



CRUFTS and DISCOVER DOGS AGILITY HEAT REGULATIONS 2019/2020

General Regulations

The following regulations apply to all Crufts and Discover Dogs qualifying Agility competitions and heats.

All events must be judged under the appropriate Kennel Club regulations H & H (1) in force at the time of the event. Competitors entering any competition will be deemed to have agreed to abide by these regulations.

All heats must take place at Kennel Club licensed shows and the class name in the schedule should replicate exactly the name of the competition as stated in these regulations.

All Kennel Club supported competitions should be judged using standard marking.

If the entry for the heat exceeds the Kennel Club limit for a judge in a day, then the class will be equally split and another judge appointed for the second part. Qualifiers and points from that heat will be taken in equal proportion from each part.

Dogs entered in any heats must be eligible for the competition entered. Judges have the right to check the dog's Kennel Club Agility Record Book to ensure the dog is running in the correct height category. Where points are accumulated throughout the year these will be allocated to the specific handler and dog partnership (no substitution of dog or handler may be made). If there is an equality of points after all the heat results have been calculated, the dog and handler partnership which has achieved the highest place at a heat will take preference in the final allocation of places.

An entry fee will be charged for each dog for Crufts.

NOTE FOR SHOW SOCIETIES: All results from these heats **must** be sent to the Working Dog Activities Team at the Kennel Club within 14 days of the show date by email to:

agility@thekennelclub.org.uk .



Crufts Singles Agility Competition 2019/2020

Qualifying heats will be scheduled as a standard combined class for grades 6 & 7. There will be a separate qualifying competition for each height category (small, medium, large) with 12 heats for each height, held at Kennel Club licensed shows throughout the country.

Eligibility

Competitors may enter more than one dog in a heat. Competitors may qualify more than one dog for the final.

Qualifying

The first 10 placed dogs in each heat will have the following points awarded:

1st place = 10 points, 2nd place = 9 points etc. down to 10th place = 1 point. Qualifying points will be awarded down to 10th even if the show does not award class places down to 10th. The 16 large dogs, 10 Medium dogs and 10 Small dogs with the highest accumulation of points will be invited to compete in the CRUFTS Singles Agility Finals at CRUFTS 2020

If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the final, reserves will be taken from dog/s with the highest number of points from the heats which have/has not qualified.

Administration

NOTE TO SHOW SOCIETIES: In the event of awards at the show not going down to 10th place the Show Secretary must still record the top ten places (excluding eliminated dogs) and send the results to the Working Dog Activities Team at the Kennel Club within 14 days of the show by email to:

agility@thekennelclub.org.uk .



Crufts Team Agility Competition (Special) 2019/2020

These competitions will be scheduled as a Special combined class for grades 1 to 7 with a separate qualifying competition for each height category.

There will be up to 8 separate heats for the Large height category and up to 9 heats for Small and Medium categories held at Kennel Club licensed shows throughout the country.

Eligibility

This event is open to teams from Kennel Club Registered and Listed Status clubs which, at the time of entry to the qualifying heat, have indicated in their Kennel Club registration details that they have an interest in agility or are an Agility Listed Status Club. Each team entry will consist of 4 dogs from the same height category, with 4 different handlers, plus up to 2 reserves. Only dogs entered in the team or as reserves at the qualifying event will be permitted to compete for that team in the final should a change of dog be necessary. Only handlers that competed at the qualifying event or those listed as reserves will be permitted to compete for that team in the final should a handler be unable to compete. Any amendment to the handlers entered at the heat must be notified and recorded in advance of the team competing.

All team members must be members of the club at the time of qualifying for the CRUFTS Teams Final. Dogs do not have to be entered into any other class at a qualifying heat and a team entry will constitute acceptance of the Organising Club and Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

Clubs may only qualify one team in each height category for the final at CRUFTS 2020.

Once a handler or dog has run for a Kennel Club Registered / Listed Status Club in a CRUFTS Team Agility qualifying event they cannot run for another Kennel Club Registered / Listed Status Club in a qualifying event at the same height category during the qualifying year. (Handlers or dogs entered as reserves may run or be entered as reserves for a different team, provided they did not run in the original team's heat).

Competition Rules

The competition will be held under Kennel Club rules and regulations for Agility and any handler entering the competition will be deemed to abide by these rules and regulations. Standard rules will apply and all equipment used shall be of a standard size for that height category.

It is a team relay event and a suitable baton should be used which must remain behind the start line at all times. When the dog/handler returns to the start/finish, there will be a baton change between the handlers. No part of the next dog/handler must be over the start line at the change over; failure to observe this will incur a penalty of twenty faults.

An elimination will incur a penalty of 100 faults, a dropped baton will incur a penalty of 20 faults.

The total time of the team of four dogs must be recorded for marking purposes irrespective of the number of faults or eliminations that a team incur.

Once a dog has been eliminated it cannot incur further faults. However, if any of the team members fail to complete the course or any of the team dogs fouls the ring the whole team will be disqualified.

Please note that some areas of marking for the Crufts Team event differ from standard marking due to the fact that it is a relay class with cumulative marking and time.

Qualifying

The winners of each heat will be invited to CRUFTS 2020 to compete in the Small, Medium or Large Finals. In the event that the winning team or club in a heat has already qualified for the final then the highest placed unqualified team in that heat will be invited to the final at CRUFTS.

Administration

NOTE TO SHOW SOCIETIES: The Show Secretary should record the top five placed teams and send the results to the Working Dog Activities Team at the Kennel Club within 14 days of the show by email to: agility@thekennelclub.org.uk. These results should include the name of the team, name of the Registered / Listed Status club the team represents, team captain's name and address and the handlers, dogs and reserves in the team.



Crufts Large Novice ABC Agility Stakes (Special) 2019/2020

Eligibility

This competition is a special agility competition open to all dogs excluding Border Collies, Working Sheepdogs and any of their crosses. In the event of any dispute regarding the parentage of a dog competing in the ABC Agility competition, any concerns should be recorded in the Incident Book and reported to the Kennel Club.

Those dogs eligible to compete in competition for Large dogs are those measuring over 430 mm (1 foot 5 inches) at the withers.

Dogs should be eligible to compete at Grade 1 - 5 at the time of qualifying for the semi-final. Any subsequent wins gained by the dog will not alter its eligibility to compete in the semi-final or final.

Competition Rules

The competition will be held under Kennel Club rules and regulations for Agility and any handler entering the competition will be deemed to have agreed to abide by these rules and regulations. Standard rules will apply and all equipment used shall be of a standard size for that height category.

The semi-final will consist of one round of agility competition and one round of jumping competition; the top 10 dogs qualifying for Crufts will be those with the least combined faults in the fastest combined time calculated over the two rounds of the semi-final. If there is equality of faults and time, the agility round will take precedence.

The final will consist of one round of agility. The winner of the Crufts Large Novice ABC Agility Stakes will be the dog and handler with the least faults in the fastest time.

Qualifying

There will be 10 qualifying shows throughout the year. The first 10 placed dogs in each heat will have the following points awarded:

1st place = 10 points, 2nd place = 9 points etc. down to 10th place = 1 point. Qualifying points will be awarded down to 10th even if the show does not award class places down to 10th.

If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the final, reserves will be taken from dog/s with the highest number of points from the heats which have/has not qualified.

The top twenty dogs, with the most points, will be invited to a semi-final at Discover Dogs 2019. A maximum of three representatives of any one breed will be invited to the semi-final. This decision will be at the organisers' discretion. Discover Dogs will be held at Excel, London in 2019 Car parking will not be provided by the Kennel Club.

The first ten highest placed dogs at the semi-final will be invited to compete in the finals to be held at Crufts Dog Show, NEC Birmingham in March 2020.

Administration

NOTE TO SHOW SOCIETIES: In the event of awards at the show not going down to 10th place the Show Secretary must still record the top ten places (excluding eliminated dogs) and send the results to the Working Dog Activities Team at the Kennel Club within 14 days of the show by email to agility@thekennelclub.org.uk.



Crufts Medium ABC Agility Stakes (Special) 2019/2020

Eligibility

This competition is a special agility competition open to all dogs excluding Border Collies, Working Sheepdogs and any of their crosses. In the event of any dispute regarding the parentage of a dog competing in the ABC Agility competition, any concerns should be recorded in the Incident Book and reported to the Kennel Club.

Those dogs eligible to compete in Medium dog competition are those measuring over 350 mm (1 foot 1¾ inches) and those measuring 430 mm (1 foot 5 inches) or under at the withers and eligible to compete in combined Grades 1 to 7 for Medium dogs.

This competition will be classified as combined Grades 1 to 7.

Competition Rules

The competition will be held under Kennel Club rules and regulations for Agility and any handler entering the competition will be deemed to have agreed to abide by these rules and regulations. Standard rules will apply and all equipment used shall be of a standard size for that height category.

The semi-final will consist of one round of agility competition and one round of jumping competition; the top 10 dogs qualifying for Crufts will be those with the least combined faults in the fastest combined time calculated over the two rounds of the semi-final. If there is equality of faults and time, the agility round will take precedence.

The final will consist of one round of agility. The winner of the Crufts Medium ABC Agility Stakes will be the dog and handler with the least faults in the fastest time.

Qualifying

There will be 10 qualifying shows throughout the year. The first 10 placed dogs in each heat will have the following points awarded:

1st place = 10 points, 2nd place = 9 points etc. down to 10th place = 1 point. Qualifying points will be awarded down to 10th even if the show does not award class places down to 10th.

If a qualified handler or dog is unable/unfit to attend the final, reserves will be taken from dog/s with the highest number of points from the heats which have/has not qualified.

The top twenty dogs, with the most points, will be invited to a semi-final at Discover Dogs 2019. A maximum of three representatives of any one breed will be invited to the semi-final. This decision will be at the organisers' discretion. Discover Dogs will be held at Excel, London in 2019. Car parking will not be provided by the Kennel Club.

The first ten highest placed dogs at the semi-final will be invited to compete in the finals to be held at Crufts Dog Show, NEC Birmingham in March 2020.

Administration

NOTE TO SHOW SOCIETIES: In the event of awards at the show not going down to 10th place the Show Secretary must still record the top ten places (excluding eliminated dogs) and send the results to the Working Dog Activities Team at the Kennel Club within 14 days of the show by email to agility@thekennelclub.org.uk.



Discover Dogs Small / Mixi Pairs Challenge (Special) 2019

This is a competition consisting of eight heats of jumping. The competition is open to small dogs, partnering either a medium dog or a large dog, and heats will be scheduled as a Special combined class for grades 1 to 7.

Eligibility

The competition is open to two dogs with separate handlers. One dog must be a small dog, 35cm or under at the withers, the partner can be either a medium dog, over 35cm but 43cm or under at the withers, or a large dog, over 43cm in height.

Handlers with more than one dog may enter in more than one pair. However, they may only qualify a maximum of two dogs for the final. No surrogate handlers will be allowed in the final.

Should a qualified dog or handler within a pair be unable/unfit to enter the final, that pair will not be able to compete. Their place in the final will be offered to the next available pair with the highest points who have not qualified.

Competition Rules

The competition will be held under Kennel Club rules and regulations for Agility and any handler entering the competition will be deemed to have agreed to abide by these rules and regulations. Standard rules will apply and all equipment used shall be of a standard size for that height category.

This is a relay competition with a baton change taking place either in a box or behind a line at the judges' discretion.

No part of the next dog/handler must be over the start line at the change over; failure to observe this will incur a penalty of twenty faults.

An elimination will incur a penalty of 100 faults, should a dropped baton will incur a penalty of 20 faults. **Once a dog has been eliminated it cannot incur further faults. However, if either member of the pair fail to complete the course or either of the dogs foul the ring the pair will be disqualified.**

The competition will involve a change of height of the obstacles being jumped by the medium/large dogs at one stage during the class. The judge will decide which height of dog to start with and will announce the change of height when relevant. It is the competitors' responsibility to be available accordingly. The course will be walked by everyone before the beginning of the class.

The final will consist of two rounds of jumping competition. The winners of the Discover Dogs Small / Mixi Pairs will be the pair with the least combined faults in the fastest combined time calculated over the two rounds of the final. Discover Dogs will be held at Excel, London in 2019. Car parking will not be provided by the Kennel Club.

Qualifying

Points will be awarded to the specific pair (consisting of two handlers with their dogs) which competes at the heat. Points are not transferable between different pair combinations.

Pairs will score 15 points for 1st place down to 1 point for 15th place. Points will be accumulated over all eight heats and the 15 pairs with the most points will go through to the final at Discover Dogs 2019

Administration

NOTE TO SHOW SOCIETIES: In the event of awards at the show not going down to 15th place the Show Secretary must still record the top 15 placed pairs and send the results to the Working Dog Activities Team at the Kennel Club within 14 days of the show by email to agility@thekennelclub.org.uk.