

Why have UKA introduced the Select height?

1. We want UKA to be inclusive to all dogs and all handler opinions on jump heights, whilst still being able to run events efficiently and be financially viable.
2. There are many dogs whose handlers would like their dogs to jump lower than their current Regular height but still have the challenge of normal courses and to be able to work toward progression. This could be due to breed, age (young & old), size (big & small) or being measured just above the jump height cut off.
3. With variation between organisations methods to measure dogs, this allows those that are in different jump heights between the organisations to keep their dogs jumping the same height regardless of where they compete.
4. On the flip side there are many handlers who believe the current 5 Regular heights we offer are great for their dogs and do not want to jump lower and they will not have to take on any of these options if they do not wish to.

What is the difference between Regular and Select?

Very simply if you choose to run in Select then you will run in the appropriate level for your dog but following the rules of the height below you. I.E. the jump height will be lower (including tyre, wall and spread) and the long jump and spread distance will be reduced. All other equipment remains the same.

Can you clarify which jump height I am eligible for?

Dogs Measured Height	Regular height	Select height
600	600	500(s)
500	500	400(s)
400	400	300(s)
300	300	250(s)
250	250	200(s)

Will Select and Regular dogs run at the same time?

Yes, all dogs jumping the same height, be it Regular or Select, will run at the same time. The computer scoring system will enter the dog into the correct results. E.G. when the jumps are set at 500height all Regular 500 dogs and Select 500 dogs will run. (This will be very much like a Graded KC class where all dogs run throughout the time the class is open yet their results appear on the appropriate result sheets.)

Will Select have progression points?

Yes, these will be exactly the same and follow the same rules as Regular heights

Will Select dogs compete against dogs in their Regular jump height?

No, Regular and Select will be two different classes with separate results and separate progression points.

How often can I swap between the Regular and Select jump heights with the same dog?

You must jump the same jump height on one day in each program, however you can swap each day if you so wish to any height you are eligible for.

EG, A 400 dog on a Saturday could jump 400 in Performance and 300 Select in Steeplechase then on Sunday Jump 400 in both programs

Will progression points carry across if I swap between Select and Regular?

Yes, with the UKA points system, it is as much about beating the course as other competitors. As you are gaining points on identical courses, with the only difference being the jump height, points gained will be treated the same regardless of if achieved in Regular or Select. Who is to say or know whether the Regular or Select height is more competitive?

For example, if you win to Champion level in Regular 600 height, you will be able to compete in Champion level in 500 Select. If you win 12 points in Beginners Steeplechase at your first show in Select and then 12 points in your Regular jump height at your 2nd show in Beginners Steeplechase, these 24 points will move you to Novice.

Will there be qualifiers for Select?

In 2021 we will not be introducing any qualifiers for Select. Once Select is established we will look into the demand, feasibility and logistics of including finals at Select.

Why is there no Spread or Tyre in 200 Select?

Due to the size of the actual Tyre and considering it needs to open if contact is made, it cannot physically be adjusted to a height low enough. The 1st pole of a Spread jump is also unable to go low enough to create the required 10cm gap between the poles.

In 200 Select the judge will replace both Tyre and Spread with a single jump.

Will there be a Wall in 200 Select?

Yes. UKAs current equipment suppliers both provide a Wall that will comply with a Micro height. If an equipment supplier is used at a show where this is not possible a single jump will be used to replace the wall.

Will Casual & Nursery remain?

Yes. Nursery will stay in exactly the same format it always has, offering 500, 400, 300, 250 and 200 jump heights

Casual will be changing slightly. There will now be 2 jump heights, 300 & 200.

These classes will no longer have placements but will have clear round rosettes. Dogs can jump either height.

In summary, regardless of your dog's height, at UKA you can find appropriate classes at any of our jump heights.

DOGS MEASURED HEIGHT	REGULAR JUMP HEIGHT	SELECT JUMP HEIGHT	CASUAL JUMP HEIGHT	NURSERY JUMP HEIGHT
250	250mm (You can choose to jump 300, 400, 500 & 600)	200(S)	(200mm or 300mm)	All 5 heights (200, 250, 300, 400, 500)
300	300mm (You can choose to jump 400, 500 & 600)	250(s)	(200mm or 300mm)	All 5 heights (200, 250, 300, 400, 500)
400	400mm (You can choose to jump 500 & 600)	300(s)	(200mm or 300mm)	All 5 heights (200, 250, 300, 400, 500)
500	500mm (You can choose to jump 600)	400 (s)	(200mm or 300mm)	All 5 heights (200, 250, 300, 400, 500)
600	600mm	500 (s)	(200mm or 300mm)	All 5 heights (200, 250, 300, 400, 500)