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## **1.0 GENERAL REGULATIONS**

### **1.1 Mission Statement & Objectives of UK Agility (UKA)**

*To provide agility dog competitions that are designed with all competitors in mind; enabling all dogs to achieve a level of success, while promoting high standards in competing, training and judging of agility dogs.*

UK Agility (UKA) was developed to promote the growth of agility with the thought of safety and fun for every dog. In addition, UKA encourages the advancement in training using reward based training methods. This not only helps to foster a better pet and handler connection, but also supports the atmosphere of a relaxed and friendly environment for dogs, family and spectators.

### **1.2 Dogs and Handlers Eligibility**

Any dog, whether pedigree or mixed that is healthy, trained and over 18 months of age and registered with UKA is eligible to participate in UKA competitions.

Dogs that are over 16 months of age are eligible to participate in the Nursery Class and Steeplechase Classes.

UKA prohibits puppies under the age of 6 weeks on show site grounds, but encourages those who wish to begin early socialisation with puppies who are 6 weeks and older the opportunity to do so. UKA stresses that the puppy's physical health must not be put at risk. Puppies may not be brought on show grounds for trade or sale.

Dogs ineligible to compete include dogs not registered with UKA, under 18 months of age (except 16 months and over participating in Nursery class and Steeplechase Classes), bitches in season, dogs whose aggression is uncontrolled towards people or other dogs, and dogs suffering from illness, injury, or disability that affects the dog's performance in regard to its welfare. Dogs attending shows that are not competing do not need to be entered, nor registered, however owners are solely responsible for their dogs.

All UKA events are open to any person, without discrimination, whom is registered with UKA and acknowledges and agrees to abide by all regulations set forth by UKA. However, UKA does reserve the right to refuse membership, licensing, entries or registration.

Exhibitors and/or attendees at a UK Agility event are expected to behave in a civilised and sportsmanlike manner towards other people and towards their dogs. Failure to do so may lead to disciplinary procedures. See appendix A-3.

No exhibitor, spectator and/or their children and dogs may be in an agility ring which is currently not in use and if found to be so, may be excused from the rest of the event without refund.

Parents and Guardians are solely responsible for their children's actions at all UKA events.

Any judge has the authority to dismiss a dog or handler from the ring. Any show manager has the authority to dismiss a dog or person from the show ground. All decisions from the judge or show manager are final for that event.

All dogs are entered in UKA events at their owners risk and whilst every care will be taken, UKA and or the show management will not accept responsibility for loss, damage or injury however caused to dogs, persons or property whilst at the event.

### **1.3 Registration**

All dogs and owners must be registered with UKA in order to compete in any UKA event. A registration form may be obtained from UKA, online or from one of its affiliated groups. A lifetime registration fee will apply for each dog registered, and a 5 year membership fee will apply for all owners/handlers.

Dogs will be registered by their official UKA name. No duplication of names will be allowed. The only control on a dog's proposed name by UKA will be if it is found to be offensive.

Each dog registered will receive a UKA number under which the dog's competition results will be recorded by UKA. Each registered dog will also receive a UKA record book, which will allow the handler/owner to keep track of the individual dog's scores and titles.

On registration, the dog's breed or mixed breed type must be stated for entry into the league tables.

If entering a show before receiving an official UKA number, the letters "NAF" should be written in the entry form in the space provided for the dog's registration number.

### **1.4 Club and Private Training Affiliation**

Any club, private training centre or individual may apply for affiliation with UKA. Through affiliation with UKA the club, private training centre, or individual acknowledges to uphold the standard of agility set forth by UKA. All those officially affiliated with UKA will be kept on Register, which can be accessed by the public to find out local training centres.

Through affiliation, the club, private training centre or individual may then apply to hold a sanctioned UKA event and will be given knowledge, support and assistance through the UKA home office for said event.

### **1.5 Payment of fees**

Registration and show entries are available to enter online. By clicking the 'I agree' button when registering and entering shows, you agree to pay UK Agility. If payment is not received by the specified time, the account in question will be frozen and/or deleted.

A fee will apply for all cheques returned by the bank.

Entries cannot be cancelled once the closing date has passed or the capping level is reached.

## 2.0 PROGRAMMES, LEVELS AND TITLES

UKA supports two Programmes, The Performance Programme and The Steeplechase Programme, which enable dogs to progress up the levels of the Programmes by gathering the required total of points set per level. Points are awarded on the basis of wins and class placements that are qualifying rounds. Points are also awarded for clear rounds that are not placed. No points will be received for placements with time or course faults.

A clear round or qualifying round ("Q") is obtained by accumulating no course or time faults under the standard course time (SCT).

The following table shows the placements and points awarded in the Performance and Steeplechase Programmes based upon number of entries in the class:

### Class Places and Points

Class Place	10 and below entered	11 to 100 entered	101 and above
1 <sup>st</sup>	6 points	12 points	Refer to following table
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4	8	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3	6	
4 <sup>th</sup>	2	4	
Clear Round	2	2	

### Points for classes of 101 and above

Class Placement	1st	2nd	3rd	4 <sup>th</sup>	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	Clear
Points	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2

The number of entries in a class shall be determined by the number originally entered in each class. Therefore, the ring plan for each show should be referred to for placement points. However if due to move ups and/or late entries more dogs run than on the ring plan and this changes the points schedule then the higher points will be achieved.

Both Programmes offer the opportunity for dogs to be awarded Titles once they have progressed to the highest level through either the process of collecting points or through winning classes: Champion of Agility Performance (CAP), Win Champion of Agility Performance (WCAP), Champion of Steeplechase (CSC) and Win Champion of Steeplechase (WCSC). In addition, once a dog has been awarded both a CAP and a CSC, that dog will gain the title of Overall Agility Champion (OAC). If a dog gains both the titles WCAP and WCSC, that dog will gain the title of Ultimate Win Agility Champion (UWAC).

It is the handlers/owners responsibility to notify UK Agility of their dogs achieving these awards. Once these have been confirmed with the official UK Agility results the award will be given.

Once a dog has become eligible for the next level within a Programme, that dog is no longer eligible to compete in any lower class, for life. If a competitor is found to be competing a dog at a level they are not eligible for, either above or below, then all results falsely gained will be null and void and the handler/owner will be referred to the UK Agility disciplinary committee.

Any points that advance the dog a level prior to an event must be notified to the show secretary and the competitor must move up the level. If the next level is not available at the show, the dog may remain in the entered level but must run "not for competition" (NFC). At a UKA event where the

dog is competing for more than one day and the dog completes the requirements for a level, they must move up the following day. It is the competitor's responsibility to complete a move-up and make any other necessary changes to advance to the new level. Where handlers do not know their current points and therefore not sure if they should move up the following day at a show they should remain in the lower level and compete NFC.

Any result that is disputed from the official Show Result Sheets, must be made within 6 weeks of the show where the scribe sheet will be used to clarify the result. Any dispute with the official UKA Result Sheet must be made within 3 months of the show.

## **2.1 Performance Programme**

The Performance Programme consists of agility, jumping and games classes. The Programme allows dogs to progress through the levels by gathering the required number of points in the aforementioned classes.

### **2.1a Performance Levels**

Each time the dog graduates to the next level, point collection will start over, thus, the dog will start each new level with 0 points.

**Beginners** – For dogs that are not eligible for Novice, Senior and Champion levels in the Performance Programme.

Once a dog graduates from Beginners, earning 24 points (12 being in Agility) in the Performance Programme, they can no longer enter that dog in the Beginners level in the Performance Programme for life. (The Steeplechase Programme is separate from the Performance Program.)

**Novice** – For dogs that have gained a minimum of 24 points in the Beginners classes, where 12 of those points must be obtained in agility classes.

**Senior** – For dogs that have gained a minimum of 36 points in the Novice classes, where 12 of those points must be obtained in agility classes, 6 points from jumping classes and 6 points from games classes.

**Champion** – For dogs that have gained a minimum of 48 points in the Senior classes, where 12 of those points must be obtained from agility classes, 12 points from jumping classes and 12 points from games classes.

### **2.1b Performance Titles**

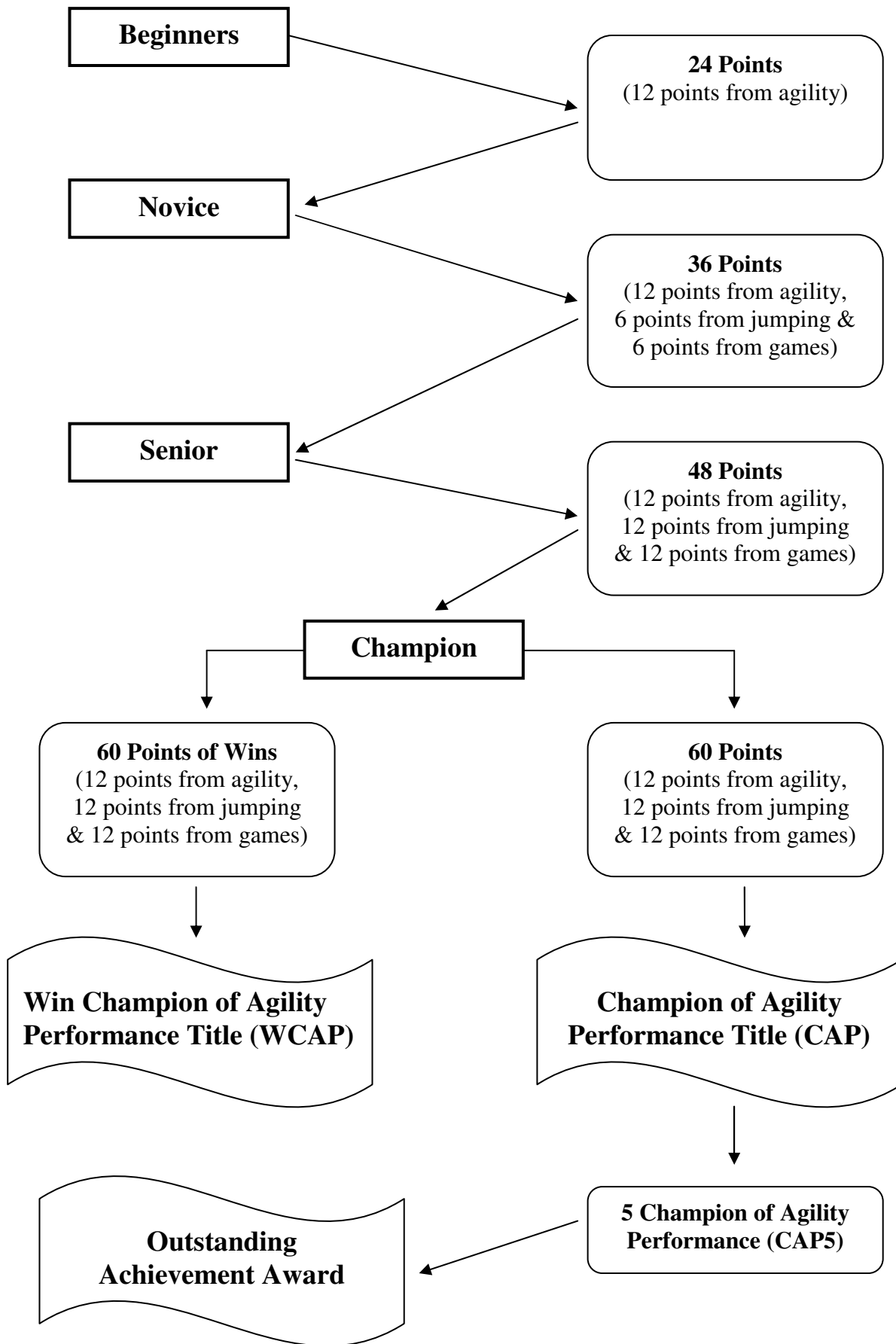
**Champion of Agility Performance (CAP)** – A dog will be awarded a CAP once a dog achieves 60 points in the Performance Champion Level, where 12 points must be obtained from agility classes, 12 points from jumping classes, and 12 points from games classes. Dogs may repeat their CAP Title by duplicating the title requirements, thus adding to their title the number of times it is repeated (i.e. CAP2).

**Win Champion of Agility Performance (WCAP)** – A dog will be awarded a WCAP once a dog gains a total of 60 points in wins in the Performance Champion Level, where 12 points of wins must be obtained from an agility class, 12 points of wins from a jumping class and 12 points of wins from a games class. Any win a dog gains will count towards both their CAP and WCAP, thus if a dog acquires the title WCAP, they also acquire the title CAP as well. Dogs may repeat their WCAP Title by duplicating the title requirements, thus adding to their title the number of times it is repeated (i.e. WCAP2).

## **2.1c Performance Awards**

Outstanding Achievement Award - Once a dog has achieved CAP5, the dog will be awarded an Outstanding Achievement Award.

# The Performance Programme



## 2.2 Steeplechase Programme

The Steeplechase Programme consists of classes made up of only jumps (not including spread or long jumps) and pipe tunnels (not including collapsible tunnel). The Programme allows dogs to move up through the levels by gathering the required number of points in each level.

Each time the dog graduates to the next level, point collection will start over, thus, the dog will start each new level with 0 points.

### 2.2a Steeplechase Levels

**SC Beginners** - For dogs that are not eligible for SC Novice, SC Senior and SC Champion levels in the Steeplechase Programme.

Once a dog graduates from Beginners, earning 24 points in the Steeplechase Programme, they can no longer enter that dog in the Beginners level in the Steeplechase Programme for life. (The Performance Programme is separate from the Steeplechase Program.)

**SC Novice** – For dogs that have gained a total of 24 points in the SC Beginners classes.

**SC Senior** – For dogs that have gained a total of 36 points in the SC Novice classes.

**SC Champion** – For dogs that have gained a total of 48 points in the SC Senior classes.

### 2.2b Steeplechase Titles

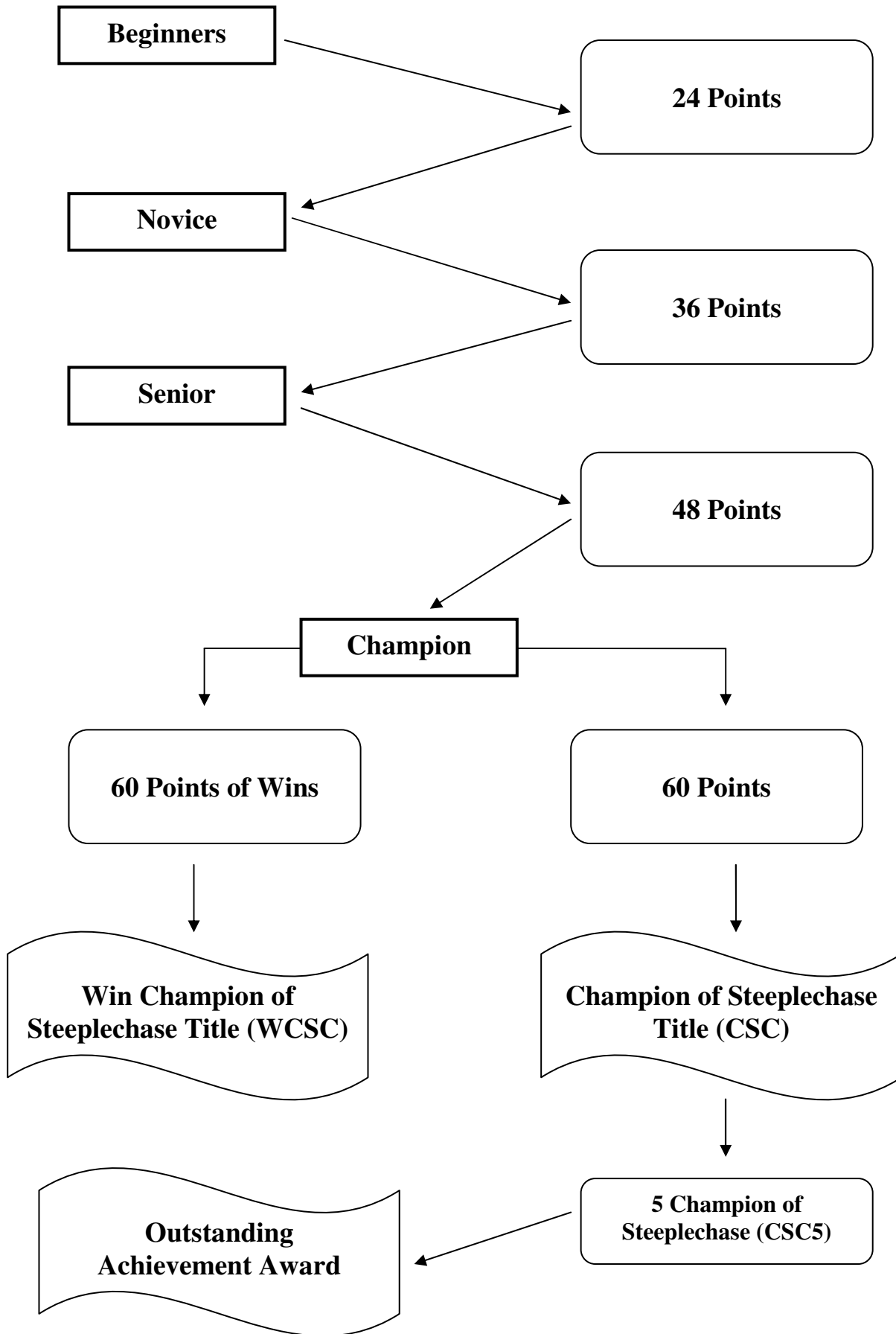
**Champion of Steeplechase (CSC)** – A dog will be awarded a CSC once a dog achieves 60 points in the SC Champion Level. Dogs may repeat their CSC by duplicating the above CSC requirements thus adding to their title the number of times it is repeated (i.e. CSC2).

**Win Champion of Steeplechase (WCSC)** – A dog will be awarded a WCSC once a dog gains 60 points of wins in the SC Champion Level. Any win a dog gains will count towards both their CSC and WCSC, thus if a dog acquires the title WCSC, they also acquire the title CSC as well. Dogs may repeat their WCSC Title by duplicating the title requirements, thus adding to their title the number of times it is repeated (i.e. WCSC2).

### 2.2c Steeplechase Awards

**Outstanding Achievement Award** - Once a dog has achieved CSC5, the dog will be awarded an *Outstanding Achievement Award*.

# The Steeplechase Programme



## 2.3 Jump Height Divisions

UKA will adhere to the following jump heights for the Performance and Steeplechase Programmes. (Dog's height is a perpendicular line from the top of the dog's withers to the ground.)

JUMP HEIGHT NAME	DOG'S HEIGHT	JUMP HEIGHT	A-FRAME HEIGHT	ASCENDING SPREAD LENGTH	LONG JUMP LENGTH	TYRE HEIGHT CENTRE
Toy	350mm (13.79") & under	300mm (11.81")	1.7m (5'7")	See Spread Table below	600mm	450mm
Midi	430mm (16.99") & under	400mm (15.75")	1.7m (5'7")	See Spread Table below	800mm	550mm
Standard	500mm (19.69") & below	550mm (21.65")	1.7m (5'7")	See Spread Table below	1100mm	700mm
Maxi	Any	650mm (25.59")	1.7m (5'7")	See Spread Table below	1300mm	800mm
Micro (Nursery & Casual only)	350mm & under	200mm (7.87")	1.6m (5'3")	Not allowed	400mm (not allowed in casual)	Not allowed

Maximum Ascending Spread Lengths (mm)				
Jump Height				
	Beginners	Novice	Senior	Champ
Toy	235	300	350	350
Midi	265	335	400	400
Standard	365	455	550	550
Maxi	435	540	650	650

Dogs can jump higher than their measured height.

A handler may choose to jump their dog at their measured jump height division in one Programme and may choose to jump their dog at a higher jump height division in the other Programme.

If a dog changes jump height within a programme then all their previous results will still stand. A dog may not jump lower than their measured height in the performance and steeplechase programme. This includes NFC runs.

A handler may also choose to jump their dog at their eligible height or higher height in any relay class, special class, or fun class; regardless of what height division they have been competing at in the Performance Programme or Steeplechase Programme.

## 2.4a Dogs Transferring from Kennel Club

All new handlers/owners that have been competing at British Kennel Club must transfer their dogs into the equivalent UK Agility level at the time of handler/owner registration. Refer to the chart below to find the corresponding level for each Programme.

The Kennel Club Levels	UKA Performance Programme	UKA Steeplechase Programme
Level 1, 2	Beginners	SC Beginners
Levels 3, 4,	Novice	SC Novice
Level 5, 6	Senior	SC Senior
Level 7	Champion	SC Champion

Once a dog is registered with UK Agility, results from other organisations do not count towards progression through the levels in UK Agility. Dogs that have no competition history with an existing member or that are under competition age at the time of handler/owner registration will start in the Beginners level.

## 2.4b Registering dogs at a later date

If the dog is already registered with UKA when owner transfer takes place, the dog will remain in its current UKA level with all UKA results kept. Once a handler is registered then results from all other organisations do not count. Therefore all new dogs registered (that have not competed at UKA) will transfer across at the level they had competed at the time of the original handler/owner registration. For example a handler registers with UK Agility on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005. Any dog they register, at that time or later, that HAD NOT competed elsewhere before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005 will start in Beginners. Any dog they register, at that time or later, that HAD competed British Kennel Club before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005 will transfer across as per the table above at the British Kennel Club level they were on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005.

Once a dog is registered with UK Agility, it can not be registered again under a different name.

## 3.0 CLASSES

### 3.1 Standard Classes

The following standard classes may not be run at a lower jump height than qualified for, even for 'not for competition' (NFC).

#### 3.1a Agility

The object of this class is to negotiate a full course of agility equipment with a minimum of 17 obstacles to a maximum of 20 obstacles.

All obstacles must be performed in order and direction defined by number. The numbers should be placed on the side of the obstacle to designate the direction the obstacle should be taken. If a number is placed in the middle of an obstacle such as a curved tunnel, the obstacle may be taken in either direction.

The class must include the dogwalk, A-frame, seesaw, and a set of weave poles and may also include a table, unless unsatisfactory conditions cause the use of any obstacle to be unsafe.

In order to receive a clear round / qualifying score (Q), the dog must run the course under standard course time (SCT) and have not been faulted.

### **3.1b Jumping**

The object of this class is to negotiate a course, without contact equipment, with a minimum of 17 obstacles and a maximum of 20 obstacles.

All obstacles must be performed in order and direction defined by number. The numbers should be placed on the side of the obstacle to designate the direction the obstacle should be taken. If a number is placed in the middle of an obstacle such as a curved tunnel, the obstacle may be taken in either direction.

The class can include all equipment with the exception of the 3 contacts and table. A set of weave poles must be included unless unsatisfactory conditions cause the use of the obstacle to be unsafe.

In order to receive a clear round / qualifying score (Q), the dog must run the course under standard course time (SCT) and have not been faulted.

### **3.1c Steeplechase**

Dogs must be at least 16 calendar months of age to compete in this class.

The object of this class is to negotiate a course made up with only jumps (excluding the tyre, spreads and long jump) and tunnels (excluding collapsible tunnels), with a minimum of 17 obstacles and a maximum of 20 obstacles. The course should be a fast and straight forward set up.

All obstacles must be performed in order and direction defined by number. The numbers should be placed on the side of the obstacle to designate the direction the obstacle should be taken. If a number is placed in the middle of an obstacle such as a curved tunnel, the obstacle may be taken in either direction.

In order to receive a clear round / qualifying score (Q), the dog must run the course under standard course time (SCT) and have not been faulted.

### **3.2 Games Classes**

UKA competitions may contain one or more of the following games. Games are designed to test the handler and dog in dealing with the different elements of course strategy, distance control, and versatility.

Qualifying rounds from the following games, will meet the necessary games' requirements to achieve Level points in the Performance Program: Gamblers, Snooker, Power & Speed, Snakes & Ladders and Time Fault & Out.

### 3.2a Gamblers

The goal of the game is to accumulate as many points as possible within the time allotted and then to make a decision and perform one of the two short closing sequences.

The Gambler's course is set up with the obstacles placed randomly throughout the ring, without specific flow. Each obstacle is worth points and is awarded to the dog if successfully completed. Points can only be awarded twice for each obstacle.

The game consists of two parts. The first is the opening period that has a designated time of 25, 30, 35 or 40 seconds. This is the time to gather as many points as possible by successfully completing obstacles before the period ends.

Points	Obstacle
1 point	Jumps
2 points	Tunnels Tyre Spread jumps Long jump
3 points	Seesaw Weave poles (6 poles) Table with down and go release by judge
4 points	A-frame
5 points	Dogwalk Weave poles (12 poles)

Obstacles that are 1 directional, e.g. See Saw, Spreads, Long jumps, Flat tunnels, will only score points when taken in the correct direction

#### General Gamblers Rules:

If an obstacle is attempted but not completed successfully (i.e. missed contact) a dog may attempt the obstacle again as many times as necessary until it is completed successfully.

The opening period ends when the whistle is blown. This also designates the beginning of the second half of the game where the time begins for the gambles. If the whistle is blown for time up while negotiating an obstacle points will be awarded.

The Gamble:

The judge will present two options (2 gambles) one of which will be of more challenge and therefore more points. It is up to the handler to choose which option to attempt (therefore Gamble).

The time allotted for the gambles shall be determined by the judge's discretion and common sense, typically between 12 to 18 seconds. Refusals will not be marked in the Gamble.

The gamble points shall be awarded if the dog completes the chosen sequence within the specified time.

Option 1 Gamble (less difficult) = 10 points

Option 2 Gamble (more difficult) = 15 points

If the judge chooses to restrict the handler's distance while directing the dog through a gamble, the sequence will be designated by a line on the ground. The dog must complete the gamble while the handler remains on the other side of the line. Numbers may also be placed in sequential order at each of the obstacles in a gamble.

The dog *will not* be given the gamble points if any of the following occur:

The dog fails to complete the sequence within the allotted time and/ or incurs faults.

The handler steps on or over the line when a distance restriction is in effect.

The dog knocks a gamble bar down in the opening period of the gamble they attempt.

If the table is used as the finished line of the gamble and the dog touches it in the opening.

A Judge may choose to have a "No Loitering rule" in Champion level only. A handler will be called for loitering if the handler does not attempt any equipment that has not already been done successfully for points, whilst waiting for the whistle to blow. In this case "No gamble" will be scored.

The dog must be awarded enough opening points to qualify in the game. To calculate the minimum required opening points multiply the opening time by 6 and drop the zero.

(ie – Opening time: 30 seconds X 6 = 180. 18 opening points needed to qualify in the opening)

There are two ways to qualify:

1. Minimum opening points must be earned in the opening and one of the gambles must be completed successfully within the allotted gamble time. For example, a minimum of 18 points must be accumulated in the opening period of a 30 second opening time, however the dog must then at least obtain the 10 point Option A gamble, thus giving a total of 28 points.

2. Or, if a dog isn't able to accumulate the required opening points, needing 5 points or less, they can make up those missing points by successfully completing the 15 point gamble. For example, a minimum of 21 points must be accumulated in the opening of a 35 second opening time. If a dog only accumulates 16 points in the opening but completes the Option 2 gamble receiving an additional 15 points, the dog will receive a qualifying round.

If a dog acquires more points than a dog that has qualified by either the above (1. or 2.) but does not make the gamble, the dog still does not qualify and therefore is not placed higher than the qualifying dog with lesser points.

If a handler were to obtain 28 points or more from the opening period of 30 seconds but fails to complete one of the two gamble options within the gamble time, the dog will not qualify.

Time is a tiebreaker only. Time ends on the table or across a finish line. Points shall determine the placement of dogs. If a dog does not stop the clock (barring timing failure) then elimination will be scored.

If there are no qualifying rounds, the placement of the dogs will be determined by points with time being the tiebreaker.

### 3.2b Snooker

The object of the game snooker is to score as many points within the maximum course time set by the judge. The scoring is similar to the game snooker. However, the judge may place the obstacles in the ring in any way.

The judge will design a course consisting of 3 or 4 red jumps and one of each of the other snooker colours. These will be scored the following way:

Red Jumps                            1 point each

Coloured Obstacles:

Yellow                                2 points

Green                                 3 points

Brown                                4 points

Blue                                  5 points

Pink                                  6 points

Black                                 7 points

Snooker consists of two sections. The opening section allows the dog and handler to collect as many points as possible by completing each red jump followed by any coloured obstacle.

The second part, the closing, requires the dog and handler to complete the coloured obstacles 2 through 7 in sequential order before course time has elapsed. Once the dog has completed the last obstacle, the handler must direct the dog to the finish line to stop the clock. If a dog does not stop the clock (barring timing failure) then elimination will be scored.

A snooker course should be run as follows:

Red jump , any coloured obstacle,

red jump (different from first red), any coloured obstacle,

red jump (different from first and second red), any coloured obstacle,

yellow 2, green 3, brown 4, blue 5, pink 6, black 7,

finish line.

#### **General Snooker rules:**

Time starts the moment the dog crosses the start line.

Course time is set per judge's discretion and usually ranges between 45 to 55 seconds. (The judge may add the specified % travel rate increase (Refer to the Travel Rates for Toy & Midi Dogs Table) for toy and midi jump heights.)

A red jump must be successfully taken in either direction, in order to be able to attempt a coloured obstacle of 2 - 7. Points are then awarded for successful completion of the obstacles.

The judge may choose to design a course with 4 red jumps but only 3 of the 4 red jumps are allowed to be completed before moving onto the second part of the game.

Each of the three red jumps may only be completed once whether successful or not (knocked bar).

Obstacles that are 1 directional, e.g. See Saw, Spreads, Long jumps, Flat tunnels, will only score points when taken in the correct direction

The judge may choose to set up a combination of obstacles to make up one coloured obstacle. The judge will designate the order of the combination but may allow the combination to be taken in any direction or flow during the first part, however the combination must be taken in the designated

direction in the second section.

A judge may set a course where three 7's could be deemed difficult to achieve. This is to be encouraged in the higher levels of the game.

### Opening Scenarios

Red jump followed by another red jump	Game over, go to finish line
Red jump faulted	go directly to another red
3 <sup>rd</sup> red jump faulted when there are 4 red jumps	go directly to 4 <sup>th</sup> red
3 <sup>rd</sup> red jump faulted when there are 3 red jumps	begin closing (2-7)
All red jumps faulted	begin closing (2-7)
Third red jump followed by yellow 2 point	repeat yellow 2 to begin closing 2-7
Faulting a coloured obstacle in the opening	no points awarded, go to next red
Coloured obstacle followed by coloured obstacle	Game over, go to finish line.
Taking a combination obstacle out of judges order	no points awarded, go to next red
Refusal of any red in opening	not faulted, attempt obstacle and if completed correctly points will be awarded.
If a dog runs past or spins in front of an obstacle	This type of refusal is not judged in snooker
Refusal of any coloured obstacle where the dog has got on to or gone in to a piece of equipment.	no points awarded, go to next red
If a jump pole is knocked on a colour obstacle on the opening but ring party can not replace	Provided the dog goes through the uprights on the next attempt to do the coloured obstacle, points will be awarded

### Closing Scenarios

Red jump taken during closing (2-7)	Game over, must go to finish line.
Any obstacle taken after black 7 on way to finish	not faulted, no additional points received
Coloured obstacle taken out of order in closing	Game over, go to finish line
Refusal of obstacles in the closing	Game over, go to finish line
Any fault of an obstacle in the closing	Game over, go to finish
Taking a combination coloured obstacle out of judges order	Game over, must go to finish

### Opening and Closing Scenarios

Whistle blown for time up while negotiating Obstacle	points awarded if completed correctly
Game Over, dog does not cross finish	Elimination
Attempting (running through uprights) of a jump from a coloured obstacle (2-7) that had been previously displaced and had not been reset.	Points will be awarded
Any obstacle taken after whistle blown on way to finish	not faulted, no additional points awarded

See Appendix A-4

### Scoring:

The winner will have collected the highest points with the fastest time.

To receive a qualifying/clear round, the dog must have collected a minimum of 37 points and must

have then crossed the finish line/jump to stop the clock.

The maximum amount of points that can be earned in the game is 51 points as shown below.

In the first section, a maximum of 24 points can be earned as follows:

red jump (1 point), black obstacle (7 points)  
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red jump (1 point), black obstacle (7 points) = 24 points.

In the second half, 27 points are earned if coloured obstacles are successfully completed sequentially before maximum course time is up, as follows:

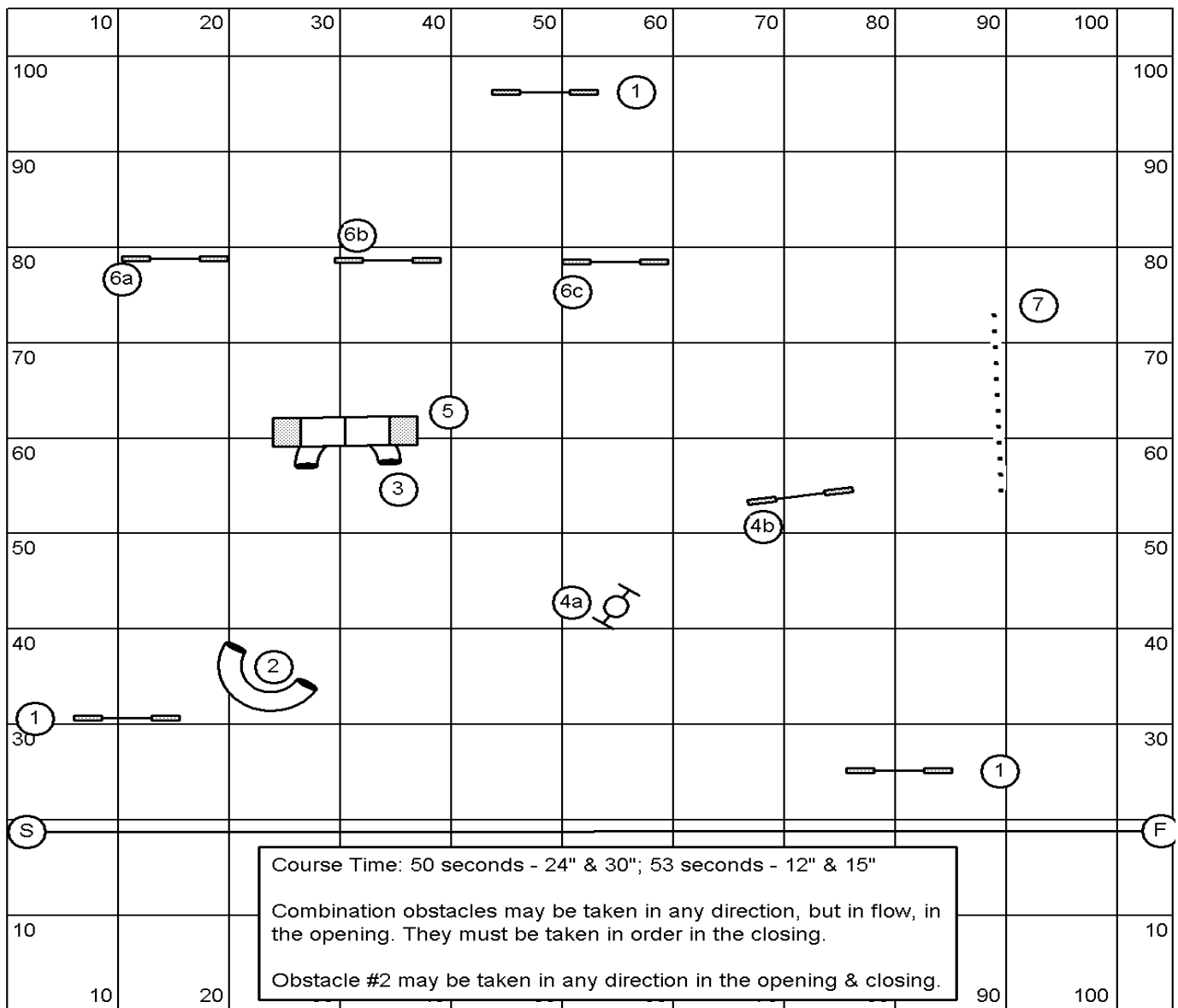
2 (yellow) + 3 (green) + 4 (brown) + 5 (blue) + 6 (pink) + 7 (black) = 27 points

See Figure 1 for an example of a snooker course. Following is an example of a plan a competitor may choose to execute on this course:

Red jump at bottom left to line of 3 jumps (6a, 6b,6c)  
Then red jump at top of page to weave poles (7)  
Then red jump at bottom right, back to weave poles (7)  
Start the closing running directly to tunnel # 2 to 3 to 4 to 5 to 6 to weave poles (7), running to finish line.

Total points collected = 50 points

**Figure 1**



### 3.2c Power & Speed

The goal of this game is to test the dog's versatility on a course designed in two parts. The first part is the power section followed by the second part, the speed section.

The power section is made up of only the three pieces of contact equipment, one maximum long jump, one maximum spread jump (refer to below table for maximum jump height spreads for each Level) and one set of 12 weave poles.

Maximum Ascending Spread Lengths (mm)				
Jump Height	Beginners	Novice	Senior	Champ
Toy	235	300	350	350
Midi	265	335	400	400
Standard	365	455	550	550
Maxi	435	540	650	650

The judge may decrease the maximum spread length due to unsatisfactory weather and ground conditions.

A standard course time (SCT) for the power section will be set through a rate of 1.5 metres per

second. Time faults will be assessed for the power section if the dog goes over the set SCT. The time will start as the dog attempts Number 1 and will stop as the dog starts the speed section. Therefore if the dog has not started the speed section within the power section course time, time faults will be incurred and the dog will not be able to run the speed section. Judge or time keeper will indicate game over by shouting "time" or by blowing a whistle.

The speed section may be made up with jumps, (excluding the tyre, spreads and long jump) and tunnels (excluding collapsible tunnels). The speed section's course time will be determined using the standard course time rate for the Steeplechase class. To qualify, the dog must be under course times, without any faults.

The dog may be handled between the power section and the speed section. Although, the dog may not be handled between the power obstacles.

If dogs are faulted on the power section, this will be marked as an elimination. The handler and dog may finish the power section, but may not continue onto the speed section.

### **3.2d Time Fault and Out**

The object of this game is to test a dog and handlers agility skills against the clock where the goal is to complete the greatest number of obstacles without accumulating any faults in the allocated time.

A course is set using the same equipment and guidelines for standard agility classes and the judge sets a maximum course time. The handler and dog must negotiate the course without faults and within the set course time. If the handler and dog complete the course before the maximum course time is up the handler and dog immediately begin the course again. A whistle will be blown when the maximum course time has been reached. The dog must cross the finish line to stop the clock.

If the dog faults any obstacle, the judge will blow the whistle, at which time the dogs run ends and must cross the finish line to stop the clock. If the dog fails to cross the finish line then an elimination will be incurred and there will be no score.

Time is a tiebreaker only. The highest number of obstacles completed successfully shall determine the placement of dogs.

To gain a clear round, the dog and handler must make it through the course set by the judge within the course time. This is determined by using the agility class travel rate for each level.

### **3.2e Snakes and Ladders**

The course will consist of 17-20 obstacles: The ladders: three contacts and a 12 pole weave, (can only be taken in the direction UP the course). The Snakes: four tunnels, of which one may be a flat tunnel, (can only be taken in the direction DOWN the course). The remaining obstacles must be made up of Jumps (can be taken from any direction)

There will be a start and finish jump to start and stop the clock and these will count towards point accumulation. The course direction is designated by the start and finish jumps which must be sited on one side of the ring only. Away from these 2 jumps is considered UP the course and towards them is designated DOWN the course. The start and finish jump may be taken in any direction.

The idea of the game is to complete all Snakes and Ladders successfully and as many jumps as possible in the allotted course time. The winner will be the person who completes successfully the most obstacles, which must include all snakes and ladders, in the fastest time. To gain a qualifying score all snakes and ladders (three contacts, weave & tunnels) must be completed successfully and

at least 6 jumps in the allotted course time. The course time is to be decided by the judge but should consider that a dog could complete all obstacles in the time set.

Each obstacle can only be completed successfully once. All obstacles can be done in any order. There will be no refusals throughout the game

The game will be deemed over (and a long whistle will sound or the judge may shout "game over")

- If a contact is taken the wrong way.
- If a tunnel is taken the wrong way.

If you fault on a contact or weave you may attempt this piece of equipment again during the game. The judge must blow a whistle (a short blow) to notify the competitor they have been faulted this does not signal the game has finished. If the piece of equipment is completed correctly on the second attempt and/or in the case of the weave the dog is placed back in to complete the weave correctly points will then be scored. If you knock a pole there will be no fault and you can carry on the game. The pole will not be re set and the jump will not be able to be taken again. If you negotiate an obstacle that has already been completed successfully you will not be faulted, you are just wasting time.

Once all equipment is taken the dog must take the finish jump. If the time runs out before all equipment is taken a whistle will blow (long blow) and the dog must take the finish jump as soon as possible. No other equipment will score after the whistle has gone unless the judge deems the dog was already taking the piece of equipment when the whistle went. Failure to take the finish jump will score the dog an elimination.

### **3.3 Qualifiers & Fun Classes**

The following classes are to be held as qualifiers and/or fun classes.

#### **3.3a UKA Agility National Finals.**

Each height division will have its own separate competition. Round 1 of the National Finals is open to any dog that gains a clear round in ANY agility class, except Casual and Nursery, at any UK Agility Show from 1<sup>st</sup> September up to and including the Tuesday of the UKA week show. (The dog must be handled by the same handler.) The top 50% of the class from Round 1 will then qualify for Round 2. If this is fewer than 25 then the top 25 will qualify for Round 2, providing they were not eliminated. A random draw will be made for Round 2. The top 15 dogs in the class from Round 2 will then qualify to run in the Final. Novice rates of travel will be used to work out the Standard course time for the 2 rounds and the Final. Round 1, Round 2, and the Final results do not count towards progression in UKA levels.

#### **3.3b Pairs**

These classes are designed to test the competitors' ability to run and work with another dog and handler. Results from these classes will not count towards UK Agility progression.

A Pairs class shall be scored on the basis of fewest faults with time as the tie breaker.

A pair is comprised of two dogs and two separate handlers.

The course will follow UK Agility rules where each team shall run either the same course, or two different courses with relatively the same difficulties designed into the sequences. If two differing courses are used within the ring, the judge shall display 2 different numbering options or designate a sequence of numbers for each handler.

The judge shall designate an area for baton exchange. The dog and handler not running the course

shall remain in this area. A baton may either remain with the handler in the exchange box or may be held by the handler running the dog. This is to be decided by the judge or by the competition rules. The baton exchange must happen within the designated exchange box. The baton must exchange hands without being dropped or thrown before the second handler and dog can move out of the exchange area to begin their course. The baton must be held for five seconds by the next handler to be considered 'exchanged'.

The dog/handler team not running may hold their dog in any sort of way just as long as such a way as not deemed abusive or harsh.

### **3.3c Team**

These classes are designed to test a competitor's abilities to run and work in a team. Results from these classes will not count towards UK Agility progression.

A Team class shall be scored on the basis of fewest faults with time as the tie breaker.

A team can be comprised of either 3 or 4 dogs with separate handlers: The team type will be stated in the competition rules and/or the schedule of the event.

The course will follow UK Agility rules where each dog/handler partnership shall run either the same course, or two different courses with relatively the same difficulties designed into the sequences. If two differing courses are used within the ring, the judge shall display 2 different numbering options or designate a sequence of numbers for each handler.

The judge shall designate an area for baton exchange. The next dog and handler of the team to run the course shall remain in this area. A baton may either remain with the handler in the exchange box or may be held by the handler running the dog. This is to be decided by the judge or by the competition rules. The baton exchange must happen within the designated exchange box. The baton must exchange hands without being dropped or thrown before the second handler and dog can move out of the exchange area to begin their course. The baton must be held for five seconds by the next handler to be considered 'exchanged'.

The next dog/handler team not running may hold their dog in any sort of way just as long as such a way as not deemed abusive or harsh.

### **3.3d Knockout**

The objective of this class is to race another dog/handler team on a course. Results from these classes will not count towards UK Agility progression. The first team to finish with the fewest faults, wins.

The course can either be:

1. A circular knockout where the dog and handlers begin at separate starting points, either running clockwise or anticlockwise which will be decided by the judge.

2. There can be two identical courses set side by side.

The course may consist of any combination of jumps, tyre, tunnels, weave poles and one piece of contact equipment. The course will follow UK Agility rules with the specific design to be decided by the judge or by the competition rules.

A pairs knockout may also be run but only on two identical courses set side by side. Pairs rules will apply.

### **3.3e UK Agility Grand Prix**

Open to all dogs in Novice, Senior and Champion Performance with a separate competition for each of the 4 jump heights. There will be a number of heats where dogs can qualify for the final. The number and venue of heats is to be announced at the start of each year. All levels will run over the same course with each level attaining its own results. The results of the levels will then be combined and the top 2 will qualify for the final. If numbers so dictate that all levels can not run in the same ring, the level(s) not in the official ring will run over the same course design which is to be approved and measured by official Heat judge. The qualifiers will be decided by calculating the dogs metre per second (MPS) over the course (course distance divided by dogs time). If there is a tie on this then there will be a run off between those dogs over the main course. If dogs have already qualified, the next placed dogs will be offered the place in the final. Any extraordinary circumstances are to be ruled by UK Agility. The Grand Prix final results will not count towards UK Agility progression.

### **3.3F Masters Series**

The aim of the Masters is to encourage more competitive running in UKA classes and improve the overall standard of agility in the UK. The Masters has been created for top level dogs and competitors whose goal is to compete at both National and International level. The Masters is also intended to attract the highest standard of judging over testing agility courses.

The UKA Masters will be open to registered UKA dogs of all heights competing in Championship classes and will be a separate competition for each height

Entry fees for each Masters will be announced at the start of each year.

There will be Prize money fund for each height for the overall places at each Masters and this will be announced at the start of each year.

The annual Masters final will be held at the UKA Grand Finals and will produce the UKA Masters Champion, a status that remains with the winning dog.

Qualification for the Masters final will be by:

- a) Winning a Jumping or an Agility heat at a Masters Class;
- b) Finishing overall in first or second place at a Masters Class (unless eliminated in 1 of the heats).

The Masters will consist of a Jumping round followed by an Agility round (heats). The combined results of these heats will determine the overall winner of that Masters. A dog winning a Masters will be awarded the letters MA after its UKA name. For each Masters win a dog achieves the number after the letter MA increases. For example, a dog winning three Masters has MA3 after its name. Dogs must have the same handler in both Jumping and Agility heats.

The Jumping heat will be a random draw and handlers must run in strict running order.

Dogs entered on the day will run first and will pay a late entry fee. If more than one dog is entered late, a draw will be made for the running order.

Judges will be invited to judge Masters by UKA, not the host Show Manager. Courses used at recent international events will be supplied to the judges but courses will not be approved.

Course design will replicate standards seen at international events with the highest Champion rate of travel used to calculate course times.

The Agility heat will run second and run in reverse order of the Jumping heat result (e.g. 1<sup>st</sup> place in Jumping will run last in Agility). In the event of a handler having two or more dogs drawn consecutively, the lowest drawn dog can be moved forward three places in the running order (e.g. if

drawn 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> the dog drawn 5<sup>th</sup> can move up to 2<sup>nd</sup>). If the handler does not wish to do this or, due to the running order draw this isn't possible, the handler will be given a two minute break between dogs (maximum). A handler will be deemed late and unable to run if they are not present to walk into the ring once the dog before has crossed the finish line.

Standard UK Agility marking will apply in both heats. 5 faults = 5 seconds which will be added to the time, encouraging handlers not to go for steady clear rounds. Time faults will be treated the same as course faults.

E.g. a dog that has a clear round in 28 seconds in the Jumping and has 5 faults in a time of 32 seconds in the Agility will have a total score of 65 and thus beat a dog that is clear in both runs but with a time of 31 seconds and 35 seconds giving them a total of 66.

An elimination = 100 faults. Dogs eliminated will also be given the course time as their time. E.g. if the course time is 50 seconds all dogs eliminated will receive a score of 150.

In the event of a tie there will be a run-off over the Agility course.

### **3.4 Special Classes**

Results from these classes will not count towards UK Agility progression.

#### **3.4a Nursery**

Dogs entered in Nursery class may only enter the Steeplechase class and not any other class on that day. Designed for the beginner handler and/or beginner dog that may need some ring experience by being offered a smooth flowing course without the seesaw, tyre, spread jump or weave poles. It allows the dog to jump any height except Maxi. The Toy jump height will jump Micro (200mm). The A-frame will be set 1.60m. Clear round rosettes are awarded, but no placements awards.

Dogs must be at least 16 months of age to enter this class.

The standard course time should be worked out by using Beginners Agility travel rates.

#### **3.4b Casual**

This class is open to all dogs that are not entered in any other class but Casual for that day. Designed for the new dog, dog recovering from injury, or older dog where the handler would like to run the dog in the competition environment. This class will award placements and clear round rosettes.

Casual classes will run both jumping and agility and shall follow the same rules as standard agility and jumping classes, however it allows the dog to jump one jump height lower than their competition height. The Toy jump height will jump at Micro (200mm). The A-frame will be set at 1.60m (5'3") and the courses will not include spread jumps, long jumps or tyres. Weave poles may or may not be included in the casual jumping class.

A handler may choose to jump their dog at a lower height than the dog is eligible for in this class, provided the handler states CRO (clear round only) on their scribe sheet and therefore will not be scored for placement in the class. Although, if that dog has a clear round, a clear round rosette will be awarded.

## **4.0 COMPETITIONS & SHOWS**

### **4.1 Holding UKA Competitions**

At any time, should circumstances so dictate the show manager, in consultation with the judges may alter the arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them must be reported to UKA and permission granted.

At every competition or show, the show manager shall provide / make provision for:

- Copy of the Schedule
- Copy of the UKA Regulations
- UKA Registration Forms
- UKA Measuring Official
- Secretary's Tent
- Score tables tents
- Well working tanoys
- Adequate toilet facilities
- Adequate exercise area for dogs
- Provisions for dog waste and its disposal
- Rubbish collection and disposal
- Adequate car parking
- Adequate camping area (when camping is offered).
- Suitable ring surface.
- Supply of drinking water
- Catering
- Electronic Timing
- Measuring Wheel
- Backup Stop Watches
- Whistles
- Equipment complying in full to UKA regulations
- Rosettes and prizes as stated in section 4.13.
- First Aider and supplies
- Adequate sign post's for show facilities
- Adequate fire fighting equipment

Scribe sheets must be kept for 3 months after the show.

In the event of cancellation of the show through circumstances beyond UKA's or show management's control, the show management may defray such expenses from the entry fees to cover the cost of the show preparation. These accounts must then be made public.

### **4.2 Entries & Schedules**

All Competition Schedules will be available for online entry.

The following items must be included on all schedules, online or paper copies:

- UKA Logo
- Announcement and date that show being held under UK Agility Regulations
- Opening and Closing date of entry
- Capping Level
- Schedule of classes and fees
- Name of training centre, individual, club

Directions to show site  
Name of show manager & secretary  
Official UKA Show Entry Form  
Disclaimer  
Statement on venue and surface  
Description of each class offered  
Jump heights  
Names of Judges and Reserves (or To Be Announced stated if judges not confirmed)

### **4.3 Capping Level**

To ensure maximum amount of runs are provided per dog, UKA shows will all have a capping level applied depending on the show space and other conditions that may affect the number of runs per dog. Unlimited capping can be stated.

All entries will be accepted from the posted opening date at one second after midnight of the specified date onwards until the limit has been reached or at the time of the closing date, whichever occurs first.

Once the capping level has been reached, all paper entries received will have their cheques destroyed. The entrants will be notified by email and phone that their entry has not been excepted. It is a UKA members responsibility to make sure their contact details are up to date on their membership page.

Entries will not be accepted before the opening date and time. If entries are received before the opening date and time, those entries will not be entered until the end of the first week of the opening date and time.

### **4.4 Running Orders**

All running orders will be randomly drawn and competitors are responsible for their own running order. If running multiple dogs, dogs must be run in the order drawn.

### **4.5 Measuring Dogs**

All registered dogs are measured for free. All dogs must be measured by a judge or approved UKA measurer to determine the dog's jump height. To receive a permanent jump height measurement, dogs must either be competing at the Maxi jump height or must be two years of age for their permanent measurement.

Dogs will be measured using official measuring devices while the dog is placed in a standing position on a flat surface such as a table. The measurement is taken from the perpendicular line from the top of the dog's withers to the flat surface.

At the time of measuring, the measurement will be recorded and sent to the UKA office.

If the dog is age two or over, the dog will only need one measurement. If there is controversy over a dog's measurement then an appointed UKA official shall re-measure the dog's height, which will be the determining measurement.

Try before you Buy dogs may be measured at the show they attend but a fee of £2 will be charged that will go towards their membership fee.

## 4.6 Judges

The show manager is responsible for inviting an individual to judge who agrees to judge in accordance with UKA rules and regulations and should have full knowledge of the same. The individual shall be of good character and uphold the highest standards of fair and unbiased adjudication.

Judges are responsible for several duties for the particular ring/class they are assigned to and are responsible for all things that happen in the ring from first course walking to close of the last class. Duties include:

- Design a fair, yet challenging course based on the level of class they are judging.
- Submit their course design to the show manager at least 3 weeks prior to the show.
- Check the course set up and inspect the equipment to ensure safety.
- Measure the course to calculate the standard course time (see Appendix A-2).
- Finalise the course before opening the course for walking.
- Instruct ring crew and stewards.
- Brief competitors and answer questions prior to commencement of competition.

A judge may only judge a maximum of 450 dogs per day, unless special permission has been granted by UKA.

The judge must fault and ensure notation on a handler's scribe sheet for any harsh or abusive handling. A judge may also dismiss any handler for such activity from the ring.

The judge may dismiss any dog and handler who the judge feels cannot adequately control a dog who is showing aggression, or who feels the dog is unfit for competition.

Judges are not permitted to judge any dog they own.

Judges are not permitted to compete at the event the day they are assigned to judge unless special permission is granted by UK Agility for example evening final judges.

The judge shall continuously watch the dog and handler whilst in the ring, regardless of elimination or NFC dogs.

The judge shall refrain from making public comment whilst judging, whether to assist or critique the handler or dog.

Judging of the course will begin once the time keeper or judge gives the competitor permission to start. Thus, if a dog refuses the first obstacle before they have started the time, the dog will still be faulted. If the competitor begins before this, they will be eliminated. However, a competitor's sporting conduct and behaviour towards their dog will be judged by the judge the entire time they are within the boundaries of the competitive ring.

Once a dog has negotiated the last piece of equipment, stopping the clock; judging of the course will cease unless the performance of this obstacle is faulted ie. Bar knocked and falling.

## 4.7 Show Committee and Stewards

All the following people are allowed to compete at the UKA show they are working at.

### Show Manager

The show manager is the official contact person for complaints and infractions. Their responsibility is the main organiser of the show. They are responsible for making all final decisions with the help of the

show secretary and/or the judge.

### **Show Secretary**

The Show Secretary is responsible for organising entries and running orders, answering entrants' questions regarding entries and all other show administration including recording incidents and sending results to UKA.

### **Ring Manager**

The Ring Manager is responsible for organising and delegating the ring stewards and helpers. They are also responsible to assist the judge in any matters. They are also responsible for making sure the course times and course lengths are recorded. Or, if computer scoring is available, they are in charge of the set up and delegating the proper use of the computer. When computers are used they are responsible for making sure the course times and course lengths are written on scribe sheet envelopes. In this case, Result Sheets and Summary Sheets will not be used.

### **Scribe/Timer**

A scribe/timer (scrimer) is required at each class. Their job is to make sure the time has reset and give the go ahead to the handler to begin once the judge has given them permission. They then must observe the judge, not the handler and dog, making any faults or points the judge signals during the performance. At the end of the run, the scrimer shall note the dog's time or NT for no time. If there is a malfunction in timing, the scrimer shall immediately notify the judge. They are also responsible for blowing the whistle when required in any of the games or if a maximum course time has been set and the handler/dog has exceeded that time. If manual timing has to be used the timer may not compete in that particular class and must be the same person for the duration of the class.

During all UKA National Events, a secondary or backup timer, using a stopwatch, will be required for each run in the case of timer malfunction.

### **Score Table Stewards**

The score table stewards should consist of one or two persons who are responsible for recording the class scores from the individual scribe sheets, which shall be handed to the score table by a ring steward. Each handler will have a record of time or no time, faults or elimination, and points (if the game requires). They shall also determine the qualifying scores and placements by filling in the Result sheets from the scribe sheets and then transferring the placements and qualifying rounds to the Summary sheets with each competitor and their dog's UKA number and hand the records to the Show Secretary for each class. If computer scoring is available, then scores shall be entered into the appropriate class folder on the computer by following the accompanied directions given. At the end of each class, the score table shall notify the show manager or show secretary that results are ready to be downloaded. In this case placements and qualifying scores do not need assigning by the score table steward.

### **Gate Stewards**

It is advisable to have 2 persons working as gate stewards who are responsible for checking in the individual dogs before their run and directing them to the queue. As the handler nears the entrance to the ring, the second gate steward confirms the dog and handler on the scribe sheet and gives the scribe sheet to the competitor who then will hand it to the timer/scribe.

### **Ring Stewards**

Ring stewards are required for the following jobs. They may also work more than one job:

Lead runner

Pole setter

Scribe Sheet Runner

Course Builder

## **4.8 Ring Layout**

The course area for outdoor venues shall be at approximately 105 feet x105 feet; 32 metres x 32 metres; 35 yards x 35 yards.

Indoor venues may be smaller, but must be appropriate for the test.

The surface should be suitable for safe running for dogs and handlers; free from rocks, trees, holes etc, and allow for obstacles to sit level where placed.

Where cement or any other hard surface occurs in the test area, a shock absorbing material (ie carpet, horse matting) must be used.

The course area shall be defined by ropes, ring tape, or fencing to prevent spectators from interfering with the dog and handler.

Shows should make the effort to provide each ring enough space for a warm up area where one jump will be placed to be used by participants getting ready to enter that particular ring. Competitors should use this area briefly to warm the dogs up for jumping and should spend no more than one minute per dog and must be ready to run when called to do so. No other obstacles are permitted in the warm up area.

#### 4.9 Course Design, Difficulties and Approval

The following table of course difficulties should be deemed as a guideline for judges to consider when designing their courses for any particular level. These guidelines also provide the handler with an idea of what they can expect at a given level.

Although these are not compulsory design rules, judges should take into consideration the level at which they are judging. To help ensure that the judge has designed a course appropriate for the level being judged, they should then evaluate whether or not the course difficulties could be increased or decreased in challenge to fulfil the higher or lower levels.

Course design should always take into consideration the safety of the dogs in respect to approach angles, weather conditions and ground conditions.

The minimum distance allowed between obstacles is 12' (3.7m). When jumps are at a 90 degree angle to each other this may be reduced to 9' (2.75m). These measurements are taken from centre to centre of the obstacles. These are the absolute minimum distances allowed however judges should try to adhere to the guidelines below.

Level	Distance between obstacles	Traps	Pull Throughs	Change of Side
Nursery	15'-21' (4.6-6.4m)	0	0	1 max
Casual	15'-21' (4.6-6.4m)	0-2 minor	0-1	0-6
Beginners	15'-21' (4.6-6.4m)	0-2 minor	0-1	1-2
Novice	15'-21' (4.6-6.4m)	1-2	1-2	2-4
Senior	12'+ (3.7m)	3+	4 max	4-6
Champion	12'+ (3.7m)	3+	4 max	4+

**Nursery** – Simple flowing course where the main challenge for the dog is to negotiate the equipment and not the course itself.

**Casual** – May encompass a variety of minor course challenges bearing in mind the course is for dogs

whom are older or that may have just recovered from injury or illness.

**Beginners** – Smooth flowing course with a couple of minor course difficulties and minor handling challenges.

**Novice** – The majority of the course should be free flowing but in a few places the handlers ability and dog's control should be challenged.

**Senior** – A typical senior course should test the handling skills of the handler and control of the dog.

**Champion** – This level should test the versatility of the dog and handler through any number of challenges and difficulties.

**Steeplechase - (All levels )** A fast and logical course set up. To distinguish between the levels, the majority of course challenges should entail changes of sides only.

Once the judge has considered the above guidelines and designed their course, they shall submit their course to the Show manager. The show manager is then responsible to submit to UK Agility all the courses for final approval. This should be done no later than 21 days before the date of the show. The purpose of the Reviewer is to ensure that courses comply with UK Agility rules and that there is a safe and sensible course design by giving suggestions to that affect. However, they may override designs or part of designs that do not meet close to the guidelines stated above. Show managers that do not supply courses will be fined £1 per course which will be donated to UK Agility's preferred charity.

#### **4.10 Obstacle Standards**

All obstacles must meet with the approval of and specifications of UKA as described in Appendix A-1.

##### **A-frame**

The dog must ascend up the ramp designated by the judge by a straight on approach, climb over the apex and climb down the descending ramp, touching with at least one paw, the contact point before completing the obstacle. The performance of the obstacle will be considered completed when all four paws touch the ground. If the dog does not touch the down contact point, a missed contact fault will be incurred. Leaving the obstacle prior to beginning decent of the down ramp shall constitute a refusal. Ascending the wrong ramp constitutes a wrong course. The refusal plane is the top line of the contact point on the ascending ramp. For the safety of the dog faults will be incurred if the dog jumps onto the ascending ramp from the side, by first crossing over this plane on the ground with any part of its body.

##### **Dogwalk**

The dog must ascend up the plank designated by the judge by a straight on approach, climb over the horizontal middle plank and climb down the descending plank, touching with at least one paw, the contact point before completing the obstacle. The performance of the obstacle will be considered completed when all four paws touch the ground. If the dog does not touch the down contact point, a missed contact fault will be incurred. Leaving the obstacle prior to down plank constitutes a refusal. Once a dog touches the down plank and then leaves before touching the contact point, it is a missed contact not a refusal. Ascending the wrong plank constitutes a wrong course. The refusal plane is the top line of the contact point on the ascending ramp. For the safety of the dog faults will be incurred if the dog jumps onto the ascending ramp from the side, by first crossing over this plane on the ground with any part of its body.

##### **Seesaw**

The dog must ascend up the plank designated by the judge by a straight on approach, cross pass the pivot point and descend the plank. The plank must touch the ground before the dog leaves the obstacle (at least one paw must remain on the plank). Leaving the obstacle without touching the descending contact point constitutes a missed contact. If the dog leaves the obstacle before the pivot point a refusal will be incurred. Leaving the obstacle on descent, with all four paws, before the plank has reached the ground, constitutes a fly-off. If the dog is deemed to leave the plank before it reaches the ground, and misses the contact, this will only constitute one fault. The refusal plane is the top line of the contact point on the ascending ramp. For the safety of the dog faults will be incurred if the dog jumps onto the ascending ramp from the side, by first crossing over this plane on the ground with any part of its body.

### **Collapsible Tunnel**

The dog must enter the rigid end of the tunnel and crawl through the fabric end. Backing out of the tunnel, exiting the entrance or jumping over the rigid portion of the tunnel shall constitute a refusal.

### **Pipe Tunnel**

The dog must enter the end of the tunnel designated by the judge and exit the other end of the tunnel. Backing out of the tunnel, exiting the entrance or jumping over the tunnel shall constitute a refusal. If the dog enters the exit of the tunnel, a wrong course will be assessed.

### **Jumps**

The dog must jump over the bar of the jump in the direction designated by the judge, without displacing any of the bars or a fault will be incurred. Jumping over the jumps wings/standards or running under the bar will constitute a refusal. Jumping the jumps from the wrong direction or running under the bar from the wrong direction will constitute a wrong course.

### **Spread Jumps**

The dog must jump over the bars of the jumps in the direction designated by the judge, without displacing any of the bars. Jumping over the jumps wings/standards, running under the bars, failure to jump the front and back obstacles as one unit will all constitute a refusal. Jumping the jump from the wrong direction or running under the bars from the wrong direction will constitute a wrong course.

### **Long Jumps**

The dog must jump over the planks of the long jump without any of the planks falling over. The dog will incur a fault if it walks on, paddles on or steps between or on the planks. Casual contact will not be faulted or if the marker poles are knocked. The dog must first cross between the front marker poles in the direction of the lowest plank, clear the span of the planks and exit between the back of the marker poles. If the dog enters and exits the jump sideways or begins the jump in the correct direction, but then exits the side of the jump, a refusal will be assessed. Jumping the obstacle from the wrong direction will constitute a wrong course. Walking between the planks with no attempt to jump will constitute a refusal.

### **Tyre Jump**

The dog must jump through the tyre in the direction designated by the judge. Jumping between the frame and the tyre or jumping over or under the tyre constitutes a refusal. Jumping through the tyre the direction not indicated constitutes a wrong course.

### **Table**

The dog must jump up onto the table and assume a lying down position. The dog is considered in a down position when all four limbs are in contact with the table in a position of rest. At that point the judge will release the dog with a verbal "Go". If the dog leaves the table before the judge releases the dog, a fault will be incurred. Running under or jumping over the table shall constitute a refusal. The refusal line for the table shall be the back plane of the table. If the dog will not assume a down

position and the dog continues onto the rest of the course, a wrong course will be incurred.

### Weave Poles

The dog must manoeuvre in and out of the line of poles entering with the first pole adjacent to the dogs left side. Each incorrect entry will be classed as a refusal but the dog will only be faulted once for a mistake during the duration of the weaves. Failure to complete the obstacle correctly before negotiating any further obstacle, constitutes a wrong course. If the dog back weaves (turning and passing a shoulder through one pole followed by the other shoulder passing another pole in the wrong direction), a wrong course will be incurred. If the dog comes out of the poles, the dog must either re-enter back into the poles exactly where they came out or must restart the weaves again.

### 4.11 Scoring

Missed contact points on seesaw, A-frame, dogwalk <i>Contact Points</i> are the bottom 3'6" of the A-frame and bottom 3' of the dogwalk and seesaw as defined by another colour than the rest of the ramp	5 faults
Fly off on seesaw	5 faults
Knocked bar from jump	5 faults
Knocked plank from long jump	5 faults
Stepping on or through long jump planks	5 faults
Jumping off table before judges release	5 faults
Refusal A refusal is a significant hesitation in front of an obstacle, turning back from an obstacle after beginning to approach it, running past an obstacle to be performed, or improperly performing an obstacle as described in obstacle performance standards. The refusal line shall be defined as crossing the line of the front plane of an obstacle except where described differently under the Obstacle Standards section above.	5 faults
Casual contact with handler that aids performance	5 faults
Failure to complete an obstacle	Elimination
Handling the dog	Elimination
Outside assistance Outside assistance is any assistance from any other person that helps a competitor gain a qualifying round or a win.	Elimination
Wrong course The dog will be assessed with running a wrong course if the dog in any way touches or jumps over an obstacle out of sequence with the course design or begins to take an obstacle in the wrong direction. Jumping over the flat end of the collapsible tunnel or running under a contact obstacle will not constitute an off course.	Elimination
Dog fouling the ring	Elimination
Dog out of control	Elimination
Dog leaving the ring out of control	Elimination
Food or training aids in the ring. Including training / bum bags 7 toys tied to leads.	Elimination
3 Refusals	Elimination
Training in the ring.	Elimination
Repeating of equipment for the purpose of training (when NFC not stated)	Elimination & Dismissal
Signs of aggression in the dog	Elimination & Dismissal
Any abusive or Harsh Handling Any abusive or harsh handling must be noted on score sheet for record keeping.	Elimination & Dismissal
Dog unfit for competition	Elimination & Dismissal

Dog wearing inappropriate collar	Elimination
Touching Equipment by handler that aids performance	Elimination
Handler going through weave poles	Elimination
Handler jumping over jumps	Elimination
Over standard course time Any fraction of a second over course time will be added to the total number of faults as that fraction of time. ie 1.49 seconds = 1.49 faults.	1 to 1 ratio
Failure to go through the uprights of a jump where the pole has already been knocked down.	Elimination
Relay (ie Pairs/Team) Elimination	100 faults
Negotiating an obstacle before permission has been granted to begin	Elimination
Refusal of 1 <sup>st</sup> obstacle	5 faults
Excessive time on start line (judges discretion)	5 faults

Judging of the dog and handler will begin as soon as the dog or handler enters the ring.

All standard course faults are marked in 5 units.

Scoring on a course shall determine the winner with the fewest faults under standard course time.

#### **4.12 Not For Competition**

A handler may choose to participate in any class they are eligible to compete in as "not for competition" (NFC). They may not run NFC in any class they are not eligible for. This must be stated in advance to the run and noted on the scribe sheet with NFC. This will allow the handler to use the standard course time to train and practice the course. In P&S a course time of 45 seconds will be allowed for NFC runs. A handlers time starts as soon as the dog starts the clock or as soon as they return to the dog on the start line.

If a handler chooses to participate in a class for NFC, he/she may use a toy or other like training device for rewarding their dog's performance.

Handlers are not allowed to run standard classes for NFC at a lower jump height than they are qualified to run at. They may only elect to do this in the Casual and Nursery Classes as CRO, (clear round only).

No food or audible training aids or audible toys will be allowed.

The judge shall not judge the dog, but shall continue to watch the handler to ensure safety, good judgement and fair treatment of the dog.

If a handler does not state NFC on the score sheet and the judge deems them to be training they will be eliminated. If they repeat a piece of equipment for the purpose of training they will then be dismissed from the ring.

#### **4.13 Prizes & Awards**

Rosettes shall clearly have the UKA logo imprinted on them.

Qualifying rosettes shall be red, white and blue or any two and must have "Clear Round" imprinted on them. Each qualifying score shall be awarded a qualifying rosette.

Placement rosettes for qualifying rounds will be awarded to the top 4 of each class. For Non qualifying rounds rosettes will be awarded for the following

- 5 or less dogs in a class – 1<sup>st</sup>
- 6-10 dogs in a class – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 11-15 dogs in a class – 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 15 or more dogs in a class – 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>

Prizes or trophies shall be provided in the following way:

- 5 or less dogs in a class – no prize
- Less than 50 dogs in a class – First Place Prize
- 50 to 100 dogs in a class – First and Second Place Prizes
- More than 100 dogs in a class – First, Second and Third Prizes

A qualifying score must be gained to be awarded a prize and numbers in class to be taken from the show's ring plan.

UKA encourages shows to provide high quality prizes or trophies.

Rosettes will be provided for the top 10% of each class. The following colours shall be used for placement rosettes:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Red	All other placements, 5 <sup>th</sup> and above, shall be clearly indicated on rosettes.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Blue	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Yellow	
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Green	

Placement rosettes for qualifying rounds should designate that points have been awarded for that class with a 'Q', while non qualifying placement rosettes will be somewhat smaller without a 'Q' written on them, thus, no points are awarded.

For all classes that do not count towards UK Agility progression Non Q placement rosettes will be awarded.

#### **4.14 Timing and Equipment Failure Procedure**

If during a competitor's run, the electronic timing fails, the timer must immediately announce "timing failure", notifying the judge of the malfunction. The competitor should continue on course until the judge stops the competitor. When the judge stops the run, the dog will then re-run for time, but will keep the faults incurred before the failure. If no faults were given and the dog faults an obstacle on the rerun before the place of failure, no faults will be given.

If at any time during a class, the electronic timing fails and cannot be replaced with another unit or fixed, manual timing will be used for the remainder of the class.

In the event that equipment breaks and cannot be replaced or fixed, the top 20 placements at the time of failure will rerun a new course. No new faults will be incurred, but new times will be given. During this time if the judge feels that the individual did not make a genuine effort to run clear in a sportsmanlike manner, it is in the judge's right to eliminate that competitor. Those who ran clear prior to the failure are still considered clear and do not need to rerun.

#### **4.15 Collars and Leads**

Dogs must not wear any type of slip or half slip lead, head collar, muzzle, harness or any collar not

described below while under judges orders. A flat, close fitting leather, nylon or other webbing collar is permitted providing the only attachment is a plain identification panel as a part of the collar but not attached by a ring, therefore no tags that hang or dangle are allowed. UK Agility encourages proper identification of each dog in case of escape or any other mishap and if running without a collar, once the run is complete, a collar with identification should be immediately placed on the dog. Stop pad protectors may be worn by a dog. Handlers that run dogs with collars and/or stop pad protectors do so at their own risk. Handlers that run dogs without identification do so at their own risk. These rules also apply to NFC dogs as well.

Leads are allowed to be placed at the end of the course either on the ground after the finish line or in a container or hook designated for leads. Leads may not be thrown at the finish by any person before the dog has crossed the finish, nor can leads be used to lure or enhance a dog's performance by anyone outside the ring, or that dog will be eliminated. Any lead left in the ring, whether on the ground or in the lead specified area, may not have any type of toy attached to it as this will be deemed as a training aid.

Electric collars are prohibited from all UK Agility show sites. Lemon Spray Collars or such devices are not permitted within 50m of a competition ring. Owners in breach of this electric and spray collar rule will be asked to leave the showground.

## **A-1 Equipment Specifications**

The following obstacles meet with the approval of UK Agility.

A 1.5cm variable on measurements except for jump height cups and weave pole distances, will be accepted. UK Agility encourages Equipment suppliers or providers to contact the UK Agility office if in doubt.

### **Jumps.**

Width of wings: 483 mm (18") minimum.

Length of poles: 1.22m (4') minimum. 1.4m maximum

Plank length: 1.22m (4) minimum.

Pole thickness: 43mm (1.75 in) minimum.

The heights available must be: 200mm, 300mm, 400mm, 550mm, 650mm.

The top bar or plank must be easily displaced by the dog.

A wall should have displaceable units on the top with the above heights available; although the Micro (200mm) jump height may be a minimum of 178mm.

### **Spread Jump.**

2 jumps placed together with the poles set at ascending heights. The lowest pole must be set at least one jump height below the highest pole. Length of spread is defined in UKA rules and regulations.

### **Tyre.**

Aperture diameter: 457mm (1'6") minimum.

The heights available from the centre must be 450mm, 550mm, 700mm, 800mm.

The height of the hoop should be adjustable.

Measurements are taken from the centre of the hoop in a straight line to the ground.

The frame must not exceed the top of the hoop when set at maximum height and must be close coupled to the frame (i.e. not suspended by chain or other mechanism) and fixtures must be substantial or secured in such a way that dogs cannot knock the obstacle over from either direction.

### **Table.**

Table top: 941mm (3') square minimum.

The heights available must be: 200mm, 300mm, 400mm, 550mm, 650mm.

The table base can be laid on the floor without any legs for 8in (203mm).  
The table should be a stable construction with a non-slip surface.

### **Long Jump.**

To comprise 3 to 5 units. Toy – 2 units, Midi – 3 units, Standard – 4 units, Maxi – maximum 5 units.  
Unit length: 610mm (24") minimum.

Maximum length of jump: as per UKA rules and regulations.

*First unit height: 127mm (5ins).*

*Fifth unit height: 381mm (15ins).*

*The second, third and fourth unit heights should be evenly distributed between the first and fifth.*

Marker poles height: 1.219m (4ft) minimum.

These should be placed at each corner and should not be attached to any part of the obstacle.

### **Collapsible Tunnel.**

Entrance height: 483mm (1'7") minimum.

Entrance depth: 457mm (1'6").

Material diameter: 609mm (2') minimum. 762mm (2'6") maximum.

Tunnel length: 3.048m (10') minimum.

*Material to be circular of non-rigid material construction (PVC or canvas). The exit must be able to be weighted or fixed to the floor. The entrance must be a rigid construction that can be fixed or weighted to the ground. The entrance must have suitable padding with the floor having a non-slip surface.*

### **Pipe Tunnel.**

Diameter: 600mm (23.5") minimum.

Length: 3.048m (10') minimum.

Distance between metal supports: Between 150mm (6") to 200mm (8") with a mean of 175mm (7").

Material made of PVC must at least be 620 gsm.

### **Weaving Poles.**

Pole height: 762mm (2'6")

Pole diameter: between 30mm (1.18") to 38mm (1.25").

Distance between pole centres: between 525mm to 600mm.

The number of poles should be six or twelve.

The poles must be rigid construction.

### **A-Frame.**

Constructed of two ramps wide hinged at the apex.

Length of ramp: 2.74m (9').

Width of ramp: 914mm (3").

The heights available must be: 1.7m (5'7") and 1.6m. (5'3")

Slat depth: between 9mm and 15 mm.

*The last 1.067m (3ft 6ins) from the bottom of each ramp should be in different colour. Each ramp to have a non-slip surface, and anti-slip slats at intervals of approximately 279mm (11") but not within 152mm (6") of the start of the contact area.*

### **Seesaw.**

This obstacle will consist of a plank firmly mounted on a central bracket.

Length of plank: 3.66m (12").

Width of plank: 305mm (12').

Height of the central bracket: 685mm (2'3").

The last 914mm (3ft) from each end should be a different colour.

The plank should be a non-slip surface but must not have anti-slip slats.

## **Dogwalk**

*This obstacle will consist of a central plank with firmly fixed planks at either end.*

Length of plank: 3.66m (12')

Width of plank: 12ins 305mm (12")

Central plank height: 1.37m (4'6")

Slat depth: between 9mm and 15 mm.

The last 914mm (3ft) from the bottom of each ramp should be a different colour.

Each plank to have a non-slip surface with the two end planks having anti-slip slats at intervals of (279mm) but not within(152mm) of the start of the contact area.

## **A-2 Course Measuring, Rates of Travel & Standard Course Time Formulas**

### **Measuring the Course**

UKA has set a standard of measuring which will obtain uniform measuring regardless of the individual dog. Judges are required to measure their courses to determine the standard course time for their class under the clear round system.

The course will be measured using a surveyors wheel and shall be measured in units of metres. The course shall be wheeled from centre to centre of each obstacle in a straight line, the idea is to measure the shortest possible line. The general idea is for the judge to measure the shortest possible theoretical path of a dog.

When wheeling a course where a decision to turn left or right occurs, regardless of the angle/direction of the previous line, the measuring shall take place in the direction of the shortest line to the next obstacle.

Measuring shall take place prior to the setting of the poles on the jumps. The wheel should be placed at the start of the first obstacle and wheeled accordingly.

Following is a sample course (Figure 2) with wheeled lines and a description of the lines from obstacle to obstacle.

**1 to 2** - Wheel is placed at the centre of the tyre and wheeled in a straight line to centre of the front plane of the ascending ramp. The wheel is picked up and placed laterally of the point where the wheel was stopped and wheeled along the length of the dogwalk stopping where the dogwalk ends.

**2 to 3** - Wheel is placed at centre of the plane of the descending plane of the dogwalk and wheeled in a straight line to the centre of the jump.

**3 to 4 – (Example of 180 degree jump setup)** Wheel starts at a point where a parallel line can be measured laterally from the centre of the jump and wheeled parallel on the landing side of the jumps, stopping at the point laterally centre of jump 4.

**4 to 5** - Wheel is placed at the centre of the jump and wheeled in a straight line to the first pole of the weave poles. The wheel is picked up and placed laterally of the point where the wheel met the first pole and wheeled laterally in a straight line to the end of the last pole.

**5 to 6** - Wheel is placed at the last weave pole and wheeled in a straight line to the centre of the closest/logical plane of the table.

**6 to 7** - Wheel is placed at the closest/logical plane to the next obstacle and wheeled in a straight line to the centre of the first board of the long jump.

**7 to 8** – The wheel is picked up and placed laterally of the point where the wheel was stopped and wheeled along the length of the long jump stopping where the long jump ends. Wheel is placed at the centre of the last board of the long jump and wheeled in a straight line to the centre of the next

jump.

**8 to 9** – Wheel starts at the centre of the jump and wheeled on the landing side of the jump parallel as close to the jump as possible to achieve a straight line to the end of the wing towards the next obstacle (collapsed tunnel). From that point, wheeling continues in a straight line to the centre of the entrance of the collapsed tunnel. The wheel is picked up and placed laterally of the point where the wheel stopped and wheeled parallel to the tunnel in a straight line and stopped at the end of the exit.

**9 to 10** – Wheel is placed at the centre of the exit of the tunnel and wheeled in a straight line to the centre of the jump.

**10 to 11** – Wheel starts at the centre of the jump and wheeled in a straight line to the centre of the next jump.

**11 to 12** – **(Example of pull through.)** Wheel starts at the centre of the jump and wheeled on the landing side of the jump parallel as close to the jump as possible to achieve a straight line to the end of the wing towards jump 12. It is then wheeled from the end of the wing to the centre of jump

**12 to 13** – **(Example of 270 degree jump setup)** Wheel starts at the centre of the jump and wheeled on the landing side of the jump parallel as close to the jump as possible to achieve a straight line to the end of the wing towards jump 13. It is then wheeled in a straight line to the closest wing of the take-off side of jump 13. Then wheeled parallel to the jump to the centre.

**13 to 14** - Wheel starts at the centre of the jump and wheeled in a straight line to the centre of the next jump.

**14 to 15** – Wheel starts at the centre of the jump and wheeled in a straight line to the centre of the entrance of the tunnel. The wheel is then picked up and placed lateral at the point where the wheel had been stopped. It is then wheeled on the inside of the tunnel following the curve.

**15 to 16** – Wheel is placed at the centre of the exit of the tunnel and wheeled in a straight line to the centre of the jump.

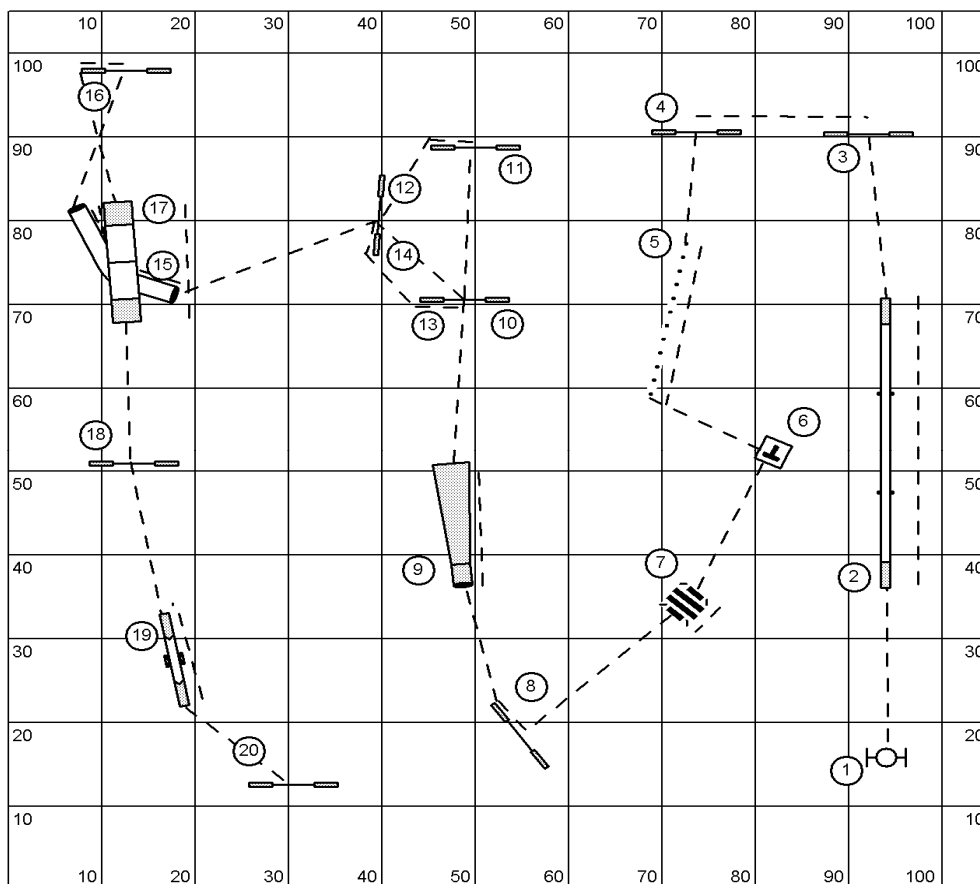
**16 to 17** – Wheel starts at a point parallel to the centre of the jump and wheeled in a straight line on the landing side of the jump to the end of the wing in the direction that will give the shortest distance to the next obstacle. (The shortest distance in this example is left). From the end of the wing it is wheeled in a straight line to the centre of the ascending plank of the A-frame. The wheel is picked up and placed laterally of the point where the wheel was stopped and wheeled along the length of the A-frame stopping where the A-frame ends.

**17 to 18** – Wheel is placed at the centre of the descending plank and wheeled in a straight line to the centre of the next jump.

**18 to 19** – Wheel starts at the centre on the jump and wheeled in a straight line to the centre of the start of the seesaw. The wheel is picked up and placed laterally of the point where the wheel was stopped and wheeled along the length of the seesaw.

**19 to 20** – Wheel is placed at the centre of the end of the seesaw and wheeled in a straight line to the centre of the last jump.

## Figure 2



### Calculating Course Times

Once the course has been measured and the result is rounded up to the nearest whole number, the standard course time (SCT) can be calculated using the following formulas.

#### Maxi and Standard jump heights:

$$\text{Measured course (metres)} \div \text{Rate of Travel (metres per second)} = \text{SCT (seconds)}$$

#### Midi and Toy jump heights:

$$\text{Measured course (metres)} \div \text{Rate of Travel (metres per second)} = \text{SCT (seconds)}$$

$$\text{SCT} + \text{Level Percentage increase (see table below)} = \text{SCT}$$

#### Casual and Nursery Classes: (Use Beginner rate of travel).

$$\text{Standard and Midi jump heights} - \text{Measured course (metres)} \div \text{Rate of Travel (metres per second)} = \text{SCT (seconds)}$$

$$\text{SCT} + 3 \text{ seconds} = \text{Casual/Nursery course time.}$$

Toy and Micro jump heights – add 20% to above formula

#### Table on Course

$$\text{Measured course (metres)} \div \text{Rate of Travel (metres per second)} = \text{SCT (seconds)}$$

$$\text{SCT} + 3 \text{ seconds} = \text{SCT with table}$$

### Rates of Travel

The following rates of travel are measured in units of metres per second. When calculating the SCT of a course, the judge should divide by a rate that reflects the difficulty of the course. A general rule of thumb is the more difficult a course, the lower rate of the range should be used.

### Big Dogs Maxi and Standard Dogs Rates of Travel

Agility		Jumping & Steeplechase	
Level	metres/second	Level	metres/second
Beginner	2.5 – 2.9	Beginner	2.75 – 3.25
Novice	2.5 – 2.9	Novice	2.75 – 3.25
Senior	2.9 – 3.15	Senior	3.25 – 3.5
Champion	2.9 – 3.15	Champion	3.25 – 3.5
Casual	2.5 – 2.9 + 3 seconds	Casual	2.5 – 2.9 + 3 seconds
Nursery	2.5 – 2.9		

### Small Dogs Midi and Toy Rates of Travel

Agility		Jumping & Steeplechase	
Level	metres/second	Level	metres/second
Beginner	2.5 – 2.9 add 20%	Beginner	2.75 – 3.25 add 20%
Novice	2.5 – 2.9 add 15%	Novice	2.75 – 3.25 add 15%
Senior	2.9 – 3.15 add 10%	Senior	3.25 – 3.5 add 10%
Champion	2.9 – 3.15 add 10%	Champion	3.25 – 3.5 add 10%
Casual	2.5 – 2.9 + 3 seconds add 20%	Casual	2.5 – 2.9 + 3 seconds add 20%
Nursery	2.5 – 2.9 add 20%		

### A-3 Disciplinary Procedure

If a person wishes to make a complaint against another person or their dog, the complaint must be made on the day of the event to the Show Manager. All details of the event must be given along with the required £50 fee. (The complainant may choose to remain anonymous.)

The Show Manager must then investigate the incident, interviewing the accused and all witnesses. If the Show Manager feels there is a case to answer, then all details and information of the incident and £30 (£20 is kept by the Show) will be sent to UKA. At this time a cooling down period of 14 days begins.

If the Show Manager feels there is no case to answer then this will be stated to the complainant whereupon the complainant may choose to either drop the charge or still proceed. If the decision is to proceed, the information gathered and the £30 is still sent to UKA. If the decision is to drop the complaint then £30 will be refunded to the complainant and the Show will still keep £20. In addition, all information will still be sent to UKA.

Once UKA receives the formal complaint the accused will be notified by writing at which they may reply within 14 days. At the end of the fourteen days the complainant will be asked if they still want to continue. If the complainant wants to still proceed then UKA will decide on whether or not they feel there is a case to answer. If the complainant decides to not continue, then £20 will be refunded and UKA will keep the remaining £10.

At any point that the complainant chooses to drop the charges, UKA may still proceed with the case should they feel it is warranted.

UKA may choose to investigate matters further before making a decision.

If UKA finds there is no case to answer both parties will be notified and all money will remain with UKA.

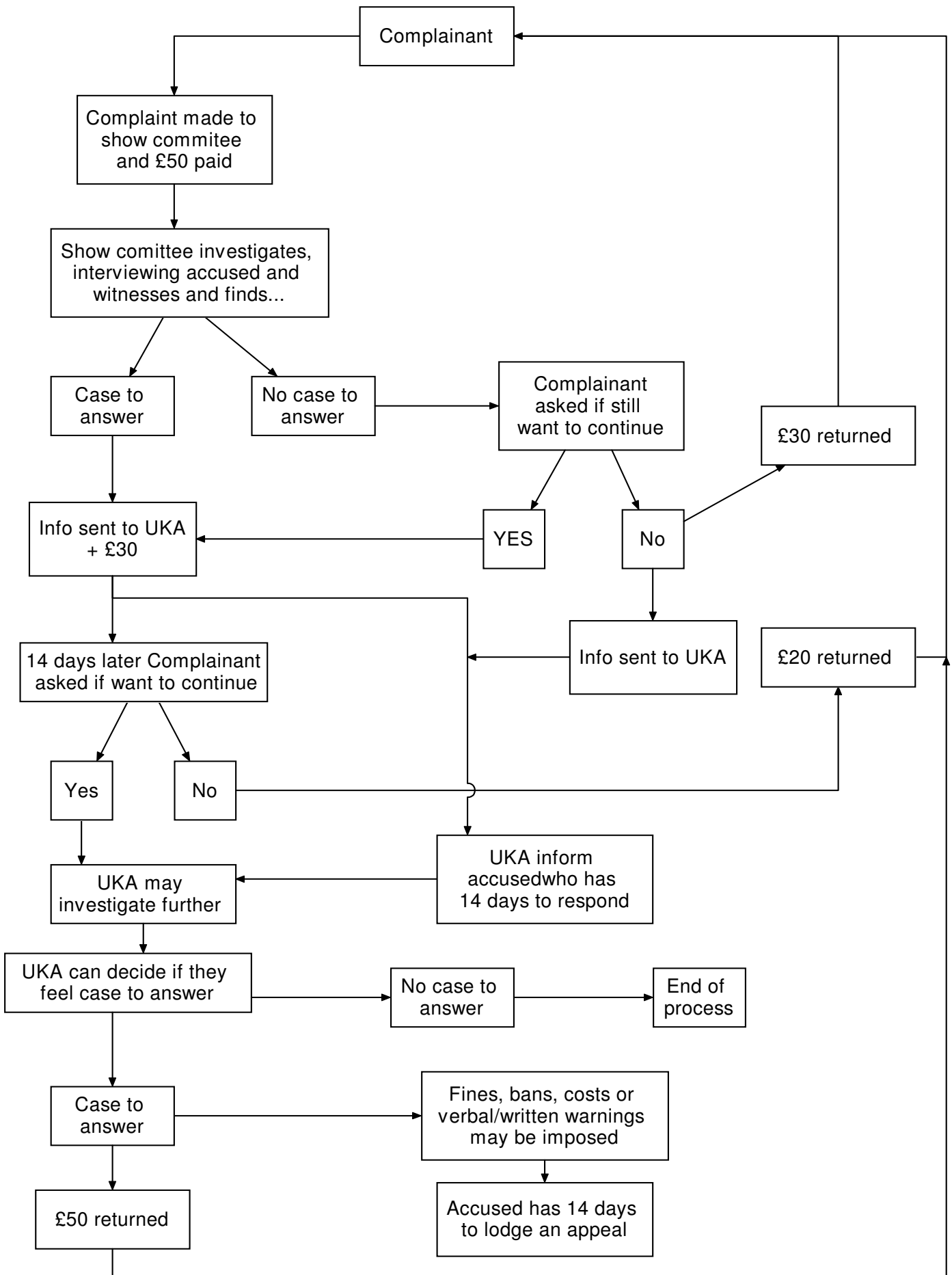
If the accused is found to be in breach of UKA regulations then UKA will inform the accused in writing and may impose fines, written or verbal warnings, bans, and costs. If fines are not paid, the account will be frozen and the accused will not be allowed to compete. In addition the complainant will be notified of the decision and all money will be refunded.

The accused party will then have 14 days to appeal to UKA in writing. An appeals hearing will then be set and conducted.

Following are examples of types of reasons a person/dog may be involved in the disciplinary process:

- Person to person aggression
- Dog to person aggression
- Dog to dog aggression
- Harsh or abusive handling of dog
- Serious breach of UKA rules
- Impugning on judges decisions
- Bringing name of UKA into disrepute

# DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

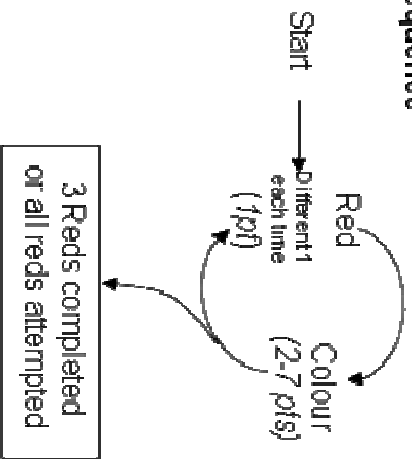


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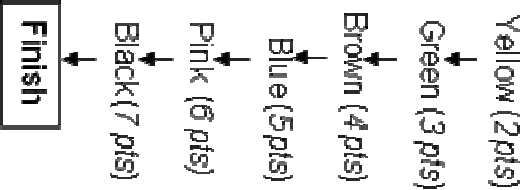
## The Planis

To score 37 pts for a qualifying round

### Opening Sequence

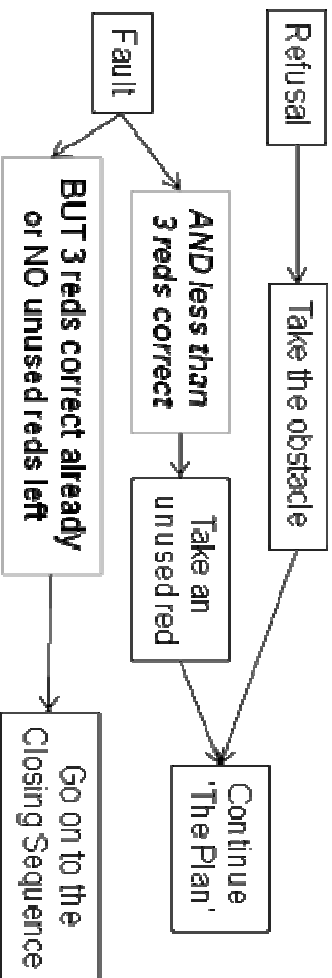


### Closing Sequence (27 points)



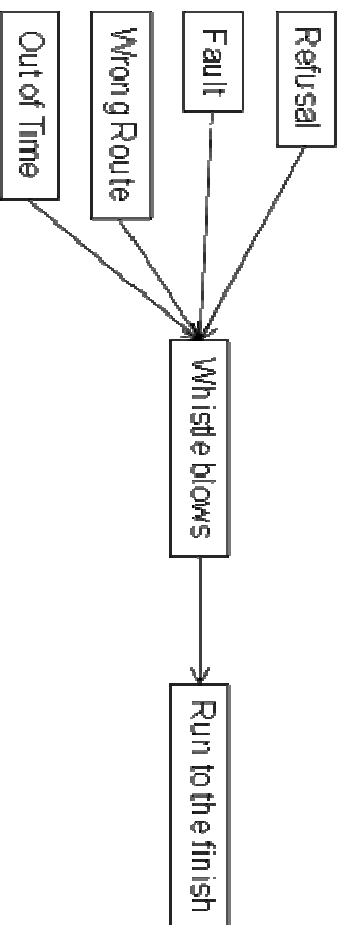
## When the Plan goes wrong

### Opening Sequence



Do anything else or run out of time and you will hear a whistle blow then you must run for the finish for the possibility of a non qualifying place

### Closing Sequence



If necessary to correctly complete the closing sequence the dog must run between the wings of any jump that is down to score those points.

# A - 5 UK Agility Registration Form

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<b>HANDLER REGISTRATION</b> £8.80 per handler, 5 year registration (16 year olds & under free)	
First Name:	Age if Junior:
Sir Name:	
Address:	
County:	Post Code:
Home Phone:	Other phone:
Email address:	

<b>DOG REGISTRATION</b> £8.80 per dog, lifetime registration	
Dog's UKA Registered (full) name:	
Pet name:	
List Breed or Mixed Breed:	
Date of Birth (estimate if unknown): inches	Estimated height at shoulders:
Other Organisations:	Level:

<b>DOG REGISTRATION</b> £8.80 per dog, lifetime registration	
<i>For additional dogs, please fill in information on back of this form.</i>	
Dog's UKA Registered (full) name:	
Pet name:	
List Breed or Mixed Breed:	
Date of Birth (estimate if unknown): inches	Estimated height at shoulders:
Other Organisations:	Level:

By signing this form I am agreeing that the information I have provided is correct to the best of my knowledge. I also agree to abide by and uphold the rules and regulations of UK Agility. I further understand that if I am withholding payment until my first show, I will remit payment within 5 working days of the end of the show, or my account will be frozen and all results will be void.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make cheques payable to UK Agility, and send to UK Agility, Corbiere, Longdon Hill, Wickhamford Evesham, Worcs. WR11 7RP. Phone: 01386 833283**

## A – 6 Quick and Easy Reference Tables

### Class Places and Points

Class Place	10 and below entered	11 to 100 entered	101 and above
1 <sup>st</sup>	6 points	12 points	Refer to following table
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4	8	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3	6	
4 <sup>th</sup>	2	4	
Clear Round	2	2	

Class Placement	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	Clear
Points	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2

### Jump/A-frame Heights

JUMP HEIGHT NAME	DOG'S HEIGHT	JUMP HEIGHT	A-FRAME HEIGHT	ASCENDING SPREAD LENGTH	LONG JUMP LENGTH	TYRE HEIGHT CENTRE
Toy	350mm (13.79") & under	300mm (11.81")	1.7m (5'7")	See Spread Table below	600mm	450mm
Midi	430mm (16.99") & under	400mm (15.75")	1.7m (5'7")	See Spread Table below	800mm	550mm
Standard	500mm (19.69") & below	550mm (21.65")	1.7m (5'7")	See Spread Table below	1100mm	700mm
Maxi	Any	650mm (25.59")	1.7m (5'7")	See Spread Table below	1300mm	800mm
Micro (Nursery & Casual only)	350mm & under	200mm (7.87")	1.6m (5'3")	Not allowed	400mm (not allowed in casual)	Not allowed

Maximum Ascending Spread Lengths (mm)				
Jump Height	Beginners	Novice	Senior	Champ
	Toy	235	300	350
Midi	265	335	400	400
Standard	365	455	550	550
Maxi	435	540	650	650

### Gamblers Obstacle Points

Points	Obstacle
1 point	Jumps
2 points	Tunnels Tyre Spread jumps Long jump
3 points	Seesaw Weave poles (6 poles) Table with down and go release by judge
4 points	A-frame
5 points	Dogwalk Weave poles (12 poles)

### Big Dogs Maxi and Standard Dogs Rates of Travel

Agility		Jumping & Steeplechase	
Level	metres/second	Level	metres/second
Beginner	2.5 – 2.9	Beginner	2.75 – 3.25
Novice	2.5 – 2.9	Novice	2.75 – 3.25
Senior	2.9 – 3.15	Senior	3.25 – 3.5
Champion	2.9 – 3.15	Champion	3.25 – 3.5
Casual	2.5 – 2.9 + 3 seconds	Casual	2.5 – 2.9 + 3 seconds
Nursery	2.5 – 2.9		

### Small Dogs Midi and Toy Dogs Rates of Travel

Agility		Jumping & Steeplechase	
Level	metres/second	Level	metres/second
Beginner	2.5 – 2.9 add 20%	Beginner	2.75 – 3.25 add 20%
Novice	2.5 – 2.9 add 15%	Novice	2.75 – 3.25 add 15%
Senior	2.9 – 3.15 add 10%	Senior	3.25 – 3.5 add 10%
Champion	2.9 – 3.15 add 10%	Champion	3.25 – 3.5 add 10%
Casual	2.5 – 2.9 + 3 seconds add 20%	Casual	2.5 – 2.9 + 3 seconds add 20%
Nursery	2.5 – 2.9 add 20%		