

Changes to Agility Regulations for implementation 1 January 2010

(A) Add additional wording to 12.3.2

12.3.2 Aframe

Length of each ramp 2.75m minimum, 2.9m maximum; Width 900mm minimum. The angle made between the ground and the incline of the ramp is to be 39 degrees. Two ramps hinged at apex, *with no gap between the ramps, which is not otherwise completely filled by the hinging mechanism or a firmly affixed insert*. Surface of ramps to be non-slip and slatted at intervals not exceeding 380mm and marked with a line 1070mm from the ground up the angle of the ramp. The area below the line *is* to be known as the "contact area". The base of the ramp must commence at ground surface. There must be no slats within 150mm of the top of the contact area. See table below for a guide to height versus ramp length to achieve the 39 degree angle required.

(B) Add additional wording to 11.4.4 AD and ADX Advanced Class Organisation

11.4.4.6 Clear Round Certificates

The organising Club shall provide the NZKC Clear Round Certificates at all AD and ADX Advanced Classes. *AD and ADX Advanced Clear Round Certificates shall be signed by the Officiating Judge and either the Show Secretary or an officer authorised by the Show Committee.*

(C) Amend 11.4.4 AD and ADX Advanced Class Organisation, to replace the words "Region" with "Zone", and to provide a definition of such.

Current

11.4.4.1 Agility Committee Approvals

The Agility Committee can approve up to six AD Classes and six ADX Advanced Classes within each Region each year except that in the calendar year in which a Region hosts a National Dog Training Assembly, up to seven AD Classes and seven ADX Advanced Classes can be approved for that Region, one of which must be at the National Dog Training Assembly. In addition, the NZKC may run an AD and/or ADX Advanced class at the National Dog Show.

Replace with

11.4.4.1 Agility Committee Approvals

The Agility Committee can approve up to six AD Classes and six ADX Advanced Classes within each Zone (which for the purpose of this clause shall be the areas defined in Agility Regulation 9.1.2.1) in each year except that in the calendar year in which a Zone hosts a National Dog Training Assembly, up to seven AD Classes and seven ADX Advanced Classes can be approved for that Zone, one of which must be at the National Dog Training Assembly. In addition, the NZKC may run an AD and/or ADX Advanced class at the National Dog Show.

(D) Add additional wording to 4.1

4.1. Clubs may group together to form regional groups. *A regional group may or may not reflect an area defined in Agility Regulation 9.1.2.1, but in the event that it does, the regional group should be referred to as a Zone and the appropriate Zone number.*

(E) Amend Section 9 National Dog Training Assembly

Throughout Section 9, wherever

- the word "Region" or "region" appears, **replace** it with the word "Zone"
 - the word "Regions" appears, **replace** it with the word "Zones"
 - the word "Regional" appears, **replace** it with the word "Zone"
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(F) Remove clause 12.2.4 from section 12.2 and relocate as new clause 12.7

Current (delete)

12.2.4 Table

Surface 900mm square (Mini and Midi 760 square), Height 760mm maximum (mini and midi 380mm maximum). To be of stable construction with a non-slip surface.

New

12.7 Obstacles Approved for Use in Games classes

In addition to the obstacles outlined in Agility Regulation 16.2 the following obstacles are approved for use in Games classes:

12.7.1 Table

Surface 900mm square (Mini and Midi 760 square), Height 760mm maximum (mini and midi 380mm maximum). To be of stable construction with a non-slip surface.

(G) Amend wording of 5.4.6

Current

5.4.6 Walking the Course

Provision must be made for competitors to walk the course before the competition begins when the judge should explain features of the course such as the position to be assumed on the table and approach to the table, etc.

Replace with

5.4.6 Walking the Course

Provision must be made for competitors to walk the course before the competition begins when the judge should explain any necessary features of the course e.g. direction of negotiation for the Crossover, performance of the table in Games classes.

(H) Delete 9.2.9 (no longer relevant)

Current (delete)

9.2.9 Use of Electronic Counter

An electronic counter must be used as a guide to count 5 seconds on the table.

(I) Under 13.5 Refusals, amend wording of 13.5.4.8

Current

13.5.4.8 Table

Incorrect approach to the table as determined by the judge. At Starters level any approach allowed.

Replace with

13.5.4.8 Table

Performance of the table in Games classes is at the discretion of the Officiating Judge, who may invoke the provision of 13.5.3 General Definition of Refusal.

(J) Amend 13.8.2

Current

13.8.2 Scoring the Table

The position of the dog on the table is at the discretion of the judge. The dog must be in the correct position before counting can commence. If the dog jumps off the table or changes position, the counting is repeated until the dog is back in the correct position, instead of continuing e.g. 5,4,3-3-3,2,1, Go.

Replace with

13.8.2 Scoring the Table

Performance of the table in Games classes is at the discretion of the Officiating Judge, who may require the dog to assume a position on the table for a specified count. In this instance, the dog must be in the correct position before counting can commence. If the dog jumps off the table or changes position, the counting is repeated until the dog is back in the correct position, instead of continuing e.g. 5,4,3-3-3,2,1, Go. An electronic counter should be used as a guide for any specified count on the table.

(K) Section C Judges

Existing wording deleted and replaced unless stated as remaining the same.

7.1 – remain the same except add additional clause to 7.1 Requirements of a Judge

7.1.5 New Zealand Residency

A Judge who has been appointed to an Agility Judges Panel and subsequently becomes non-resident in New Zealand may maintain their position on the Panel, providing they continue to meet all criteria for maintaining their status on the Panel.

7.2 remain the same

7.3 replace the word “should” with the word “shall”

7.4 remain the same

7.5 Judge of Agility Fixtures

7.5.1 Agility Trainee Panel

7.5.1.1 The Agility Trainee Judge can conduct probationary appointments, under the supervision of a Senior Agility Judge, at any level with the exception of Senior and Jumpers A at a Championship Event.

7.5.2 Agility Ribbon Trial Panel

7.5.2.1 Judges listed on the Agility Ribbon Trial Panel can judge all classes at an Agility Ribbon Trial and Jumpers Ribbon Trial.

7.5.2.2 All judges on the Agility Ribbon Trial Panel must have two Mentors who they select from the Mentor Panel. The Mentor’s role is to support and give guidance to the Agility Ribbon Trial judge.

7.5.2.3 Clubs may apply to the NZKC Agility Committee for a travel subsidy to contract an Agility Ribbon Trial Judge for a fixture. Clubs apply by completing the application form and sending it to the NZKC Agility Committee for approval no later than 30 days before the fixture.

7.5.2.4 Agility Ribbon Trial Judges are not permitted to judge AD or ADX Advanced Classes.

7.5.3 Agility Panel

7.5.3.1 Judges listed on the Agility Panel may judge any class except Senior and Jumpers A at a Championship Agility Event or Championship Jumpers Event. They may also judge any class at an Open Agility Event or Agility Ribbon Trial including AD or ADX Advanced Classes.

7.5.3.2 An Agility Panel Judge is not required to use the support of the Mentor Panel. However the use of the Agility Mentor Panel is to be encouraged.

7.5.4 Senior Agility Panel

7.5.4.1 The judge of a Senior or Jumpers A class at a Championship Agility Event or Championship Jumpers Event where Agility or Jumpers Challenge Certificates are being offered for competition, shall be any judge listed on the NZKC Senior Agility Panel.

7.5.5 Games

7.5.5.1 Judges listed on the Senior Agility Panel or the Agility Panel may judge any Games Class at a Games Ribbon Trial.

7.6.1 To remain the same

7.6.2 Term of Appointment

Appointments to any Agility Judges Panels will be effective from the date set by the Executive Council upon fulfilling the requirements for promotion. The term for appointment for all panels, except Senior Agility Panel will be one year from this date. The Senior Agility Panel term will be two years from this date, subject to continued payment of the annual Judging Licence Fee.

7.6.3 Reappointments

7.6.3.1 Judging Licence fee

A judge will be reappointed to the appropriate Agility Judges Panels already held for a further year upon payment of the annual Judging Licence Fee. Initial appointees to the Agility Judges Panel shall pay a judging licence equal to the annual judging licence fee for the period concluding on 31st December of that year. Senior Agility Judges are required to pay the Judging Licence fee every year regardless of whether or not they are due for reappointment to the Senior Agility Panel.

7.6.3.2 Senior Agility Judges will be reappointed every 2 years subject to meeting the conditions outlined in Agility Regulation 7.8.5.

7.6.3.3 Any judge wishing to apply for inclusion on the Retired Judges Roll or a leave of absence for a period of up to one year can do so at any time.

7.6.3.4 Any Senior Agility Judge that has not met the minimum requirements outlined in Agility Regulation 7.8.5 can apply to the NZKC Agility Committee for special consideration to waive the minimum standard for that term.

7.6.3.5 Any Senior Agility Judge who has not met the minimum requirements to maintain status on this panel, will be advised of any requirements that need to be met before they may accept any Senior or Jumpers A contracts for Championship Agility Events or Championship Jumpers Events.

7.6.3.6 Any Senior Agility Judge who has not met the minimum standard within 6 months of being advised of the outstanding requirements by the NZKC Agility Committee will be demoted to the Agility Panel. Any subsequent request for reinstatement to the Senior Agility Panel will require satisfaction of the conditions for promotion under Agility Regulation 7.8.4.

7.6.3.7 Disciplinary Action

A judge can be removed or suspended from any judging panel by a Regional Disputes Committee as a disciplinary measure pursuant to NZKC Rules.

7.6.4 New Applications and Promotions

7.6.4.1 The NZKC Agility Committee shall periodically consider applications for new appointments to, or promotion within, the NZKC Agility Judges Panels.

7.6.4.2 Form of Application

Application is made by completing the NZKC Application Form and lodging it with the NZKC Agility Committee Secretary. All fees payable and evidence that all criteria have been met to support the claim for any promotion, must accompany the application.

7.6.4.3 Recommendations to Executive Council

7.6.4.3.1 The NZKC Agility Committee will consider each application for promotion by its merits based where applicable, on Mentor reports, and or any official communication received by the NZKC Agility Committee regarding the applicant.

7.6.4.3.2 For promotion onto the Senior Agility Panel the applicant must have demonstrated behaviour and integrity beyond reproach, both in and out of the ring.

7.6.4.3.3 Applications for new appointments and promotions that are assessed by the NZKC Agility Committee as meeting all requirements will be presented biannually to the Executive Council Meetings for recommendation that the applicant is appointed to, or promoted within, the NZKC Agility Judges Panels.

7.6.4.4 Signature of Applicant

The signature of the applicant on the Application Forms for the NZKC Agility Judges Panels will imply acceptance by the applicant of the decision of the NZKC Agility Committee and the Executive Council.

7.6.4.5 Decision Final

The decision of the NZKC Agility Committee and the Executive Council with regard to any application or promotion is final and no correspondence will be entered into. If an application is declined, the NZKC Agility Committee will give reasons in full to the applicant.

7.7 Judges Examinations

7.7.1 – 7.7.4 to remain the same

7.7.5 Date and Time of Examination

The Agility Committee shall set a date and time for the examination in February of each year. The Executive Council will appoint suitable independent members of NZKC to supervise the examinations. The locations of the examinations will be decided by the coordinator who will be appointed by the NZKC Agility Committee.

7.7.6 Permission to Sit Examination

Any person who has been approved by the NZKC Agility Committee to be appointed to the Agility Trainee Panel can sit the examination in February of each year.

7.8 Agility Judges Panel – Appointment

7.8.1 Criteria for Appointment- Agility Trainee Panel

New Applicants for the Agility Trainee Panel must have:

7.8.1.1 Agility experience – Scribing, Scoring, Ring/Event Managing and any other associated tasks associated with running an Agility Fixture.

7.8.1.2 The applicant should have been involved in Agility for at least two years prior to application.

7.8.1.3 Handling Experience – The applicant needs to have trained and handled a dog to obtain a minimum of 2 Clear Round Certificates at Intermediate classes at Championship Agility Events or Open Agility Events.

7.8.1.4 The NZKC Agility Committee has the right to waive any or all of these criteria in special cases. Request of waiver of any criteria needs to be made at time of application.

7.8.2 Criteria for Appointment – Agility Ribbon Trial Panel

For promotion to the Agility Ribbon Trial Panel the applicant must have:

7.8.2.1. Conducted a minimum of four probationary judging appointments, conducted in terms of Agility Regulation 7.8.7, and be subject to a favourable report to the NZKC Agility Committee by the Agility Senior Panel Judge who supervised each case.

7.8.2.2 Judged a minimum of 200 dogs total at Agility Fixtures.

7.8.2.3 Sat and passed the Examination set by the NZKC Agility Committee.

7.8.2.4 The approval of the NZKC Agility Committee.

7.8.2.5 If the applicant does not qualify for promotion in that year, the NZKC Agility Committee will support that applicant to help with future success for promotion.

7.8.3 Criteria for promotion – Agility Panel

For promotion to the Agility Panel the applicant must have:

7.8.3.1 A minimum of 12 months on the Agility Ribbon Trial Panel.

7.8.3.2 Forwarded to the NZKC Agility Committee reports from the applicant's mentors which portray favourable performance, or show growth and improvements during the 12 month period which conclude in a favourable result.

7.8.3.3 Judged a total of eight classes whilst on the Agility Ribbon Trial panel. Within those eight classes, there must be at least one of every level of standard Agility classes and two Jumpers classes.

7.8.3.4 Absence of any negative reports or disciplinary action relating to the applicant's behaviour in and outside of the ring. Applicants may request a waiver of this criteria, if sufficient evidence of improvement can be made to the NZKC Agility Committee.

7.8.3.5 Completed a short course or seminar that is approved by the NZKC Agility Committee, within the year of application for promotion.

7.8.3.6 The approval of the NZKC Agility Committee.

7.8.4 Criteria for promotion – Senior Agility Panel

For promotion to the Senior Agility Panel applicants must have:

7.8.4.1 A minimum of 24 Months on the Agility Panel.

7.8.4.2 Judged a total of twelve Championship Agility Event Classes, two of which must be Jumpers classes, and a further two Senior classes at Agility Ribbon Trial/Open Event Level. All of these must be in addition to any classes that were counted towards past promotions.

7.8.4.3 Absence of any negative reports or disciplinary action relating to the applicants behaviour in and outside of the ring. Applicants may request a waiver of this criteria if sufficient evidence of improvement can be made to the NZKC Agility Committee

7.8.4.4 Completed a short course or seminar that is approved by the NZKC Agility Committee within the previous two years of application for promotion.

7.8.4.5 The approval of the NZKC Agility Committee.

7.8.5 Maintaining Senior Agility Panel Status

To maintain a Senior Agility Panel status, a Senior Agility Judge must:

7.8.5.1 Renew their judging licence every year.

7.8.5.2 Show evidence within two years, prior to the application for renewal, that they have trained and/or competed with a dog in agility, or actively been involved in training other people at a club or professional level.

7.8.5.3 Have judged one full set of agility classes at any level in the previous two years prior to application for renewal.

7.8.5.4 Have attended at least one short course or seminar that is approved by the NZKC Agility Committee in the previous two years prior to application for relicensing.

7.8.5.5 Absence of any negative reports or disciplinary action relating to the applicant's behaviour in and outside of the ring. Applicants may request a waiver of this criterion, if sufficient evidence of improvement can be made to the NZKC Agility Committee.

7.8.5.6 The NZKC Agility Committee has the right to waive any or all of these criteria in special cases. Request of waiver of any criteria needs to be made at time of application.

7.8.6 Agility Mentor Panel

Senior Agility Judges who wish to apply to join the Agility Mentor Panel must:

7.8.6.1 Have spent a minimum of two years on the Senior Agility Panel.

7.8.6.2 Be currently on the Senior Agility Panel. Any Mentor who applies for a leave of absence, retires or is demoted, from the Senior Agility panel, also relinquishes their Mentor Panel status.

7.8.6.3 Demonstrate the ability to analyse courses in terms of safety, judgability and suitability for the level intended. They must be able to explain any alterations to course design in a supportive and positive manner.

7.8.6.4 Demonstrate a willingness to actively work with all Agility Judges on all Panels to provide assistance where required in all areas of the judge's responsibilities.

7.8.6.5 Behave professionally and in a manner that is expected of all judges at all times.

7.8.6.6 Be available, helpful and offer an environment that is supportive of all judges, but particularly to the judges on the Agility Ribbon Trial Panel.

7.8.6.7 Be able to teach/oversee the Judges Seminar syllabus set by the NZKC Agility Committee.

7.8.7 Probationary Judging Appointments

7.8.7.1 Permission to conduct a probationary appointment.

A probationary judging appointment may only be carried out with the consent of the Club conducting the Fixture.

7.8.7.2 Officiating Judge.

The officiating judge must be from the Agility Senior Panel and is the judge assessing the Agility Trainee Judge. The officiating judge remains in charge of the ring. As such they must remain in the ring at all times to assist the Agility Trainee Judge. The final decision on any judging matter rests with the officiating judge.

7.8.7.3 The officiating judge must send a report for every probationary class completed to the NZKC Agility Committee.

7.8.7.4 Announcement of Probationary Appointments

Where an Agility Trainee Judge is conducting a probationary appointment at a Championship Agility Event or Championship Jumpers Event, they must be listed in the schedule for the Event and the classes in which they are to conduct their probationary must also be stated.

7.9 to remain the same
