

12. APPROVED AGILITY FIXTURE OBSTACLES

12.1 General Conditions for Obstacles

12.1.1 Conform to Specifications

Agility course obstacles shall conform to the specifications laid down in these Regulations. Micro, Mini and Midi agility obstacle specifications are shown in parentheses.

12.1.2 Inspection by Judge

Obstacles must be inspected and approved by the officiating judge prior to commencement of judging.

12.1.3 Approval of Non-standard Obstacles

Any obstacles other than standard must be approved by the NZKC Agility Committee prior to use.

12.1.4 Championship Agility Club are required to have available a full set of equipment

All Clubs conducting Championship Agility Events should have available all the obstacles listed in Agility Regulations 12.2, 12.3 and 12.4 for all heights.

12.1.5 Tolerances

In all cases where regulations specify an exact measurement other than a maximum/minimum limit a toleration of 5mm either way is allowed.

12.1.6 Equipment Certificate of Fitness

The NZKC Agility Committee will organize the checking of all Agility obstacles to ensure the ongoing suitability and safety of equipment being used in training and at competitions. A Certificate of Fitness will be issued to the club detailing all of the equipment inspected. Where the report is unsatisfactory the NZKC Agility Committee will inform the Club, and request action be taken to bring the equipment up to standard within a certain time frame. The Club will not be able to use that equipment until the NZKC Agility Committee receives a satisfactory report, and issues the certificate of fitness.

12.2 Standard Obstacles

12.2.1 Hurdles

Consists of a supported bar which is displaceable upon impact. Height of bar from ground 675mm maximum. (Micro, 300mm maximum, Mini 380mm maximum, Midi 570mm maximum). Additional displaceable bars may be added underneath. Bar length 1 metre minimum. Bar weight must not exceed 450 grams per metre. To establish the maximum weight of bars longer than 1 metre, multiply the length in millimetres by 0.45.

Note: As from 1 Jan 2009, new hurdles must have a bar which has a length of 1.2m minimum and be of a diameter no less than 30mm. These bars must have stripes or bands of contrasting colour throughout their length. The uprights of new hurdles must be at least 900mm high.

12.2.2 Hoop

The hoop must be designed so that it is able to be displaced. Aperture diameter 500mm minimum – 600mm maximum, base of aperture from ground 600mm maximum (Micro 200mm, Mini 300mm maximum, Midi 500mm maximum). The thickness of the hoop must be between 65mm and 100mm.

The hoop must have bands of contrasting colour around its circumference.



Measure height from the ground to the base of the aperture – i.e. at the inside of the hoop.

12.2.3 Brush Fence

Consists of a supported bar which is displaceable upon impact. The area below the full length of the bar must comprise a material which blocks vision from one side of the other. Height of bar from ground 675mm maximum (Micro, 300mm maximum, Mini 380mm maximum, Midi 570mm maximum), Bar length 1 metre minimum. Bar weight must not exceed 450 grams per metre. To establish the maximum weight of bars longer than 1 metre, multiply the length in millimetres by 0.45.

Note: As from 1 Jan 2009, new brush fences must have a bar which has a length of 1.2m minimum and be of a diameter no less than 30mm. These bars must have stripes or bands of contrasting colour throughout their length. The uprights of new brush jumps must be at least 900mm high (micro and mini 500mm minimum, midi 750mm minimum).

12.2.4 Collapsible Tunnel/Tube

Diameter 600mm minimum, 760mm maximum, Length 3-4m. Circular, of non-rigid material construction. Tunnels must have all exposed metal parts which may be contacted by the dog padded with soft material. Any fixings or extensions from the side of the tunnel must have all apertures filled.

12.2.5 Pipe Tunnel

Diameter 600mm minimum throughout the length of the tunnel; Length 3.05m minimum. Circular, of rigid or bendable construction. Tunnels must have all exposed metal parts which may be contacted by the dog padded with soft material. Any fixings or extensions from the side of the tunnel must have all apertures filled.

12.2.6

12.2.6.1 Weaving Poles

A series of poles in a straight line, distance between one pole and the next of 600 mm (measured from centre to centre). Minimum height of poles 900mm. Note For weaving pole sets manufactured prior to 1 February 2009 the distance between poles may be measured as the distance between the outside edge of one pole and the inside edge of the next pole.

12.2.6.2 Use of Weaving Poles in classes

Elementary B: No weaving poles to be used.

Elementary A: One set of weaving poles must be used, being either 4 poles or 6 poles.

Starters and AD: One set of 12 weaving poles must be used.

Novice, Intermediate, Senior, ADX Advanced and Games: Use of weaving poles is optional. When used, a set must comprise an even number of poles, being a minimum of 6 poles and a maximum of 12 poles.

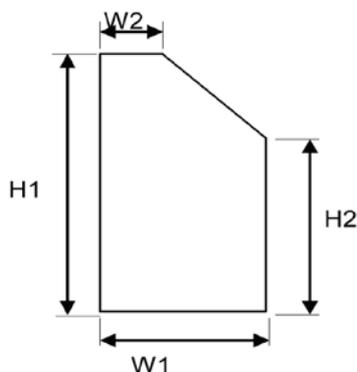
Jumpers: No weaving poles to be used.

12.2.7 Long Jump

Length 1.1m minimum, 1.6m maximum (Micro 300mm minimum, 600mm maximum Mini 600mm minimum, 800mm maximum, Midi 800mm minimum 1.1m maximum), Height from ground – 1st element to measure 100mm maximum, 2nd element 150mm maximum, 3rd element 200mm maximum, 4th element 250mm maximum and the last element to be 300mm maximum. Width 1.2m minimum. Number of elements 5 (Micro lowest 2, Mini lowest 3, Midi lowest 4). Corner poles are permitted. All Elements to be coloured similarly for all dog heights.

12.2.8 Wings

Wings are permitted to be used on any hurdles, brush fences, asymmetrical spread jumps and multiple bar ascending spread jumps. Width (W1) 600mm maximum, Height (H1) 900mm minimum, width (W2) 150mm minimum, height (H2) 600mm minimum. Exceptions to this may be approved by application to the agility committee.



12.3 Standard Obstacles Approved for Use in Novice, Intermediate and Senior Classes Only:

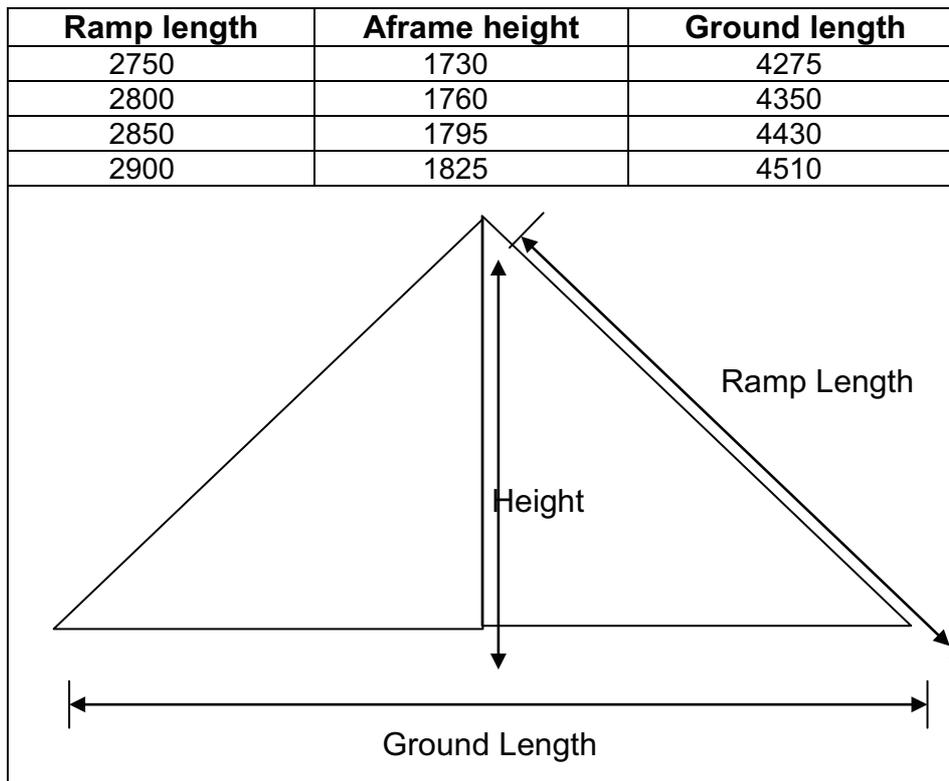
12.3.1 Dog Walk

Height 1m minimum, 1.2m maximum; Width 300mm; - length of ramps, 2.4m minimum, 3m maximum, - length of middle section 3.65m minimum, 4.3m maximum. The ramps are to have non-slip surface and slats at intervals and to be firmly fixed to top of planks. There must be no slats within 150mm at the top of the contact area. Both ramps are to be marked with a line 1m from ground, below this line to be known as the "contact area".

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 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.



12.3.3 Crossover Ramp

Height 1-1.2m; Table 750-800mm squared; Ramps 2.4-3m long, 300mm wide, non-slip surface, contact points 1m from ground. The surface of the ramps are to be slatted at intervals not exceeding 380mm. There must be no slats within 150mm of the top of the contact area.

12.3.4 Slats on dog walk, crossover and A frame: slats must be a maximum of 20mm wide and 10mm high and be fixed horizontally. Slats of rigid construction shall have no sharp edges.

12.4 Obstacles Approved for Use in Intermediate and Senior Agility Classes Only:

12.4.1 Asymmetrical Spread Jump

Consists of front and rear supported bars which are displaceable upon impact. Height of bar from ground: 570mm front bar, 675mm rear bar with 600mm between (Midi 380mm front bar, 570mm rear bar with 450mm between, Mini 300mm front bar, 380mm rear bar with 300mm between, Micro 250mm front bar, 300mm rear bar with 200mm between). The distance between the front and rear bar is taken as a horizontal measurement, not ascending the spread.

Dimensions are maximums and smaller dimensions are acceptable for both height and spread of the jump, however where smaller dimensions are used the ratio between the height of the front bar and the height of the rear bar must be maintained as close as is practical to that produced above.

Additional displacement bars may be added underneath the front and rear bars, but not solely under the rear bar.

Bar length 1 metre minimum.

Bar weight must not exceed 450 grams per metre. To establish the maximum weight of bars longer than 1 metre, multiply the length in millimetres by 0.45.

Asymmetrical spread jumps must not be situated on a corner or with a tight turn required either before or after it.

NOTE: As from 1 January 2009, new asymmetrical spread jumps must have a bar which has a length of 1.2m minimum and be of a diameter no less than 30mm. These bars must have stripes or bands of contrasting colour throughout their length. The uprights of new asymmetrical spread jumps must be at least 900mm high.

12.4.2 See-Saw

Width 300mm; Length 3.65m minimum, 4.3m maximum; Height of central bracket from ground 600mm minimum, 700mm maximum. A plank with a non-slip surface (without slats) is to be firmly mounted on a central bracket and marked with a line 1m from the ground, below this to be known as the "contact area". The time for the end of the see-saw to touch the ground must be not less than 1 second or more than 3 seconds when a 1.5kg weight is placed 300mm from the end of the ramp while it is in the up position.

12.5 Obstacles Approved by the Agility Committee for Use in Novelty Classes Only:

12.5.1 Kiwi Klimb

Plans and specifications are available from the NZKC upon application

12.6 Optional Equipment Approved for Use in Intermediate and Senior Classes

12.6.1 Wishing Well

The wishing well will consist of a box base, two uprights and a rooftop, with a displaceable hurdle bar to be placed above the box base. The base must be solid from the ground to the top. Size of the base: height and depth 535mm x 535mm maximum (midi 450mm x 450mm maximum, mini 300mm x 300mm maximum, micro 200mm x 200mm maximum). The length of the box base should be wider than the length of the uprights.

The minimum distance between the bar and the base: all four sizes 50mm. The overall length of the hurdle should be a minimum of 1000mm. Bar height from the ground 675mm maximum (midi 570mm maximum, mini 380mm maximum, micro 300mm maximum). Bar weight must not exceed 450 grams per metre. To establish the maximum weight of bars longer than 1 metre, multiply the length in millimetres by 0.45.

The gap between the bar height and the rooftop should be a minimum of 1.3 times the height of the bar from the ground.

Note: As from 1 Jan 2009, new wishing wells must have a bar which has a length of 1.2m minimum and be of a diameter no less than 30mm. These bars must have stripes or bands of contrasting colour throughout their length.

12.6.2 Multiple Bar Ascending Spread Jump

Consists of a series of supported bars, ascending in height, which are displaceable upon impact, with bars sitting on a pair of risers that span the spread (distance between front and rear bars). Height of bar from ground: 195mm front bar, 675mm rear bar with 600mm between (Midi 195mm front bar, 570mm rear bar with 450mm between, Mini 195mm front bar, 380mm rear bar with 300mm between, Micro 195mm front bar, 300mm rear bar with 200mm between). The distance between the front and rear bars is taken as a horizontal measurement, not ascending the spread. Dimensions are maximums and smaller dimensions are acceptable for both height and spread of the jump, however where smaller dimensions are used the ratio between the height of the front bar, the height of the rear bar and the distance between must be maintained as close as is practical to that produced above.

Additional displaceable bars are to be added in between the front and rear bars, evenly spaced, with a maximum of 225mm between the centres of each bar. The distance between the centres of each bar is taken as ascending the spread, not a horizontal measurement.

Bar length 1.2 metre minimum and be of a diameter no less than 30mm. Bars must have stripes or bands of contrasting colour throughout their length.

Bar weight must not exceed 450 grams per metre. To establish the maximum weight of bars, multiply the length in millimetres by 0.45.

Only the riser required for the height division being judged must be used at that time. Other risers must be removed or folded in such a manner so as to not protrude and be a potential hazard. If wings are used on the multiple bar ascending spread jump it is acceptable for risers to fold back against the wings provided they do not protrude beyond the width of the wing.