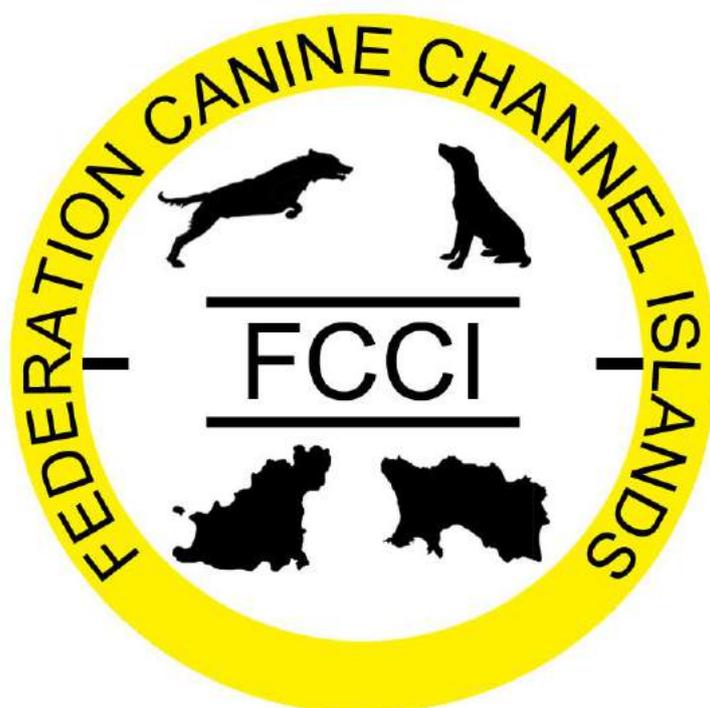


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Section 1

General Regulations for Agility Competitions

The following apply to all Agility Shows run under the FCCI agility regulations.

1. Running of Agility Shows

Any Society in the Channel Islands can use these regulations to run shows under, provided they follow the regulations for that show as set out below.

2. Welfare of Dogs

A competitor whose dog is entered under a FCCI agility regulations event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise.

3. Eligibility

- a. Only dogs of 18 calendar months of age and over on the day of competition are eligible for competition at a FCCI agility regulations Show.
- b. If, in the opinion of the Society, a dog is of a savage disposition it shall be ineligible for entry at any Agility Show held under FCCI agility Regulations. No activity shall be conducted which permits, encourages or develops aggression in a dog.
- c. On the day of the event a current Public Liability Insurance Document must be held.

4. Abandonment of the Show

In the event of the abandonment of a show for any unforeseen circumstances whatsoever, the Society may defray such expenses from the entry fees so as to cover the cost of the Show.

5. Documentation

At every Agility Show the following documents must be available:

- a. The current Public Liability Insurance Documents, which must be clearly displayed.
- b. A copy of the FCCI agility Regulations.
- c. A copy of the Schedule for the Competition.
- d. The completed entry forms for the Competition. All entry forms must be kept by the Society for at least 12 months from the closing date of. A list of results for each class must be retained by the Society for at least 12 months from the date of the Competition.
- d. An incident book.

6. Schedule

- a. The organisers must publish a schedule for the event, such schedule to follow the layout of the specimen schedule provided in section 4 and conform with FCCI agility Regulations.
- b. Contents of Schedule
 - (1) On the front outside cover or title page, the name of the Society, the type, venue and date of the Competition as described on the licence; the Show Secretary's name, address and telephone number where appropriate, and the name of the Competition Manager, and the date(s) of closing of entries.
 - (2) An announcement that the Competition is run under FCCI agility Regulations.
 - (3) The names of the Judge(s).
 - (4) All offers of sponsorship or donations with the names of the sponsors.

- (5) The amount of entry and other fees.
- (6) The amount of prize money where offered.
- (7) The time of opening of the Competition.
- (8) An entry form, which must include a box for the identification number of the dog (microchip or registered number of any other body) and the standard declaration as included in the specimen entry form in section 4.
- (9) Details of how entries can be made online.
- (10) Definitions of classes.
- (11) Method by which the Judge will mark the Tests.
- (12) A statement that in estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including 25 days before the start of the competition shall be counted when entering for any class. For these purposes a competition shall be defined as all classes covered within the same schedule. In the event that a dog becomes eligible for the next grade at a particular show, after the entry for that show has been sent, it is the competitor's responsibility to notify the show secretary at least 14 days before the date of the show. The dog should then be moved into the appropriate class(es) for the next grade. The dog must be moved into the corresponding number of classes as were entered at the lower grade. If there are fewer or no classes available for the next grade the competitor should be offered a refund of the relevant entry fees.
- (13) A statement that the Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries, provided there is a valid reason.
- (14) A statement that should a Judge be unable to fulfil the appointment to judge the Committee reserves the right to appoint another judge.
- (15) A statement that should circumstances so dictate the Society, in consultation with the Judge, may alter arrangements as necessary.
- (16) Notice of FCCI Agility Regulations paragraphs 7.d. and 9.

7. Entry for Competition

- a. Entries for the event must close at the time(s) indicated in the Schedule, which must be no later than 14 days before the event begins.
- b. Entries received by post bearing the Post Office postmark of the date for closing of entries or before must be accepted.
- c. Society's must offer the facility for online entries.
- d. A separate application for entry must be made by each owner and acceptance of the entry declaration must be given in accordance with the provisions specified thereon - whether in writing or via the internet. Entries cannot be accepted without the appropriate fees or acceptance of the entry declaration.
- e. If a competitor reports before competition that a dog has been entered which is ineligible, the dog must be withdrawn from competition. (Except under the discretion of the Show Management, the dog's entries may be transferred in order that it can compete at the correct height category).
- f. In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including 25 days before the start of the competition shall be counted when entering for any class. For these purposes a competition shall be defined as all classes covered within the same schedule. In the event that a dog becomes eligible for the next grade at a particular show, after the entry for that show has been sent, it is the competitor's responsibility to notify the show secretary at least 14 days before the date of the show. The dog should then be moved into the appropriate class(es) for the next grade. The dog must be moved into the corresponding number of classes as were entered at the lower grade. If there are fewer or no classes available for the next grade the competitor should be offered a refund of the relevant entry fees.

- g. Dogs may be limited to a specific number of classes. *(If applicable)*
- h. A Society, if they wish may accept late entries on the day, however the entry fee must be significantly higher than the original fee to reflect this concession.

8. Control of Dogs

The owner, exhibitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog at a FCCI agility regulations events must at all times ensure that the dog is kept under proper control, which does not interfere with other dogs whilst at the venue, including its environs, car and caravan parks and approaches. Dogs must be kept on a lead except whilst in the ring or exercise area. This Regulation applies before (at any time during the set up period at the venue), during the event and afterwards (at any time during the breakdown of the event).

9. Removal of dogs from Competition

Following discussion between the show management and/or a veterinary surgeon, a dog shall be prevented from competing and/or removed from an Agility Show if it is:

- a. Suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.
- b. Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent.
- c. Of such temperament or is so much out of control as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal.
- d. Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing.

The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the competition/show Incident Book.

10. Competition of Dogs Suffering from Contagious or Infectious Disease

No dog suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or having been exposed to such disease during the period of 21 days prior to the Competition may compete.

11. Veterinary Support

The organisers of the Show are required to arrange veterinary support compatible with the arrangements for the Competition and anticipated entries. The name, address and telephone number of the Veterinary Surgeon, Practitioner or Practice supporting the Competition is to be available.

12. Judging Contracts

Invitations to judge must be made by organising societies in writing and they must ensure that written acceptances are received (email is acceptable).

13. Judges and Judging

- a. Organisers of Agility Shows must ensure that those invited to judge have appropriate judging qualifications (other body's qualified judges will be recognised, for example the Kennel Club Limited or FCI etc.).
- b. Judges at an Agility Show may not handle a dog at the Show in the class(es) they are judging.
- c. Judges at FCCI agility regulations Shows are expected to maintain and abide by the highest standards in accordance with FCCI agility Regulations and appropriate Codes of Best Practice as published from time to time.
- d. Judges are not permitted to make a public commentary on the dogs whilst judging.
- e. Any physical disciplining of the dog by the handler in the ring or any uncontrolled behaviour of the dog must be penalised by adjusting the dog's score and the judge may bar the dog from further competition in the class.
- f. The Judge must observe the dog at all times whilst it is in the ring, even after elimination from competition.

- g. The Committee shall have the power to grant, withhold, suspend or cancel the appointment of any Judge.

14. Dog Fouling

- a. Any owner, competitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog is required to remove, as soon as possible any fouling caused by their dog(s) at any FCCI regulations event within the venue and within the environs of that event including car and caravan parks and approaches.
- b. Any organisation holding a FCCI agility regulations event is required to provide an adequate number of receptacles for the disposal of such fouling.

15. Objections and Complaints

- a. Where a competitor has a formal complaint to make, it should ideally be done on the day of competition to the Competitions Manager, in writing, with the appropriate fee as decided upon by the Organising Club.
- b. If the Competitions Manager is unable to resolve the complaint it should be referred to the Organising Clubs Committee at the next available meeting. Any breach of these Regulations shall be dealt with under the organising Clubs Rules.
- c. The Competitions Manager is allowed to run dogs. In the event of a complaint being lodged against the Competitions Manager then a member of Committee independent of the complaint will officiate.

16. Code of Good Conduct

All exhibitors are expected to act in a 'Spirit of Good Sportsmanship' at all times.

Section 2

Specific Agility Show Regulations

These Regulations must be read in conjunction with FCCI General Agility Show Regulations (section 1).

1. Agility Shows

Agility is a competitive activity for handlers and their dogs, for which the dogs must be fit and healthy. It is designed for the enjoyment of competitors, their dogs and appeal to spectators. Informality is encouraged and maximum discretion is granted to Societies within the constraints of safety and these Regulations. Nothing may be included in an Agility Show which could endanger the safety of the dogs competing, the handlers or the spectators.

2. Types of Agility Shows

a. **Open Agility Shows** - Open to all competitors.

b. **Limited Agility Shows**

Where entry is limited to:

- (1) Members of the Show Society
- (2) Competitors resident within a Specific area (area to be stipulated in the schedule)
- (3) Specific Breeds
- (4) By numbers (such numbers to be stipulated in the schedule)

3. Management - Societies are responsible for the following:

- a. The ring shall have a suitable surface and should ideally measure a minimum of 25m x 32m for outdoor venues. Indoor venues may be smaller but must be appropriate to size of the test.
- b. Ensuring that all obstacles and equipment in the test area do not include unnecessary protrusions and where wings or side supports are part of an obstacle they must be appreciably higher than the part to be cleared by the dog.
- c. The maximum number of individual runs a person shall judge on one day is 450, excluding unforeseen eventualities such as re-runs. Show Committees must appoint sufficient judges for the expected entries.
- d. Where combined classes are split, they must be split into parts of equal numbers (to within one dog). Splits must be conducted on a random basis. Where graded classes are split, they must be split by grade. If a subsequent grade or single grade class is split, they must be split into parts of equal numbers (to within one dog). Splits must be conducted on a random basis. Competitors entered therein must be notified of all changes.
- e. If a practice ring is provided, it must be supervised by a responsible adult with agility knowledge.

4. Competing

- a. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the precincts of the Show.
- b. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the Judge or Judges.
- c. Dogs must not wear any type of slip, half-slip collar or lead when under test. A flat, close fitting, leather or webbing collar is permitted, providing the only attachment is a

- plain identification panel as an integral part of the collar i.e.: not attached by a ring.
- d. Handlers working more than one dog in a Class must ensure that the dogs compete in the sequence in which they are drawn. Failure to do so may result in elimination.
 - e. Except for mobility aids, nothing shall be carried in the hand while the dog is under test and food shall not be given to a dog whilst in the ring - elimination.
 - f. It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order. Competitors must run as close to their running order as possible.
 - g. The dog and handler are deemed to be under test when instructed by the Judge or the Judge's steward, by signal or voice. The test has concluded when the dog has negotiated the last obstacle, or the handler and dog have voluntarily left the ring.

5. Eligibility and Schedule of Classes

1. This classification should apply to competitions for large, medium and small dogs.
2. In the following definitions of classes First Prize or other prize wins are those gained in standard classes at any Open or Limited Show (i.e. special classes and invitational events are excepted). Only a first place with a clear round completed within the course time set by the judge will count towards grade progression.
3. Societies may if they so wish limit the number of classes a dog may enter.
4. Standard classes may be scheduled for Agility Shows, as Agility classes or Jumping classes. All standard classes must contain the Weaving Poles obstacle. Standard Agility classes must contain the following elements: "A Ramp", Dog Walk and See-Saw. In the event of mitigating circumstances (i.e. adverse weather conditions) at a show a Judge, with the full agreement of the Competition Manager, may omit an item of compulsory equipment as deemed appropriate at the time. Any omission from the equipment must be reported by the show management. With this proviso classes are defined as follows:
5. Class Structure. A Class may either be held as a Graded Class or a Combined Class. A Graded Class may be scheduled for one or more consecutive Grades with separate results and awards issued for each grade. The eligibility for a Graded Class is detailed below. A Combined Class may be scheduled for more than one consecutive grade with one overall set of results. A Combined Class is open to any combination of dog and handler that qualifies for any of the Grades in that class.

a. Standard Classes

Standard Classes will have the following grading structure, standard classes are either 'Agility' or 'Jumping' classes:

(1). Open shows:

Grade A: For dogs which have **not** won 2 classes in grade A and/or combined classes (clear rounds only, one of which must be an agility round) at an **Open** Agility show. Also for dogs which are eligible to compete in grades 1 or 2 at a UK Kennel Club licensed Open Agility show, plus dogs that are grade 3, due to the owner or handler having won into grade 3 due to wins with other dogs, but have yet to win a class at grade 3. Also dogs which are eligible to compete in level 1 at FCI licenced Agility shows.

Grade B: For dogs which have won 2 classes in grade A and/or combined classes (clear rounds only, one of which must be an agility round) at an **Open** Agility show. Also for dogs which are not eligible to compete in grade A above, plus dogs which are eligible to compete in level 2 or 3 at FCI licenced Agility shows.

(2). Limit shows:

Grade A: For dogs which have **not** won 2 classes in grade A and/or combined classes (clear rounds only, one of which must be an agility round) at a **Limit or Open** Agility show. Also for dogs which are eligible to compete in grades 1 or 2 at a UK Kennel Club licensed open Agility show, plus dogs that are grade 3, due to the owner or handler having won into grade 3 due to wins with other dogs, but have yet to win a class at grade 3. Also dogs which are eligible to compete in level 1 at FCI licenced Agility shows.

Grade B: For dogs which have won 2 classes in grade A and/or combined classes (clear rounds only, one of which must be an agility round) at a **Limit or Open** Agility show. Also for dogs which are not eligible to compete in grade A above, plus dogs which are eligible to compete in level 2 or 3 at FCI licenced Agility shows.

b. Special Classes

(1). At all types of Agility shows, Societies may schedule classes other than those defined above, as "special" classes. The eligibility for special classes must be defined by the society and included in the schedule. The word "special" must be included in the title of the class.

(2). Where special classes are classified for older and/or inexperienced dogs, the height of the hurdles and the A-ramp, and the length of the long jump, may be reduced below the dimensions specified in these regulations, in which case such dimensions must be included in the class definition in the show schedule.

(3). Marking for special classes may deviate from marking for standard classes, but must be specified in the schedule. Wins, places and clear rounds in special classes will not count towards grade progression at FCCI agility regulations shows.

Section 3

Schedule of Competition, Courses, Obstacles and Marking

1. Courses

- a. The following Regulations apply to the construction of courses:
 - (1) The ring shall have a suitable surface and should ideally measure a minimum of 25m x 32m for outdoor venues. Indoor venues may be smaller but must be appropriate to the size of the Test.
 - (2) Design - The course should require a dog to traverse at least 10 obstacles but not more than 20 and all jump obstacles in any class should be the same height. Obstacles which the dog is required to clear should have a minimum of 3.6m (4yds) between centres except that this may be reduced to 2.74m (3yds) when the following obstacle is placed at 90 degrees or more to the preceding one.
 - (3) Standard Class Course Time - An appropriate set time for each course shall be calculated by the judge, who shall take into account the course length, the height category of the dogs competing, and the grade or grades of the dogs competing in the relevant class, together with any other relevant factors. The course length must be measured by the judge using a commercially available measuring wheel, using the straight line distance between obstacle centres method. The set time shall be stated by the judge before judging commences.
 - (4) Safety - Obstacles and equipment in the test area must not include unnecessary protrusions and where "wings" or side supports are part of an obstacle they must be appreciably higher than the part to be cleared by the dog.
 - (5) Electronic timing gates - The only obstacles allowed at the Start and Finish of a Standard Agility or Jumping Course are; Hurdle, Spread Jump, Brush Jump, Long Jump, Tyre, Wishing Well, Pipe Tunnel. The electronic timing gates should be positioned within 30cm (12ins) in front of the first obstacle and within 30cm (12ins) after the last obstacle. The distance between the electronic timing gates should be no less than the width of the part of the obstacle the dog must negotiate. Whenever possible the timing gates should be placed within the width of the Hurdle wings, or in the case of the Wall, within the pillars. For the Long Jump, Tyre, Wishing Well and Pipe Tunnel, the timing gates should be placed as close as possible to the outside edge of the obstacle without impeding the dog's natural path.
N.B. This regulation should also apply if manual timing is used in conjunction with start/finish poles.
 - (6) Under NO circumstances may any obstacle involve the use of FIRE.
- b. The Judge is responsible for the design of the course and must at all times give total consideration to the safety of the dog.
- c. No practice is allowed on the course save that competitors will be allowed to walk the course without their dog(s) before the class begins.

2. Height Limit for Dogs

- a. Large Dogs - For dogs measuring over 430mm (1ft 5ins) at the withers.
- b. Medium Dogs -For dogs measuring over 350mm (1ft 1.75ins) and measuring 430mm (1ft 5ins) or under at the withers.
- c. Small Dogs - For dogs measuring 350mm (1ft 1.75ins) or under at the withers

3. Obstacles

- a. **Hurdle** - The height of the hurdle must be 650mm (2ft 1.6ins) for Large Dogs (550mm (1ft 9 inches) for LHO – see section 6), 450mm (1ft 5.7ins) for Medium Dogs (350mm (1ft 1.75 inches) for LHO – see section 6), and 350mm (1ft 1.75ins) for Small Dogs (250mm (9.8 inches) for LHO – see section 6),. Width: 1.219m (4ft) minimum. The top bar or plank must be easily displaced by the dog. A wall should have displaceable units on the top. The height of hurdles in special classes may be lower than those listed above, but the height must be included in the schedule.
- b. **Rising Spread Jump** - Rising Spread Jump - A maximum of 2 single jumps as in Item a-(Hurdle) placed together to form a double spread, there must be no more than 2 elements to this obstacle. The top bar on the first hurdle must be at least 150mm (5.9ins) to 250mm (9.8ins) lower than the second hurdle. The maximum spread to be: Large Dogs - 550mm (1ft 9.6ins), Medium Dogs - 400mm (1ft 3.7ins), Small Dogs - 300mm (11.8ins). There must be only one pole on the back hurdle. The feet of the side supports (wings) should not be interlocking but touching and must not be out of line by more than 76mm (3ins).
- c. **Brush Fence** - Dimensions and details as for Item a - (Hurdle). This obstacle must have an easily displaceable top unit.
- d. **Hoop - (Tyre)** - Aperture diameter 533mm (1ft 9ins) minimum. Aperture centre from the ground: Large Dogs - 800mm (2ft 7.5ins). Medium Dogs - 550mm (1ft 9.6ins). Small Dogs - 490mm (1ft 7.3ins). The hoop to be of a consistent shape, constructed of an impact-absorbing material. The height of the hoop should not be lowered. The tyre/hoop must be directly mounted in a substantial frame structure which must be secured in such a way that dogs cannot knock the obstacle over from either direction; the frame shall not have a beam across the top.
- e. **Table** - 914mm (3ft) square minimum. Height: Large Dogs -600mm (1ft 11.6ins), Medium Dogs - 400mm (1ft 3.75ins), Small Dogs - 300mm (11.8ins). To be of stable construction with a non-slip surface.
- f. **Long Jump** - Each unit a minimum length of 1.219m (4ft). Large Dogs - To comprise 3 to 5 units the overall maximum length to be between 1.2m (3ft 11.2ins) and 1.5m (4ft 11ins). The height of the front unit to be 127mm (5ins) and the height of the rear unit to be 381mm (15ins). Medium Dogs - To comprise 3 to 4 units the overall maximum length to be between 700mm (2ft 3.8ins) and 900mm (2ft 11.4ins). The height of the front unit to be 127mm (5ins) and the height of the rear unit to be 305mm (12ins). Small Dogs - To comprise 2 to 3 units the overall maximum length to be between 400mm (1ft 3ins) and 500mm (1ft 7.7ins). The height of the front unit to be 127mm (5ins) and the height of the rear unit to be 229mm (9ins). Marker Poles with a minimum height of approximately 1.219m (4ft) shall be used, these should not be attached to any part of the obstacle.
- g. **Water Jump** - The overall maximum spread should be: Large Dogs - between 1.2m (3ft 11.2ins) and 1.5m (4ft 11ins). Medium Dogs - between 700mm (2ft 3.8ins) and 900mm (2ft 11.4ins). Small Dogs -between 400mm (1ft 3ins) and 500mm (1ft 7.7ins). A low hurdle or brush, with a maximum height of: Large Dogs - 610mm (2ft), Medium Dogs - 356mm (14ins), Small Dogs - 228mm (9ins) may be placed in front of the water. Marker poles with a minimum height of approximately 1.22m (4ft), should be placed at all 4 corners, these should not be attached to any part of the water jump.
- h. **Wishing Well** - This obstacle will be of stable construction and will be able to be fixed to the ground. To ensure the safety of the dog, it will have no sharp edges. Should a design be utilised which involves a removable centre section then the resultant corners must be rounded or padded. It will have a roof of which the bottom will be no less than Large Dogs - 1500mm, Medium Dogs - 1220mm, Small Dogs -

950mm from the ground. The roof must not project beyond the width or depth of the base. It will have a displaceable top bar the height of which will be: Large Dogs - 650mm, Medium Dogs - 450mm, Small Dogs - 350mm. The minimum space from the top of the bar to the top of the base will be Large Dogs - 160mm, Medium Dogs - 150mm, Small Dogs - 105mm. The overall width of the base will be between 900mm & 1400mm. The depth of the base which the dog jumps will be a maximum of Large Dogs - 550mm, Medium Dogs - 400mm, Small Dogs - 300mm.

- i. **Pipe Tunnel** - This obstacle should have a diameter of a minimum of 609mm (2ft) and should be a minimum of 3.048m (10ft) in length.
- j. **Weaving Poles** - The minimum number of poles should be five and the maximum number 12 and they should be in a continuous line, as straight as possible and should be 600mm (1ft 11ins) apart (between the poles). The poles must be of rigid construction and with a minimum height of 762mm (2ft 6ins) and a diameter between 32mm (1¼ in) and 38mm (1½ ins).
The base must have support bars at the bottom of each pole and they must be positioned away from the side a dog would normally negotiate each pole.
- k. **Pause Box** - Defined area 1.219m x 1.219m (4ft x 4ft).
- l. **“A” Ramp** - Two ramps 2.74m (9ft) long by 914mm (3ft) wide hinged at the apex 1.7m (5ft 7ins) from the ground. The last 1.067m (3ft 6ins) from the bottom of each ramp should be a different colour to indicate the area with which the dog should make contact. Each ramp to have a non-slip surface, and anti-slip slats at intervals but not within 152mm (6ins) of the start of the contact area.
- m. **See-Saw** - This obstacle will consist of a plank firmly mounted on a central bracket. The length of the plank must be 3.66m (12ft). The width should be 254mm (10ins) minimum and 305mm (12ins) maximum. The height of the central bracket measured from the ground to the top of the plank should be 610mm (2ft) minimum and 685mm (2ft 3ins) maximum. The last 914mm (3ft) from each end should be a different colour to indicate the area with which the dog should make contact. The plank should have a non-slip surface with no slats. The See-Saw must start to tip and then touch the ground between 2–3 seconds after a weight of 1 kilogram has been placed in the middle of the down contact area.
- n. **Dog Walk** - A walk plank of approximately 1.372m (4ft 6ins) measured from the ground to the top of the plank, with firmly fixed ramps at either end. The planks must be 3.66m (12ft) in length and a minimum of 254mm (10ins) and a maximum of 305mm (12ins) in width. The last 914mm (3ft) from the bottom of each ramp should be a different colour to indicate the area with which the dog should make contact. Each ramp should have a non-slip surface, and anti-slip slats at intervals but not within 152mm (6ins) of the start of a contact area.

4. Height Classification of Dogs

- (1) Dogs competing in all height categories must be measured for competition. Competitors must ensure that their dog is measured prior to their first competition and that the height has been officially recorded by the FCCI, following measuring by two FCCI approved measurers.
- (2) A second measurement must be carried out on the dog between 12 and 24 months after the first unless the dog is obviously over 430mm (1ft 5ins), in which case the official measurers can strike out the second measurement in the Agility Record Book. The dog cannot be reclassified into the lower height category retrospectively if the second measurement is not taken up within the 24 month period. If the second measurement places the dog in the same height category as the first, this will be the final measurement. However, if the second measurement places the dog in a different category then a third measurement must be carried out within two

calendar months by two measurers, both of whom must not have measured the dog on a previous occasion. The dog's height category will be that confirmed by two out of the three measurements. The dog should compete in the original height category until the final decision has been made.

- (3) The FCCI agility regulations will recognise officials trained to measure dogs for competition and measures by other approved bodies will count and will negate the requirement for an FCCI measurement (other body's officials will be recognised, for example the Kennel Club Limited). The record book must be notated 'small', 'medium' or 'large' as determined by the official measurement.
- (4) The FCCI will maintain a list of at least 4 authorised measurers at any one time, each of which will have been approved by the FCCI following assessment of their experience. Details of the measurers can be obtained by contacting the FCCI and will also be contained in the appendix to these rules, but may be updated separately from time to time as required.
- (5) Two authorised officials must carry out the measurement together and must use an FCCI approved measuring device. Measurement must be carried out on a level and even surface, in a quiet place, separate from other dogs and handlers.
- (6) Measurement of the dog's height will be taken from the ground to the highest point of the withers. The dog must be standing squarely with all four legs on the ground, neither stretched nor crouched. The dog's head should be in a natural position for the breed.
- (7) Measuring devices will be of a fixed 'hoop' type and must be of an approved design. A separate measuring device is required for measuring each of small or medium/large dogs.
- (8) Dogs presented for measurement should be wearing a collar and must be under the control of the owner/handler. Dogs presented for measurement that cannot be controlled by the owner/handler will not be measured. Where a dog is known to have a microchip or ear tattoo this form of identification should take precedence over a photograph and should be used to confirm the identity of the dog. If these types of identification are not available, a clear identifiable photograph must be used.
- (9) At a measuring session, the dog must be moved at least three times on the ground between first and second readings if there is any doubt into which height category the dog should be placed. It may be handled by the owner or by a person appointed by the owner (handler). The measurer can correct the dog's position only with the owner's/handler's consent. The owner may place the hoop over the dog themselves if requested, however the measurers must be able to check that it is positioned correctly.
- (10) A dog will be eligible to compete in small or medium height categories only after the official measurement has been carried out. Where a dog is measured out of the height category in which it has been entered it is permissible, at the discretion of the organising club, for entries to be altered in order that the dog can compete at the correct height category.
- (11) If, at the time of the second and third official measurements, a dog is found to be eligible for a different height category than originally attested to, awards received at shows up to the date of the second measurement will stand.
- (12) Dogs cannot be measured by anyone who is (or has been) listed as the owner, or co-owner, nor by anyone residing in the same household as them
- (13) In the event of a dispute, appeals must be lodged with the FCCI within 14 days of the original measure, detailing grounds for the appeal. The FCCI will investigate and, if deemed required, instruct a further measure to be carried out.

5. Marking

a. Standard marking (which must be used in standard classes).

All course faults in units of 5. For time faults see paragraph b below.

- (1) Table/Pause Box - faulted at judges discretion.
 - (2) See-Saw - must be touching the ground before the dog alights from the obstacle. A dog is considered to have refused the obstacle if it alights before the pivot point.
 - (3) Wishing Well - a dog should be faulted if it touches the base or dislodges the pole.
 - (4) Long Jump - A clean attempt should be made to clear the obstacle. Casual contact with the fore or hind legs will not be faulted. However, running past, jumping in and out to the side of the marker poles, or walking on or between the elements where no attempt has been made to clear the obstacle will be faulted as a refusal. Knocking down one or more elements will be marked as 5 faults.
 - (5) Water Jump - must be cleared without contact with the water.
 - (6) Hurdle/Wall - a dog should not be faulted if any part of the obstacle is touched and does not fall.
 - (7) Weaving poles - The dog to enter the weaving poles with the first pole adjacent to its left side. Each incorrect entry to be classed as a refusal - further error, maximum 5 faults - failure to complete correctly before negotiating any further obstacle, elimination.
 - (8) A Ramp - a dog is considered to have refused the obstacle if it alights before the down ramp.
 - (9) Dog Walk - A dog is considered to have refused the obstacle if it alights before the down plank.
 - (10) All other obstacles - 5 faults for failure to negotiate correctly.
 - (11) Handler deliberately touching any piece of equipment or their dog - 5 faults.
 - (12) Refusal/Runout - 5 faults for each refusal/runout.
 - (13) Start - Starting prior to instruction may result in elimination. If the dog runs by the first obstacle it should be faulted with a refusal.
 - (14) Three refusals/runouts - elimination.
 - (15) Out of control - elimination.
 - (16) Taking the wrong course - elimination.
 - (17) Fouling the ring - elimination
 - (18) Contact area - 5 faults for each failure to make contact.
 - (19) Course time - at the judges discretion.
 - (20) Dog wearing incorrect style of collar – elimination.
 - (21) Any double handling or deliberate assistance given to a competitor whilst competing from either inside or outside the ring will result in elimination.
 - (22) Handler traverses over, under or through any piece of equipment – elimination.
- b. Cumulative Marking/Time Faults - Faults incurred for failure to negotiate obstacles will be added to the faults incurred for failure to complete the course in the set time. A single fault or part thereof will be added for each second over the set time. Actual time will be recorded and rounding up or rounding down is not permitted.
- c. Should the judge deem a re-run is required, any result and/or faults gained in the previous run must be discounted.
- d. Other Marking - Any variation in the form of marking must be clearly defined to all competitors prior to competition. There will be no variation to standard marking in standard classes.

6. Lower Height Option.

Societies may offer the Lower Height Option to all dogs in that height category and may be offered at all grades. It is to be run as part of any Standard class as defined in these regulations and must be clearly identified in the schedule. When the Lower Height Option is scheduled a dog may only be entered at either the Full height or at the Lower Height and cannot compete at a different height in any class at that competition. For these purposes a competition shall be defined as all classes covered within the same schedule. Each relevant class will have two heights with a change part way through to higher/lower the jump heights and competitors must run at their entered height. The order in which the heights will run must be detailed on the ring cards/ring plan. There will be only one course walking at the start of the class. In a class where the Lower Height Option is available show organizer's may offer one set of awards by combining the results of each height or may offer separate awards for each height category.

Section 4

Specimen Open/Limited Agility Schedule

This document is a guide for Show Secretaries. All schedules for this type of Agility Show must be compiled in accordance with the layout indicated, and the Rules and Regulations must be included as indicated. No modifications should be made to this specimen schedule.

Additional information may be added to the schedule such as details of sponsorship, club logos, directions to the venue etc. and this information may be included on any appropriate page.

Please note that throughout this document ***all instructions and/or advice notes are shown in bold italic typeface.***

Specimen Schedule

(Instructions and/or advice notes are shown in bold italic typeface)

NAME OF SHOW SOCIETY

SCHEDULE OF *OPEN OR * LIMITED AGILITY SHOW
*(*delete as applicable - if Limited, specify limit)*

(Run under Federation Canine Channel Islands (FCCI) Agility Regulations)

VENUE *(including Post Code)*

DATE

ENTRIES CLOSE: *The Closing Date(s) (Postmark) / Online must be stated and this must be at least 14 days prior to the date of the Show*

ENTRIES TO BE MADE TO: *(address where to be sent)*

Details on how to enter online

SHOW SECRETARY - *(Name, address and telephone number)*

COMPETITION MANAGER – *(Name)*

TIME OF OPENING - TIME OF BRIEFING - TIME OF START OF JUDGING

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following Regulations are mandatory and therefore must be included in the Schedule. Items in bold italic should be replaced by the appropriate wording; items in normal type should be included as shown. Instructions and additional rules applicable to the Show may be added at the end of this section at the discretion of the Organising Society, but these must not contradict any of the Rules and Regulations given below.

1. Dogs entered at FCCI agility regulations Shows must have an identification number, either a microchip number or registered number with another body. The registration number will be required for each entry.
2. ***State the amount of entry (postal and online) and other fees.***
3. ***State the amount of prize money (if applicable)***
4. State how entries may be made via the internet.
5. A statement that the Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries, provided there is a valid reason.
6. Dogs under 18 calendar months of age on the day of the competition are not eligible to compete.
7. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the boundaries of the Show.
8. Dogs must not wear any type of slip, half-slip collar or lead when under test. A flat, close fitting, leather or webbing collar is permitted, providing the only attachment is a plain identification panel as an integral part of the collar i.e. not attached by a ring.
9. Should a judge be unable to fulfil the appointment to judge the Committee reserves the right to appoint another judge.
10. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the judge or judges.
11. ***Details of all offers of sponsorship or donations with the names of the sponsors.***
12. FCCI agility regulations standard marking rules apply.
13. ***State the height of hurdles if there are any special classes in which the hurdles will be set at a lower height than in standard classes (only if applicable)***
14. The height limit for dogs.
 - a. Large Dogs - For dogs measuring over 430mm (1ft 5ins) at the withers.
 - b. Medium Dogs - For dogs measuring over 350mm (1ft 1.75ins) and measuring 430mm (1ft 5ins) or under at the withers.
 - c. Small Dogs - For dogs measuring 350mm (1ft 1.75ins) or under at the withers.***Other variations are permissible, providing it is clearly stipulated.***
15. Judges at an Agility Show may not handle a dog at the Show in the class(es) they are judging.
16. Removal of dogs from Competition:

Following discussion between the show management and/or a veterinary surgeon, a dog shall be prevented from competing and/or removed from an Agility Show if it is:

 - a. Suffering from any infectious diseases or contagious disease.
 - b. Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent.
 - c. Of such temperament or is so much out of control as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal.
 - d. Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing.

The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the competition/show Incident Book.
17. In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including 25 days before the start of the competition, i.e. ***(state the exact date)***, shall be counted when entering for any class. For these purposes a competition shall be defined as all classes covered

within the same schedule. In the event that a dog becomes eligible for the next grade at a particular show, after the entry for that show has been sent, it is the competitor's responsibility to notify the show secretary at least 14 days before the date of the show. The dog will then be moved into the appropriate class(es) for the next grade. The dog must be moved into the corresponding number of classes as were entered at the lower grade. If there are fewer or no classes available for the next grade the competitor will be offered a refund of the relevant entry fees.

18. Should circumstances so dictate the Society, in consultation with the Judges, may alter arrangements as necessary.
19. ***State the Society's policy on refunds to competitors in the event of cancellation or postponement of the show. It is not acceptable to state that no refunds will be given. Recommended wording is:***
In the event that the show is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the club/society will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses, on receipt of a stamped, addressed envelope submitted within 1 month of the show date.
20. Except for mobility aids, nothing shall be carried in the hand while the dog is under test and food shall not be given to a dog whilst in the ring - elimination.
21. Separate entry forms must be completed by each competitor and must be signed by the competitor or his authorised agent in accordance with provisions specified thereon. Entry forms must be accompanied with the appropriate fees.
22. Competition of dogs suffering from Contagious or Infectious Disease - No dogs suffering from infectious or contagious disease or having been exposed to such disease during the period of 21 days prior to the Competition may compete.
23. A pay on the day class may be held if time permits.
24. ***State if the Society will or will not accept late entries on the day, however the entry fee must be significantly higher than the original fee to reflect this concession, which must also be stated.***
25. **Welfare of Dogs** – A competitor whose dog is entered at a FCCI agility regulations event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise.

ELIGIBILITY AND SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Detail Regulations for Eligibility and the Schedule of Classes.

Following also to be included:

Large Dogs - For dogs measuring over 430mm (1ft 5ins) at the withers.

Medium Dogs -For dogs measuring over 350mm (1ft 1.75ins) and measuring 430mm (1ft 5ins) or under at the withers.

Small Dogs - For dogs measuring 350mm (1ft 1.75ins) or under at the withers.

Other variations are permissible, providing it is clearly stipulated in the schedule.

ENTRY FORM

This notice must be printed on the entry form, either on the front or the back of the form.

DOGS IN CARS ON HOT DAYS - Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog.

If your dog is found to be at risk, forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

An entry form must be included within the Schedule, and the wording must be in accordance with that approved, specimen of standard entry form on next page.

SPECIMEN OPEN / LIMITED AGILITY SHOW ENTRY FORM

The details listed below are requirements for inclusion on an entry form for Agility Shows. Provided the following are included on such entry forms the format of the actual form is at the discretion of the host Society.

1. Date of Show
2. Type of Show
3. Name of Society
4. Show Venue
5. Breed of Dog
6. Name of Dog
7. Identification number, either a microchip number or registered number with another body
8. Sex
9. Date of Birth
10. Owner, name and address
11. Handler, name & address (if different to owner)
12. Dog's current Grade (***if relevant to format of classes***)
13. I/We agree to abide by the Regulations of this Show and not to bring to the Show any dog which has contracted or been knowingly exposed to any infectious or contagious disease during the 21 days prior to the day of the Show, or which is suffering from a visible condition which adversely affects its health or welfare. I/We further declare that, I believe to the best of my knowledge that dogs are not liable to disqualification under the Regulations of this show. By entering this show I also agree to help a little with the running of the rings.
14. Signature(s) of owner(s) or authorised agent and date.
15. Details of entry fees
16. Instructions
 - This form must be used by one person only (or partnership).
 - Writing **MUST BE IN INK**
 - Use one line only for each dog.
 - If an error is made the dog may be disqualified by the Society.
 - Dogs under 18 months of age on the day of the competition cannot be entered for competition.
 - On no account will entries be accepted without fees.
 - Please put classes in numerical order and use **BLOCK CAPITALS** throughout when completing this entry form.
 - **PLEASE CHECK ALL DETAILS BEFORE POSTING.**

(Instruction details can be grouped together as one paragraph)

Appendix

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