

<b>Survey Response</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>
<p><b>Starting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most judges indicate when dogs may or may not start.</li> <li>• The penalty for starting early varies from none (sent back to start) to DQ, and may depend on the grade.</li> <li>• Judges would like a standard start procedure so that competitors understand it.</li> <li>• Judges would like to reduce the amount of time wasted at the start.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propose. The competitor must not start until indicated to by the judge. The judge must advise how they will indicate prior to judging. The penalty for starting before the judge indicates to commence is DQ.</li> <li>• Benefit Competitors and judges will have a common understanding of the start procedure and this should reduce time wasting at the start.</li> <li>• Ask competitors to comment on the proposed procedure</li> </ul>
<p><b>When to start judging refusals:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no consensus. Judges vary greatly on this. From when the handler or dog moves to when the dog does the first jump.</li> <li>• A standard that defines when refusals are judged from is required so that competitors know the standard they are being judged to.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propose that refusals are judged from when the dog moves from its start position.</li> <li>• Benefit Competitors and judges will have a common understanding of when <b>refusals</b> can be given and this should reduce time wasting at the start.</li> <li>• Ask competitors to comment on the proposal</li> </ul>
<p><b>When to start judging Disqualifications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although not asked, comments suggest there is consensus that these are judged as soon as the dog enters the ring.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NO change</li> </ul>
<p><b>When to start judging faults:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no consensus. Judges vary greatly on this. From when the handler or dog moves to when the dog does the first jump.</li> <li>• A standard that defines when faults are judged from is required so that competitors know the standard they are being judged to.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propose that faults are judged from when either <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The handler reaches the first obstacle or</li> <li>○ the dog moves from its start position.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Benefit Competitors and judges will have a common understanding of when faults can be given and this should reduce time wasting at the start.</li> <li>• Ask competitors to comment on the proposal</li> </ul>
<p><b>Going back to the dog</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A clear majority of judges do NOT fault going back to the dog where the handler has NOT reached the first obstacle</li> <li>• The majority of judges would like to fault going back to the dog where the handler has reached the first obstacle</li> <li>• The majority of judges do not think touching the dog is the issue, rather it is the going back to the dog and the resulting time wasted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propose that a competitor that leads out past the may return to the dog. However they may not lead out further than the first hurdle on the second start. The penalty for doing so is DQ.</li> <li>• Benefit To reduce time wasting at the start.</li> <li>• Ask competitors to comment on the proposal</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Should judges tell competitors where they may start from within the ring?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A slim majority in favour of this in general.</li> <li>• Many do NOT like the slingshot start because they think the dog has gone past first obstacle. This reasoning is in conflict with the fact that most won't normally start judging refusals until the dog is set and starts to move, or the handler leaves the dogs etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No clear direction. On either issue.</li> <li>• Ask competitors to comment on this issue</li> </ul>
<p><b>Discarding the lead.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't care where the lead is left, in or out of the ring.</li> <li>• The lead should be left behind the dog.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NO change required</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dog leaving the assembly Area off lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judges must watch the next dogs and cannot police this. Therefore No Penalty</li> <li>• No one else could police it either.</li> <li>• Education of handlers is the only option.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate competitors</li> <li>• Educate clubs n the need for lead runners re reg 5.4.7</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Up contacts – are these a safety issue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The majority of judges do NOT think this is a safety issue.</li> <li>• Only a few (5) more judges thought safety would be compromised if we stopped judging up contacts.</li> <li>• The angle of approach is the main safety issue.</li> <li>• The proposed reg. is not desirable</li> <li>• Regulating the angle of approach to all contacts would improve safety</li> <li>• Removing judging the up contact on the A-frame only is more acceptable.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judges prefer the status quo.</li> <li>• Ask competitors to comment on this issue</li> </ul>
<p><b>Should handlers be prevented from stepping over the contact ramps?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A very slim majority agreed</li> <li>• Judges must watch the dog and cannot consistently judge this.</li> <li>• It is a safety issue for the handlers</li> <li>• It is such a minor thing and should not be judged</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judges prefer the status quo (just).</li> <li>• Is the safety issue real?</li> <li>• Educate judges re course design</li> <li>• Ask competitors to comment on this issue</li> </ul>
<p><b>Stepping over the collapsible tunnel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A very slim majority agreed</li> <li>• Not when the dog is in the tunnel</li> <li>• Judges must watch the dog and cannot consistently judge this.</li> <li>• It is a safety issue for the handlers</li> <li>• It is such a minor thing and should not be judged</li> <li>• Some judges seem confused as whether this is a fault or a DQ</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judges prefer the status quo (just).</li> <li>• Is the safety issue real?</li> <li>• Educate judges re course design</li> <li>• Ask competitors to comment on this issue</li> </ul>
<p><b>Asking the dog to jump around the back of a hurdle should only be done on a wing jump</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A very slim majority agreed, although the undecided people did so because many clubs don't have wing jumps.</li> <li>• Many judges said they would use wing jumps if clubs had them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask clubs if they have wing jumps</li> <li>• Make wings a standard required obstacle</li> <li>• Educate judges to use wings in this scenario</li> <li>• Educate competitors</li> </ul>