



AGILITY COMMITTEE

POLICY & PROCEDURES

Certificate of fitness

**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**

Certificate of fitness (COF).

Policy

The Agility Committee believes that the safety of the dogs is of a major concern.

Many aspects of the regulations consider the safety of the dog by providing parameters for the safe performance of obstacles (eg. methods of traverse), their handling by competitors (eg. harsh handling penalties), and event conditions (eg. the provision of assembly areas).

Safety of dogs is paramount. This includes the safe construction of agility equipment. In order to ensure equipment is safe the Agility committee introduced Certificate of Fitness inspections. Inspection of club equipment must be carried out on a regular basis to ensure safety. The idea is to create a culture of safety first with equipment. If Clubs know when their equipment will be inspected they will be better able to plan any repairs/replacements.

Procedure.

Certificate of fitness is specifically mentioned in the regulations.

The Agility committee will appoint people to be COF inspectors.

COF inspectors will work in pairs.

These people will liaise with clubs to make inspections of their equipment

A report will be produced.

Any equipment that does not meet required standards cannot be used in competition until it is fixed/replaced.

Where equipment doesn't pass COF, the club must provide a date for when the problems will be remedied.

A certificate will be issued once all equipment is certified.

All gear must be maintained to the prescribed standard at all times. All new gear must be COF'd before used in competition.

Equipment must be clearly marked if it is only to be used for training.

Clubs in the Zone holding the NZDAC will get their equipment formally COF'd that year.

Starting in 2017: Zone 1