure etc resulting in no time being recorded for the dog, the rerun will be for time only with the faults for the original round remaining valid. No course faults or refusals are to be judged during the rerun, however the course must ultimately be completed correctly.

This means that if a dog goes off course and takes No 5 then No 9, he must be brought back and correct the mistake by taking 6,7,8,9 and so on. Back jumping any hurdle on the way back to 6 will not be penalised.

A missed pole in the weave must be corrected prior to the completion of the round with subsequent obstacles retaken after the fixing of the error.

To aid the handler in deciding what is happening, the judge may signal refusals etc but the scribe will not record these.

Re-runs due to gear failure or interference

If for some reason a round is stopped (eg. dogwalk plank falls off and the obstacle needs to be retaken), the faults accumulated to the point on the course where the problem occurred remain valid. Judging commences from this point onward only (although the dog will run the entire course again). The judging of the later part of the course during the rerun will be as normal with off-courses earning disqualification. Again the obstacles prior to this point on the course must ultimately be taken in number order but an off-course which is corrected will not be grounds for elimination.

Each situation is going to be different and it is up to the judge to determine and convey the conditions for the rerun to both ring staff and the handler involved. It is advisable to attach the new scribe sheet to the old one (should there be one) for each dog and note on each what happened in the event that anything may need clarifying later.

It is not possible to regulate for every eventuality which occurs in agility and there will be times when a rerun results in a slower time than that which would have been posted in the first round – that's life – get over it!

Please note that reruns are quite different to run-offs where two or more dogs have clear rounds and identical times. A run-off is judged in its entirety as per a normal first round.

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