



Kennel Union of Southern Africa

## **SCHEDULE 5 D**

### **REGULATIONS FOR DOG JUMPING GRADES**

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#### **1. REGULATIONS FOR DOG JUMPING GRADES**

##### **1.1 Licensing and Show Rules**

The Regulations relating to licensing and to all other matters to do with shows as set out in Schedule 3 (Championship Shows), Schedule 4 (Non-Championship Shows) and Schedule 4A (Qualifying Shows) of the Constitution of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa (KUSA) shall apply to competitions for Jumping Shows so far as they can be relevant to Jumping Shows and so far as they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule 5D.

##### **1.2 Scope of Licence**

Any club affiliated to the Kennel Union of Southern Africa which is eligible to hold either Non-Championship or Championship shows may apply for and be issued with Licences to hold Dog Jumping Grades with any show or separately there from, but may not hold Championship Dog Jumping Grades more than twice in any one (1) calendar year. This shall not preclude more than one (1) heat being held on any one (1) or more than one (1) day of the licence period. Any provincial Dog Jumping Sub Committee may apply for not more than two Non-Championship Show licences in any calendar year. These licences may also not be used for the South African Dog Championships.

##### **1.3 Jumping Certificates**

A KUSA Jumping Qualifying Certificate will be awarded at Championship Shows to the winning dogs with a clear round in Grade 1 Small, Medium and Large dogs provided either Table A or Table B has been applied and provided further that not less than three (3) different dogs competed in the Grade 1 competition.

No Dog Shall be awarded a Qualifying Certificate unless that Dog has a clear round in the first round of a Table A competition. If there is only one (1) Dog that goes clear in the first round, then no run off will be required to obtain the Qualifying Certificate. The Dog that runs clear in the fastest time in Table "B" shall be awarded a Qualifying Certificate.

##### **1.4 Champion Status**

1.4.1 A dog awarded three (3) Dog Jumping Qualifying Certificates, in either category Small Dog Jumping, Medium Dog Jumping or Large Dog Jumping, each by a different Judge, will qualify as a Small Dog Jumping Champion, a Medium Dog Jumping Champion or a Large Dog Jumping Champion and a KUSA Certificate to this effect will be issued.

1.4.2 Void

1.4.3 Grand Champion

A dog awarded fifteen (15) Dog Jumping Qualifying Certificates will qualify as a Dog Jumping Grand Champion and shall be issued with a KUSA certificate to that effect.

**1.5 Registering and Eligibility of Dogs for Competition**

1.5.1 A dog which is:

1.5.1.1 registered at KUSA in either the Breed Register, Breed Appendix Register or in the Dogsport Record;

1.5.1.2 owned in any department or service of the Government of the Republic of South Africa or any other State, or

1.5.1.3 owned by any public corporation and which has not been disqualified or suspended from competition by KUSA, or any other National Canine Control Body, may be entered for and compete in any Championship Jumping Grade at any KUSA sanctioned Show. No Dog's Qualifying Record Card shall be issued or be valid for any dog not so registered.

1.5.1.4 Dogs must be measured at the withers, on a flat surface.

Dogs may only compete in the following Grades:

| Dog Height                          | Classification | Grade/s             |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Above 45cm                          | Large          | One (1) and Two (2) |
| Over 38cm, up to and including 45cm | Medium         | One (1) and Two (2) |
| 38cm and under                      | Small          | One (1) and Two (2) |

1.5.2

1.5.2.1 Any dog which has won three (3) times in Grade 2 Small, Medium and Large with a clear round, provided either Table A or Table B has been applied, shall be eligible to compete in Grade 1 Small, Medium and Large.

No dog shall be awarded a qualification unless that dog has a clear round in the first round of a Table "A" competition. If there is only one (1) dog that goes clear in the first round, then no run off will be required to obtain a qualification. The dog that runs clear in the fastest time in Table "B" shall be awarded a qualification.

1.5.2.2 The dog may, at the owner's choice, remain in Grade 2 Small, Medium and Large until it has won a total of five (5) Non-Championship or Championship Shows with clear rounds. It must then advance to Grade 1 Small, Medium and Large.

1.5.2.3 Any handler that decides that their dog is going up to a higher grade may not go back and jump at a lower grade once the dog has competed in the higher grade and the dog's record card should be endorsed by a Championship Show Judge to this affect.

1.5.3 A dog having become eligible to compete in a Grade may continue to compete in that Grade until it becomes ineligible, as stated, or until it is suspended or disqualified from competition.

1.5.4 At the conclusion of the judging of a Grade it is the responsibility of the Judge of that Grade to enter in each dog's Record Card particulars of the Show with details of marks scored, appropriate placing and certificates awarded when such information is relevant to the dog's eligibility to compete in a Dog Jumping Grade or to the dog's achieving Championship status.

1.5.5

1.5.5.1 It is permissible to enter a dog for competition in a Dog Jumping Grade in anticipation of the dog qualifying to compete in that Grade at a previous show, provided that the entry is made in accordance with the rules of the Club

holding the Dog Jumping Grade and that the dog qualifies prior to the day of the show.

1.5.5.2 It is permissible for a dog to partake in a higher Grade than the Grade entered in advance of a Show, provided that the dog has qualified out of the lower Grade prior to the Show.

1.5.6 Prior to any dog, which appears to be a Small or a Medium dog, being permitted to compete in a Championship show, Non-Championship show or Demonstration for the first time, that dog shall be measured by a Qualified Grade 1 Judge on a flat level surface in accordance with Schedule 3, Regulation 9.1 and the height entered on the dog's Record Card.

1.5.7 Should a dog grow and its height appears to be in excess of that permitted for Small or Medium Dog Jumping it shall be re-measured in terms of Regulation 1.5.6.

If the dog is found to be over the Small or Medium height the Judge must endorse the dog's Record Card with both the date and the new height.

1.5.8 Once a dog has been measured out of the Small or Medium Dog Jumping, it is not permitted to compete in Grade 1 or 2 longer than seven (7) days from and including the day it was reclassified.

If that dog has been entered in either Grade 1 or 2 in a Show after the 7<sup>th</sup> day that dog shall be allowed to partake in that Show in the next larger height category.

1.5.9 Should a dog be reclassified, the following applies:

1.5.9.1 A small dog moves to medium.

1.5.9.2 A medium dog moves to small.

1.5.9.3 A medium dog moves to large.

1.5.9.4 Any large dog that is 45cm or less moves to medium.

1.5.10 Awards or Certificates gained in a lower height category are valid for a higher height category.

1.5.11 Where a dog is reclassified between the submission of an entry and the commencement of a Competition the Show Secretary shall alter the Show records accordingly.

1.5.12 N.F.C Entries (Not for Competition Entries)

Handlers shall be able to enter their dogs as "Not for Competition" (N.F.C.) at Non Championship Shows only. The dog entered as N.F.C should be clearly marked on the entry sheet.

The handler will be allowed in the ring for the maximum course time. No dispensation in respect of Regulation 3.7, Disciplining of Dogs shall be permitted.

Dispensations in respect of Regulations 3.9 and 7.20 are allowed. The dog may not be rewarded with food in the ring.

Dispensation allowing a competitor to compete in a lower height than eligible is permitted, but not to compete in a higher height than eligible. Small or Medium height dogs will be able to enter NFC without any official measurement.

NFC entries shall be identified by the judge/scribe to the other competitors when the handler enters the ring and shall not be marked or be eligible for prizes or be able to qualify.

**1.6 Training and Qualification of Judges and Course Designers**

- 1.6.1 Persons wishing to become Dog Jumping Judges must firstly become members of KUSA and thereafter should make application in writing to the Dog Jumping Sub-Committee of the Provincial area in which they normally reside. In areas where there is no Provincial Council, application should be made directly to KUSA.
- 1.6.2 Such application should provide proof that the applicant has acted as an Official (Steward, Marshal, Timekeeper, Scribe, Scorer) or Competitor at Dog Jumping Shows for not less than one (1) calendar year.
- 1.6.3 Once a person has been accepted by their Provincial Council Sub-Committee or KUSA they must attend a course and achieve the required pass mark in all elements of the course as stated in Regulations 1.6.4 to 1.6.8.
- 1.6.4 The course shall cover the Rules and Regulations (Schedule 5D), judging techniques and course design. This Course shall be run by three (3) Championship Show Dog Jumping Judges. On completion of the course, the Candidate Judge shall then take an examination and practical test which shall consist of the following:
  - 1.6.5 A written examination on KUSA Rules and Regulations, Schedule 3 (Unless previously passed).
  - 1.6.6 An oral or written examination, at the discretion of the examiners, on the Dog Jumping Schedule and Judging techniques.
  - 1.6.7 Design a Dog Jumping course (the decision whether it be a Grade 1 or 2 course to be left to the discretion of the examiners).
  - 1.6.8 Practical judging of five (5) dogs competing a full round of either Grade 1 or Grade 2 (at the discretion of the examiners.) The design of the course for the practical examination will be undertaken by the examiners and not by the Candidate Judges.
  - 1.6.9 Once a Candidate Judge has successfully passed the examination they will be issued with a Judges record card by the Provincial Council Sub-Committee and they may accept a Dog Jumping Non-Championship Show appointment.
  - 1.6.10 They will be required to judge two (2) Non-Championship Shows at which a minimum of six (6) dogs must be present and exhibited. The Provincial Council Dog Jumping Sub-Committee will arrange for each judging appointment carried out by the Candidate judge to be observed by a qualified Dog Jumping Judge who will report back to the Provincial Council Dog Jumping Sub-Committee and endorse the Candidate Judge's record card if passed.
  - 1.6.11 Once all the requirements set out in 1.6.4 to 1.6.10 inclusive, have been met and the Candidate Judge's record card has been endorsed by the Dog Jumping judges observing, said record card will be sent to KUSA who will in turn issue a Dog Jumping Judges Licence to that Judge and thereafter the Judge will be able to judge at Championship Shows.
  - 1.6.12 In the event of a Judge not judging for a period of two (2) calendar years or more, said judge may not judge a Championship Show but shall first judge a Non-Championship Show.

This will be under the supervision of a Championship Show Judge. A written report by the supervising judge to be completed and sent to the provincial sub-committee as proof.

- 1.6.13 All locally domiciled Judges shall be members in good standing of the Kennel Union and shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years at the time when formal studies or activities towards a judging qualification commence, and/or any judging is undertaken.
- 1.6.14 Before approving a foreign Judge to officiate at any event under this Schedule, the Executive Committee shall be satisfied that said Judge is recognised and approved to judge such events in their country of permanent residence as it is proposed they should judge within the KUSA area of jurisdiction.
- 1.6.15 A judge will be required to complete a judge's refresher course once every three (3) years. The content of the course will be as per the National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee requirements. The course must be presented by at least two (2) Championship show judges.

The list of attendees must be sent through to the National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee as proof of attendance. A refresher course may be in the form of an interactive workshop or be part of a judge's course as stipulated in 1.6.

Any queries that arise at these workshops and that cannot be resolved must be forwarded to the National Dog Jumping Sub-Committee for clarification.

If a judge does not complete a refresher within the prescribed three (3) year period, the judge will be required to do a refresher course and officiate at a Non-Championship Show and be observed by a qualified Dog Jumping Judge before they can judge a Championship Show. If the judge does not pass the practical evaluation, they will be required to repeat the Non-Championship Show appointment.

- 1.6.16 Supervision of Championship Show judges will be required by all judges once every two (2) years. A championship show judge will be required to supervise another judge. The supervising judge will be appointed by the provincial committee. A standard checklist will be completed and sent through to the national committee as proof.

## 2. **MANAGEMENT OF DOG JUMPING TESTS**

### 2.1.1 **Dog Jumping Show Manager**

The management of Dog Jumping Grades shall be entrusted to the Dog Jumping Show Manager who shall be appointed by the committee of the Club holding the show.

### 2.1.2 **Disputes**

2.1.2.1 Any disputed matter requiring a decision on the ground shall be decided by the Dog Jumping Show Manager and the Judge(s). However, the control of all matters connected with the dogs during competition shall rest with the Judge(s) of the Grade, but the Manager, if required, may be called upon for assistance.

2.1.2.2 No competitor shall impugn the decision of the Judge.  
The Judge's decision is final.

2.1.2.3 Unseemly behaviour towards the Judge – Elimination.

### 2.1.3 **Complaints**

Complaints lodged by competitors will be dealt with in accordance with the KUSA Regulations. (Refer to the appropriate Regulation in Schedule 3 for Championship Shows and Schedule 4 for Non-Championship Shows).

#### 2.1.4 **Other Matters**

Any matter not provided for in these Regulations or in the Kennel Union Constitution and Schedules shall be decided upon by a simple majority of all the Judges and the Dog Jumping Show Manager.

In the case of an equality of votes the Grade 1 Judge, or if there is no Grade 1 Judge, the Show Manager shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote, and the decision made shall be final.

- 2.1.5 The Judge shall be assisted by two (2) time keepers, or an electronic device and one (1) time keeper, a scorer and such other assistants as may be required.

#### 2.2 **Misbehaviour of Dogs at a Show**

Physical disciplining of a dog or serious uncontrollable behaviour of a dog at a Dog Jumping Show may be penalised at the discretion of the Dog Jumping Show Manager by excluding the dog and/or handler from further competition at the show and/or by ordering the exhibitor of the dog to forfeit any Dog Jumping Awards, positions or qualifications gained at the show (see Regulations 3.7 and 7.14).

#### 2.3 **Number of Dogs to be judged**

No Judge shall be required to test more than a total of two hundred (200) dogs in one (1) day.

If the number of entries in Grades to be judged by one (1) person exceeds these limits the Committee of the Club holding the show shall appoint an extra Judge(s) and shall allocate competitors as equally as possible among the Judges by draw.

If a dog which has already been awarded a Dog Jumping Qualifying Certificate is competing in a Championship Grade 1, Small, Medium and Large, the handler shall have the right to claim exemption from the draw if one of the additional appointed Judges is the Judge under whom the dog qualified for the award of the said Certificate.

#### 2.4 **Handler of Dog**

Either the owner or deputy may handle the dog but it must be one or the other. Once the dogs have commenced the exercises, an owner must not interfere with their dog if they has deputised another person to handle it.

The dog shall be handled by the same handler throughout a competition held under one (1) licence. Substitution may not take place even though the competition may be spread over several days.

#### 2.5 **Competing Dogs**

Any dog at the age of 14 months on the first day of the show may compete unless they are a:

- 2.5.1.1 Pregnant bitch. Pregnant Bitches are not allowed to compete. A bitch will be considered pregnant from day one (1) of any mating or suspected mating, until proven otherwise.
- 2.5.1.2 Dog that is ill or hurt.
- 2.5.1.3 Doped dog.
- 2.5.1.4 Dog coming from or going to a region infected with rabies must have a valid inoculation certificate against rabies, administered in the last 3 years, which

handlers shall produce if required by the Judge or Dog Jumping Show Manager.

Any dog without such a certificate shall not be eligible to compete.

## 2.5.2 Bitches in Season

2.5.2.1 Bitches in season may compete at the discretion of show holding club, and such permission must be published in the Show Schedule and the Catalogue.

2.5.2.2 Their condition must be declared to the Judge at the commencement of the show and announced to all competitors prior to course walking.

2.5.2.3 The handler must provide a mat for the bitch at the start line.

2.5.2.4 The bitch must run last in its entered Grade.

## 2.6 **Conditions**

It is the responsibility of the Dog Jumping Show Manager and of the Judge(s) to ensure that all dogs competing in a Grade, compete under the same conditions as far as this is practical.

## 2.7 **Weather**

It shall be at the sole discretion of the Judge whether or not competition in any Grade should be interrupted on account of inclement weather.

Cancellation of a Dog Jumping Show or any part of a Dog Jumping Show shall be at the discretion of the Dog Jumping Show Manager in consultation with the Judge(s).

## 2.8 **Starting Times**

All competitors shall be informed of the starting time for their Grade and competitors and dogs in each Grade shall be present at the site of the show at least thirty (30) minutes before that time.

The Judge shall have discretion to postpone the starting time of a Grade and the draw for order of competition for a reasonable period if competitors in the Grade are delayed through competition elsewhere in the show falling behind schedule. Such postponement shall be made known to all competitors in the Grade who are present.

Any competitor who is not present at the end of such postponement shall be regarded as having withdrawn from the Show and shall not be allowed to compete. The Judge has the discretion to commence a test without all competitors being present.

## 2.9 **Order of Competition**

2.9.1 The order of competition shall be determined by a draw among competitors entered, where applicable, for that Grade supervised by the Judge or any person to whom they delegate this authority, immediately before the first exercise of the Grade is due to begin.

OR

2.9.2 The order of competition shall be determined by a random computer draw of exhibitor numbers, where applicable, for that Grade on the day before the Show, supervised by the Judge or any person to whom delegates his authority. In the case of Non-Championship Shows, if there are late entries (i.e. on the day of the Show) these shall run first.

## 2.10 **Provision of Obstacles**

2.10.1 The show-holding club is responsible for the provision of obstacles, markers and similar objects which may be required in any Grade for which entries are accepted.

As indicated in the Schedules and Description of Exercises, the Judge/course builder is responsible for ensuring that all obstacles, markers, objects and other articles used in that Grade comply with these Regulations.

2.10.2 The Dog Jumping Show Manager is responsible for the demarcation of the areas to be used for Dog Jumping Grades and is responsible for ensuring that the areas comply with these Regulations.

2.10.3 The Grade 1 Judge is responsible for the building/designing of all courses for all Grades at a show and may specify a single course with applicable removal and adjustment of obstacles to accommodate all the Grades.

### 2.11. **Competition by Officials at Shows**

2.11.1 A KUSA Representative may not enter, exhibit or handle a dog registered in their name at any KUSA Licensed event held at the same venue on the day that they are officiating, nor in the same Discipline held under the same licence on any day.

### 2.11.2 **Championship Shows:**

A Judge at a Show may not enter or handle a dog in the same Discipline (Breed, Obedience, Working Trials, IGP, Dog Jumping, Agility, Carting etc.) as that in which they are officiating.

A Judge at a Show may not handle a dog in any Discipline on the day/s that they are officiating. This restriction does not apply in respect of another show held on the same day under a different licence.

### 2.11.3 **Non-Championship Shows:**

At the discretion of the show holding club, a Judge at a show may enter or handle a dog/s in any other discipline on the day/s that they are officiating providing the following criteria are strictly adhered to:

2.11.3.1 The discipline/classes they are judging will take preference at all times.

2.11.3.2 At no time may the discipline/class they are judging be stopped or halted in anyway so as that they may compete in another discipline/class.

2.11.3.3 The discipline they intend entering must have a commencement time before or after the discipline they are judging.

### 2.12 **Catalogue Number**

Handlers must announce the catalogue number to the scribe when the handler enters the ring and before starting the exercise. The handler is not required to wear the catalogue number in the ring

### 2.13 **Jumping Show Arenas**

2.13.1 When any Dog Jumping competition is held indoors, the arena must be at least 20m x 30m and thoroughly cleaned before judging starts. The floor shall have a suitable surface so that competition can take place without possible injury to handler or dog.

2.13.2 When any Dog Jumping competition is held out of doors, the arena shall measure approximately 30m x 40m and the surface should be fairly level.

2.13.3 The perimeter of the arena must be clearly demarcated.

## 3. **JUDGING OF JUMPING GRADES**

### 3.1 **Knowledge of the Regulations**



All handlers are expected to have a thorough knowledge of the Regulations covering the Grade entered.

### 3.2 **Dogs Tested Separately**

The Judge must test each competing dog separately, except in Table D competitions.

### 3.3 **Collars**

For safety reasons a dog is not permitted to wear a collar or lead whilst under test.

### 3.4 **Features of Judging**

3.4.1 The purpose of Dog Jumping exercises is to demonstrate the usefulness and agility of the dog as a companion of man. Dog Jumping is meant to test the agility, obedience and fitness of the dog as well as the handler's skill to train and direct his dog faultlessly and quickly through an obstacle course.

3.4.2 It is the responsibility of the Judge to ensure that the exercises being performed are both interesting for spectators and worthwhile for the handler and dog. Championship Show Schedules shall indicate the Judge nominated Table to be applied to the respective Grades.

3.4.3 Dogs must be judged on their ability to negotiate the course as laid out and not upon their breed qualities.

3.4.4 Standardised judging is of paramount importance. Judges must not introduce their own variations into the competition, and must ensure that each handler and dog execute the various obstacles as described.

A handler who is familiar with the Regulations should be able to enter the ring without having to enquire how the Judge wishes to have the course completed. Judges must adhere strictly to the Regulations.

Where Federal Council has approved the appointment of a Judge whose normal permanent domicile is outside the KUSA area of jurisdiction, it shall be the responsibility of the Dog Jumping Show Manager to ensure that said Judge is made familiar with and applies the Regulations and terms of this Schedule.

### 3.5 **Interference with Competitors**

3.5.1 The Judge of a Dog Jumping Grade may remove from competition any dog which behaves in an uncontrollable manner or any handler who interferes wilfully with another competitor or their dog.

3.5.2 The Judge may also expel from competition, any dog which they consider unfit to compete, pregnant or any bitch which appears so attractive to males as to be a disturbing element.

If necessary, an official veterinarian shall be called to give his opinion but the Judge's decision is final.

### 3.6 **Withdrawal from Competition**

The owner or their deputy entering a dog in a Dog Jumping Grade does so at their own risk and the dog must compete in each Grade in which it is entered, unless expelled by the Judge or excused by the Judge.

### 3.7 **Disciplining of Dogs**

From the time when a Judge takes control of assembled competitors to begin judging a Grade until the Judge dismisses the competitors after the results of a

Grade have been announced, no handler in that Grade shall physically discipline a dog either inside or outside the arena.

In the event of such physical disciplining occurring, or in the event of serious uncontrollable behaviour of a dog in the arena, the Judge will severely penalise the dog concerned by adding faults to the total score of the dog. In addition, the Judge may, at their discretion, exclude the dog from further competition in the Grade (see also Regulations 2.2, 7.14 and 7.15).

### 3.8 **Practice**

Handlers will be allowed to practice with their dogs at a show subject to the provisions of Regulation 3.7 but no practice or training may take place in:

- 3.8.1 any arena either before competition commences or while any Grade is in progress or remains uncompleted;
- 3.8.2 such a way as to interfere with or distract competing dogs or handlers. (See also 7.8).

### 3.9 **Rewarding Dogs**

No food, object or substance of any kind may be taken into the arena. Refer to 7.20

No baiting with a ball, toy or food to be allowed. Refer regulation to 7.20  
However, words of praise and encouragement are permitted during the competition.

### 3.10 **Handler's Commands**

In all Grades the handler may use the dog's "call name" and may signal without penalty. The use of any kind of manufactured whistle is prohibited.

### 3.11 **Commencement of Exercise**

- 3.11.1 The Judge shall not signal the start of the exercise until the handler and dog are in the arena, the dog is independently under control and the handler has confirmed that the exercise may start.
- 3.11.2 No dog shall be permitted to negotiate any obstacle or encroach upon the area between the starting posts before the Judge's signal has been given.
- 3.11.3 No exercise shall commence until the Judge has signalled the start of the exercise by means of a whistle, bell or other audible signal. The first obstacle must be negotiated within thirty (30) seconds of the signal. (See also 7.9).

### 3.12 **Competitor's Score**

As each dog completes an exercise their score for the exercise must be entered by the scorer on a score sheet and that score must be made known to the handler and to spectators before the next competitor commences.

Scores may not be changed subsequently except to correct arithmetical errors or add faults for contravention of paragraph 3.7.

### 3.13 **Equal Scores**

In the case of an equality of scores in any Grade those dogs shall be tested again, immediately, by having them complete the whole or part of the course at the Judge's discretion.

### 3.14 **Announcement of Results**

After the scores are totalled and winners decided, before announcing the placing, the Judge will inform the public as to the time allowed and the time limit for the course.

They shall then announce the winner, including any qualifiers for the award of a Dog Jumping Certificate, and their scores as well as the scores of other competitors placed.

It remains up to each judge or show hosting committee to issue prizes to non-jump off dogs in Table 'A' competitions based on time and faults.

**3.15 Abnormal Circumstances**

If, in the Judge's opinion, the dog's performance in any exercise was prejudiced by peculiar and/or unusual circumstances, the Judge may re-judge the dog on the entire exercise.

**3.16 Additional Commands**

The Judge shall position themselves and their steward(s) in the arena so as to be aware at all times of physical handling/guiding of a dog.

**3.17 Adhering to Regulations**

No Judge shall require any dog or handler to do anything or penalise a dog or handler for failing to do anything which is not required by these Regulations and the Schedule of Description of Exercises.

**3.18 Judge's Orders**

Judge's/Steward's orders are required to be clearly spoken for everyone to follow the judging.

**3.19 Events outside the Regulations**

In the event of circumstances arising not covered by KUSA Rules and Regulations, the Judge of the Grade will have discretionary powers to make a ruling subject to confirmation by KUSA.

In such instances the Judge must submit a report to KUSA setting out all details within fourteen (14) days of the close of the Show.

**3.20 Dogs' Qualifying Record Cards**

No Judge shall permit a dog to compete in any Grade which they are judging unless the handler produces, before the start of said Grade, their dog's Qualifying Record Card showing that the dog is eligible to compete in that Grade as certified by Provincial Councils, or the National Committee

**4. SCHEDULE OF EXERCISES FOR JUMPING GRADES**

**4.1 Grade 2 Small, Medium and Large**

**Eligibility**

This will be in accordance with Regulations 1.5.1 and 1.5.2.

**Exercise**

The table for competition will be nominated by the Judge. Refer to regulation 6.

**4.1.1 Time allowed:**

| <b>Minimum</b>        | <b>Maximum</b>        |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.5 meters per second | 2.5 meters per second |

4.1.2 The time limit set for the exercises must be approximately twice the time allowed.

4.1.3 Not less than eight (8) and not more than twelve (12) obstacles may be used.

4.1.4 Only the following obstacles shall be permitted:

- 4.1.4.1 Hurdles (See Regulation 5.2.2 and 5.2.3)
- 4.1.4.2 Void
- 4.1.4.3 Void
- 4.1.4.4 Not more than three (3) double upright spread hurdles. (See Regulation 5.2.3).
- 4.1.4.5 Void.
- 4.1.4.6 Bending Poles as a single obstacle consisting of twelve (12) poles.
- 4.1.4.7 Pipe Tunnel.
- 4.1.4.8 Tyre/Collapsible Tyre Jump.
- 4.1.4.9 Long Jump

**4.2 Grade 1 Small, Medium and Large Eligibility**

This will be in accordance with Regulations 1.5.1 and 1.5.2.

**Exercise**

The table for competition will be nominated by the Judge, except that Table C or D may not be nominated for a Championship Show.

**4.2.1 Time allowed:**

| Minimum               | Maximum               |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2.5 meters per second | 3.5 meters per second |

- 4.2.2 The time limit set for the exercises must be approximately twice the time allowed.
- 4.2.3 Not less than eight (8) and not more than fifteen (15) obstacles may be used.
- 4.2.4 For Grade 1 dogs all obstacles and any combination of obstacles are permitted, subject to these regulations.
- 4.2.5 Bending Poles as a single obstacle consisting of a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of twelve (12) poles.
- 4.2.6 Void

**5. SCHEDULE OF COURSE AND OBSTACLES FOR JUMPING GRADES**

**5.1 Course:**

- 5.1.1 The course designer/builder will arrange the obstacles as determined in 4.1.3, 4.1.4, 4.2.3 and 4.2.4 according to the Grade competing.

- 5.1.1.1 The start and finish poles shall be positioned a minimum of four (4) metres in from the boundary rope.

Both the start and finish poles shall be positioned in such a manner that they are approximately parallel to the first or last obstacle and approximately in line of flight from the first or last obstacle and no more than two (2) meters from the first or last obstacle.

- 5.1.1.2 From the position of the numbers, it must be clear from which side the obstacle has to be negotiated (with the exception of a U-shaped tunnel where the number can be placed in the middle to indicate that either side can be taken) and shall be placed in such manner that it does not interfere with either dog or handler.

- 5.1.1.3 The obstacles shall be arranged in such a way that they are no danger to the dogs or handlers and placed so that the distance to be travelled by the dogs in order to negotiate the next obstacle shall not be less than six (6) meters nor more than twelve (12) meters.

- 5.1.1.4 The course design must include at least one (1); 180 degree turn.

5.1.1.5 A run-off course used in a Table 'A' competition shall also include at least one (1); 180 degree turn.

5.1.1.6 Each obstacle must be negotiated in the order indicated.

5.1.1.7 The approach to the Tyre, Long Jump and Spread obstacle shall be in a straight approach on the dog's path from the previous obstacle.

5.1.1.8 The course distance shall be measured by the Judge following the average dog's path.

5.1.2 A copy of the course plan will be provided by the Judge and displayed outside the arena for the benefit of the competitors before the start of the Grade.

The course plan must show the sequence of the jumps and their approximate location in the arena, the length of the course and the time allowed and the applicable Table(s).

5.1.3 The course shall have a time controlled start and finish line. The minimum width between the posts of the start and of the finish shall be 1.2m.

Timing shall commence when either handler or dog impinges the area between the start and ends when the dog passes between the finish posts.

5.1.4 Before the Grade commences, competitors shall be permitted to walk the course without their dogs.

| Course                  | Minimum         | Maximum          |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| First round/Main course | Two (2) minutes | Five (5) minutes |
| Run-off course          | One (1) minute  | Two (2) minutes  |

5.2 **Obstacles:**

5.2.1 The width of the wing is not to exceed 75cm and the height must not exceed the height of the posts.

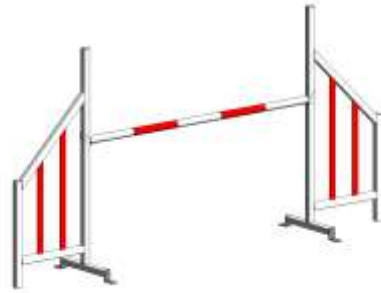
All hurdles must be constructed in such a manner that the horizontal bar/crossbars will fall away from the hurdle, in the dog's direction of travel.

5.2.2 **Vertical Hurdles:**

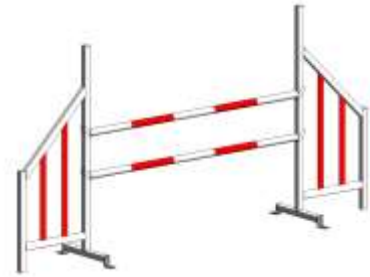
Uprights, wall jump(s), brush jump(s) and cross poles.

Height of horizontal or at centre, of cross poles:

| Grade   | Category | Min Height (cm) | Max Height (cm) | Min Width (m) |
|---------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| One (1) | Large    | 55              | 60              | 1.2           |
|         | Medium   | 35              | 40              | 1.2           |
|         | Small    | 25              | 30              | 1.2           |
| Two (2) | Large    | 50              | 55              | 1.2           |
|         | Medium   | 30              | 35              | 1.2           |
|         | Small    | 20              | 25              | 1.2           |



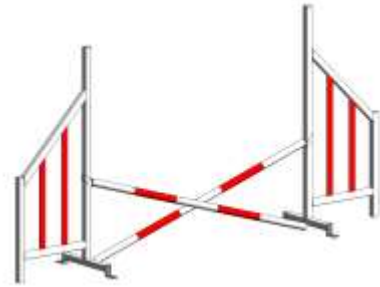
Single Wing Hurdle/Jump



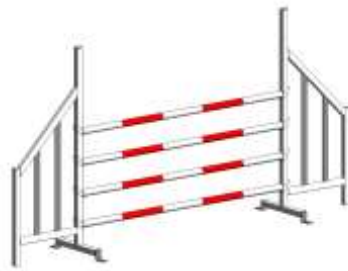
Single Wing Double Pole Hurdle/Jump



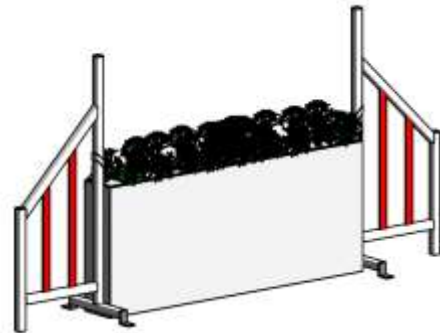
Single Wingless Hurdle/Jump



Single Cross Pole Wing Hurdle/Jump



Wall Wing Hurdle/Jump



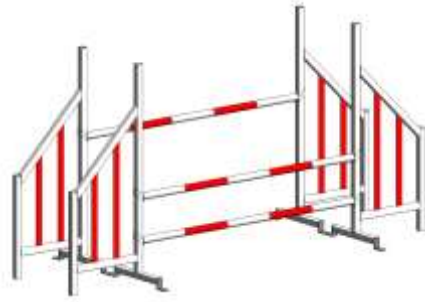
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### 5.2.3 Spread Hurdles:

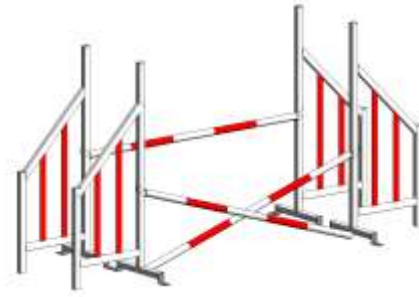
Double uprights; brush and upright(s); triple bar; cross poles and upright(s); triple bar\_fan and uprights.

The dimensions of the Hurdle/s shall be as follows:

| Grade   | Category | Min Height (cm) | Max Height (cm) | Max Depth (cm) | Min Width (m) |
|---------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| One (1) | Large    | 50              | 60              | 60             | 1.2           |
|         | Medium   | 30              | 40              | 40             | 1.2           |
|         | Small    | 20              | 30              | 30             | 1.2           |
| Two (2) | Large    | 40              | 50              | 50             | 1.2           |
|         | Medium   | 25              | 35              | 35             | 1.2           |
|         | Small    | 15              | 25              | 25             | 1.2           |



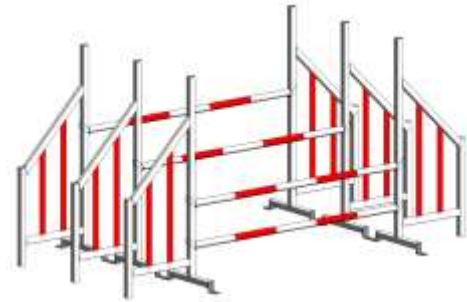
Double Spread Hurdle/Jump



Cross Pole Double Spread Hurdle/Jump



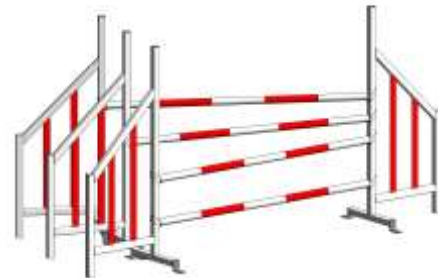
Double Spread Brush Hurdle/Jump



Triple Spread Hurdle/Jump



Triple Pole Spread Fan Hurdle/Jump



On all hurdles, the top part must be easily displaced.

The centre of the front element for Grade 1 and 2 Large shall be a minimum of 10cm lower than the back element and a minimum of 5cm lower for Grade 1 and 2 Small and Medium.

The parallels of all spread hurdles shall be in ascending order.

When the depth of a spread hurdle exceeds 50cm then the hurdle shall consist of three (3) pairs of uprights and pole/s.

#### 5.2.4 Tyre/Collapsible Tyre Jump

The obstacle will consist of a mounted or suspended tyre, with the dimensions listed below:

| Grade/s One (1) and Two (2)                             | Aperture            | Centre height |
|---|---------------------|---------------|
| Large   | Between 45 and 60cm | 80cm          |
| Small and Medium  |                     | 55cm          |
| The width of the tyre is minimum 8cm, and maximum 18cm. |                     |               |

#### 5.2.4.1 Framed Tyre

The tyre must be adjustable in height (chains or rope), fixed or rigid attachments are not allowed.

The tyre must be able to break away into two (2) to four (4) parts when a force equivalent to a weight of 8 kg is exerted on it.

The base of this obstacle must be approximately 1.5 x the height measured from the floor to the top edge of the tyre.

The width of the frame must not exceed 1.5m.

The distance between the inside of the frame upright and the outside edge of the tyre must be at least 15cm.

#### 5.2.4.2 Frameless Tyre

The tyre must have a consistent shape, constructed using an impact absorbing material. The tyre is fixed into position (height) by two (2) uprights on either side of the tyre.

The construction must provide sufficient stability to ensure that the obstacle is not tipped over too easily.

The uprights must not protrude above the top of the tyre.

There should be no beam across the top.

Breakaway frameless tyres may also be used.

#### 5.2.5 Void

#### 5.2.6 Bending Poles:

The obstacle will consist of a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of twelve (12) poles, each to be 60cm apart in a straight line, (Regulation 4.1.4.6 and 4.2.5) Each pole must have a minimum height of 1.2m.

#### 5.2.7 The Long Jump:

Two (2) to five (5) separate units comprise the long jump.

| Grade/s One (1) and Two (2) | Min Length (cm) | Max Length (cm) | No. of Units         |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Large                       | 120 (1.2m)      | 150 (1.5m)      | Four (4) to Five (5) |
| Medium                      | 60              | 70              | Two (2) to Three (3) |
| Small                       | 40              | 50              | Two (2)              |

Width of unit: 1,20m minimum

Height of highest unit: 28cm

Height of lowest unit: 15cm

Depth of each unit: 15cm slightly slanting

Corner poles with a minimum height of approximately 1,20m should be placed at all corners. The corner poles should not be fixed to the units. If a corner pole banks an element, it is no fault.



### 5.2.8 Pipe Tunnel:

The obstacle dimensions:

| Tunnel Type                              | Diameter             | Length                    |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Pipe                                     | Between 60 and 75 cm | minimum 3m and maximum 6m |
| Collapsible tunnels will not be allowed. |                      |                           |

The tunnel has to be flexible and it is recommended that it should be made from a uniformly surfaced material in a light colour.

Tube tunnels must always be pulled out to their full length.

When securing the tunnel, the strapping or webbing must follow the contours of the tunnel and not cause it to become misshaped or its diameter to be reduced.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF TABLES FOR JUMPING GRADES

The Table/s shall be nominated by the Judge/s and are to be included in the displayed course plan. Championship Show schedules must indicate the nominated Table(s) for each Grade.

### 6.1 Table A:

Table A consists of two (2) rounds with a time limit, see regulation 4.2. All dogs with a clear first round compete on a shortened course and the dog with the least faults and fastest time will be declared the winner.

A Qualification Certificate shall be awarded to the winning dog only if the first round is a clear round.

When only one (1) dog obtains a clear first round, a second round is not required, and this dog is declared the winner.

Where no dog obtains a clear round the dog with the least faults and fastest time is declared the winner but that dog shall not receive a Qualifying Certificate.

### 6.2 Table B:

Table B consists of one (1) round with a time limit. The dog with the least faults and fastest time is declared the winner.

A qualifying Certificate shall be awarded to the winning dog only if a clear round is achieved.

No pause/ table/ box may be used in Table B.

### 6.3 Table C:

Table C consists of one (1) round with a time limit.

A one (1) second penalty is incurred for every five (5) faults.

All disqualifications will apply.

The dog with the fastest time is declared the winner.

### 6.4 Table D:

Prior advice must be sent to KUSA, giving full details of informal events and written permission must be received before these are held.

Informal events may not be held at national or regional competitions.

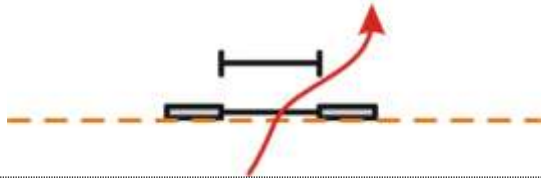
## 7. PENALTIES

Penalty faults are applied to every infringement.

### 7.1 Vertical Hurdles:

| Infringement  | Penalty               |
|---|-----------------------|
| Top horizontal bar dislodged.   | Five (5)              |
| Lower bar dislodges (Single Double Pole/Wall Jump/Hurdle).                                    | Zero (0) / No Penalty |
| The dog runs under the obstacle without dislodging the bar.<br>The refusal must be corrected. | Refusal; Ten (10)     |
| The dog negotiates the next obstacle before the refusal is corrected.                         | Disqualification      |

### 7.2 Spread Hurdles:

| Infringement   | Penalty               |
|--|-----------------------|
| Top horizontal bar of any element of the spread hurdle is dislodged.   | Five (5)              |
| Lower bar dislodges.   | Zero (0) / No Penalty |
| The dog splits a spread hurdle so that it exits the hurdle at the side between the front and back uprights instead of between the back uprights.<br>The refusal must be corrected. | Refusal; Ten (10)     |
|   |                       |
| The dog negotiates the next obstacle before the refusal is corrected.  | Disqualification      |

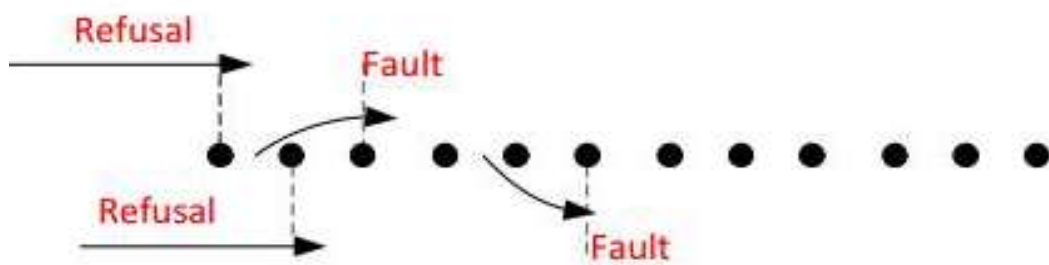
### 7.3 The Tyre/Collapsible Tyre Obstacle:

| Infringement  | Penalty               |
|---|-----------------------|
| The dog attempts to jump through the Tyre but hits the surround and causes the entire obstacle to fall. (Dog has not gone through the tyre).            | Disqualification      |
| The dog jumps over or runs under the obstacle, or jumps between the tyre and the frame, breaking the collapsible tyre.                                  | Disqualification      |
| The dog attempts to jump through the collapsible tyre, where the one half of the tyre dislodges from the other half.                                    | Five (5)              |
| The dog jumps over or runs under the obstacle.<br>The refusal must be corrected.  | Refusal; Ten (10)     |
| The dog jumps over, runs under or past the collapsible tyre without dislodging/breaking one half from the other half.<br>The refusal must be corrected. | Refusal; Ten (10)     |
| The dog negotiates next obstacle before a refusal is corrected.   | Disqualification      |
| The dog places a paw or both front paws in the aperture of the hoop or tyre and immediately negotiates the obstacle.                                    | Zero (0) / No Penalty |

7.4 Void

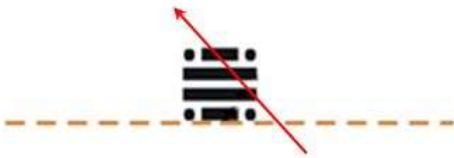
7.5 **Bending Poles:**

| Infringement  | Penalty                |
|---|------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any incorrect entry to the Bending Poles.</li> <li>The dog's nose projects past first pole on the left side.</li> <li>The dog's nose projects past the second pole on the right side.</li> </ul> | Refusal; Ten (10)      |
| Missing out a Pole.   | Fault - Five (5)       |
| Taking a pole in wrong order.   | Fault - Five (5)       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The dog's nose projects past the pole of the next correct gate.</li> </ul>   | Fault - Five (5)       |
| A Fault can only be given once for the complete exercise regardless of the amount of faults incurred.   |                        |
| The dog back weaving more than three (3) gates.   | Disqualification       |
| In all the above cases, the dog should be brought back to the approximate point of error and must be seen to attempt all remaining poles. If a mistake occurs, the Bending Poles can be negotiated from the beginning.                  |                        |
| In all instances the dog must negotiate the last three (3) poles correctly and if the dog proceeds to the next obstacle without negotiating the last three (3) poles correctly.   | Ten (10) (non-refusal) |
| All refusals must be corrected. Not correcting refusal.   | Disqualification       |
| Dog has incurred 3 Refusals at the entry of the poles.  | Disqualification       |



7.6 **Long Jump:**

| Infringement   | Penalty           |
|--|-------------------|
| Running past the Long jump or jumping in it.<br>The refusal must be corrected.   | Refusal; Ten (10) |
| Banking or knocking down one of the units.   | Five (5)          |
| Putting a paw or paws between the units.   | Five (5)          |
| Walk in the Long Jump.<br>The refusal must be corrected.   | Refusal; Ten (10) |
| A dog that exits through the side instead of the demarcated rear poles.  | Refusal; Ten (10) |
| <p>The diagram shows a set of three horizontal bars representing poles. A dashed orange line runs horizontally through the center of the bars. A red arrow points diagonally upwards and to the right, passing through the side of the pole structure.</p> |                   |
| or a dog that enters through the side instead of the demarcated front poles  |                   |

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|  |  |
| The refusal must be corrected   |  |
| A dog that touches or knocks down one of the corner poles of the long jump.       | Zero (0) / No Penalty, as they are guides to the judges only |

7.7 Void

**7.8 Rigid Tunnel:**

The Rigid Tunnel may be curved/shaped or used in a straight line as the Judge prefers.

| Infringement   | Penalty           |
|--|-------------------|
| If the dog goes into the tunnel correctly and comes back out again The refusal must be corrected             | Refusal; Ten (10) |
| The dog jumps over or places part of its body in either side of the tunnel when it is not the next obstacle. | Disqualification  |
| The dog jumps over the tunnel while busy negotiating the tunnel. The refusal must be corrected               | Refusal; Ten (10) |

**7.9 The Arena:**

From the beginning of the course building to the start of the competition the arena is closed.

| Infringement  | Penalty          |
|---|------------------|
| Any dog practising in the arena.  | Disqualification |
| After commencement of the exercise, the dog leaves the arena but returns within thirty (30) seconds | Time faults      |
| Dog leaves the arena and fails to return within thirty (30) seconds                                 | Disqualification |
| Handler leaves the arena after the commencement of the exercise                                     | Disqualification |

**7.10 The Start:**

The round is deemed to have begun when the dog or handler passes between the start poles when they are a separate entity to the first obstacle.

The time begins as the dog (or handler) passes between the start poles.

A refusal on the first obstacle may not be given if the dog has not yet passed between the start poles, when they are a separate entity to the first obstacle.

In the case of the start poles being on the first obstacle and the dog passes the poles without taking the first obstacle, the time will commence, and a refusal fault can be given.

| Infringement  | Penalty          |
|---|------------------|
| The handler fails to commence the competition within thirty (30) seconds of the Judge's start signal. | Disqualification |
| The dog starts the round before the start signal  | Disqualification |
| The dog does not cross the start line   | Disqualification |

#### 7.11 The Finish:

Time stops when the dog crosses the finish line.

| Infringement   | Penalty          |
|--|------------------|
| The handler crosses the finish line before the dog.  | Disqualification |
| The dog does not cross the finish line within thirty (30) seconds of negotiating the final obstacle. | Disqualification |
| The dog crosses the finish line at any stage before completing the course.                           | Disqualification |

#### 7.12 Missing out a Hurdle/Jump or Obstacles jumped out of order:

| Infringement   | Penalty               |
|--|-----------------------|
| The dog misses a hurdle/obstacle   | Disqualification      |
| A dog running under a hurdle without dislodging the top element(s).<br>The refusal must be corrected   | Refusal; Ten (10)     |
| The dog negotiates a hurdle/obstacle in the wrong order or wrong direction   | Disqualification      |
| The dog negotiates a further hurdle/obstacle or returns to its handler over the finish line after it has crossed the finish line from the correct side and the timing has stopped. | Zero (0) / No Penalty |
| The handler clears/ negotiates an obstacle at any time during a course (i.e. handler jumps over tunnel).   | Disqualification      |

#### 7.13 Void

#### 7.14 Refusals:

7.14.1 Three refusals in total during a round - disqualification.

7.14.2 All refusals mentioned in these regulations are valid for the statement in.

7.14.3 All refusals must be corrected.

| Infringement  | Penalty           |
|---|-------------------|
| The dog stops in front of a hurdle/obstacle for five (5) seconds or longer.<br>The refusal must be corrected.   | Refusal; Ten (10) |
| The dog pauses in front of a hurdle/obstacle and moving away in any direction, except towards the obstacle.<br>The refusal must be corrected.                     | Refusal; Ten (10) |
| The dog runs past or its nose projects past a hurdle/obstacle and has to reverse or come back to negotiate the hurdle/obstacle.<br>The refusal must be corrected. | Refusal; Ten (10) |

**7.15 Disobedience:**

Any act by the dog which indicates that it is out of control or shows unruly or aggressive behaviour - disqualification.

**7.16 Handling:**

| Infringement   | Penalty                                    |
|--|--|
| If a dog or handler gains any advantage by physically handling/guiding of the dog by the handler throughout the round, on the course or while negotiating any hurdle/obstacle. | Ten (10) (non-refusal)                     |
| Bumping : Inadvertent  | Zero (0) / No Penalty                      |
| Bumping: Deliberate  | Ten (10) (non-refusal)<br>Per infringement |
| Any physical handling or touching of any of the hurdle/obstacles.  | Ten (10) (non-refusal)                     |

**7.17 Time Allowed:**

Exceeding the time allowed – One (1) time fault per second or fraction thereof to two (2) decimal places. Definition of time to be the dog distance of travel.

**7.18 Time Limit:**

Exceeding the time limit - disqualification.

**7.19 Movement of Obstacles:**

| Infringement   | Penalty           |
|--|-------------------|
| The dog refuses to negotiate a hurdle/obstacle and thereby causes the hurdle/obstacle or any part of the hurdle/obstacle to move, fall, break or dislodge.<br>The refusal must be corrected. | Refusal; Ten (10) |
| Should the handler dislodge an element of the hurdle prior to the dog negotiating it.  | Disqualification  |

**7.20 Baiting:**

7.20.1 Baiting or offering food or other inducement whilst in the arena – disqualification.

7.20.2 Clothing worn by the competitor is not considered as a baiting tool. e.g. Hat blows off and is caught by the handler. The handler completes the round with hat in hand. There will be no dispensation for baiting.

However, if it is perceived by the judge that the handler is using the article of clothing for baiting once retrieved, the handler must be disqualified under this paragraph.

7.20.3 Any object belonging to the competing handler that is placed in the vicinity / in-line of the start or finish obstacle, inside or outside of the arena – disqualification.



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