

UKA Rules & Regulations 2022 to 2023

Amendments Summary

Section 1.3a Registering dogs at the correct level

2022 Rules

When you first register as a handler with UKA, if you have been competing at Kennel Club agility events with the dog you are also registering, you must transfer them into the equivalent UK Agility Level. Refer to the transfer table below to find the corresponding Level for each Programme.

Dogs Kennel Club Grade at Time of Registration	UKA Performance Programme	UKA Steeplechase Programme
Grade 1, 2 & 3	Beginners	SC Beginners
Grade 4, 5	Novice	SC Novice
Grade 6, 7	Senior	SC Senior
KC CC or RC Winner	Champion	SC Champion

Once a dog is registered with UK Agility, results from other organisations do not count towards progression through the Levels in UK Agility with the exception of winning a Champion Certificate or Reserve Championship Certificate under Kennel Club rules. Dogs with no competition history or that are under competition age at the time of registration will start in Beginners.

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dog will then start in Novice, not Beginners. It is the handler's responsibility to inform UKA of the changes required to their dog's level before their next UKA competition so that they may be moved into the corresponding level. Once transferred up to the new level, the dog will start at that level with 0 points. There will be no fee for this, but it is the owners/handler's responsibility to contact UKA to complete this transfer before their next UKA show. This cannot be done at the show, and therefore if not completed beforehand, the dog will be deemed to have competed at the wrong level.

Dogs with **no competition history** or that are under competition age at the time of registration will start in Beginners. If more than 12 months has passed between registration and first competition, the dog must move into the correct level as per above.

1.3b Registering Dogs at a Later Date

2022 Rules

All new dogs registered with UKA with a new or existing member will transfer across from the Kennel Club grade they were eligible for at the time of the DOG registration, as per the table above. Dogs with no competition history with an existing member or that are under competition age at the time of the dog's registration will start in Beginners. Once a dog is registered with UK Agility, it cannot be registered again with a different name or number or under a different handler/owner. A dog transfer to a new owner can be requested to UK Agility. If the dog is already registered with UKA and an owner transfer takes place, the dog will remain in its current UKA Level with all UKA results standing. If a dog wins a Champion Certificate or Reserve Championship Certificate under Kennel Club rules the owner/handler may apply to the UK Agility office for them to be moved up to Champion Level in both Programmes.

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Once a dog is registered with UK Agility, it cannot be registered again with a different name or number or under a different handler/owner. A dog transfer to a new owner can be requested to UK Agility.

If the dog is already registered with UKA and an owner transfer takes place, the dog will remain in its current UKA Level with all UKA results standing.

If a handler/dog has been absent from UKA competitions for 1 year, they must transfer their dogs up the levels to match that of their current KC competing level. This is to allow those whose dogs have progressed through the grades at KC but have been unable to attend UKA shows to compete at a level suitable for their dog without having to win through. Dogs however can only be moved up to the Senior level in the Performance and Steeplechase Programme, the Champion level must be won into. The exception to this is if the dog wins a Champion Certificate or Reserve Championship Certificate under Kennel Club rules the owner/handler must apply to the UK Agility office for them to be moved up to Champion Level in both Programmes. Once transferred up to the new level, the dog will start at that level with 0 points. There will be no fee for this, but it is the owners/handler's responsibility to contact UKA to complete this transfer before their next UKA show. This cannot be

done at the show, and therefore if not completed beforehand, the dog will be deemed to have competed at the wrong level.

2.0 Programmes, Levels & Titles

2022 Rules

Both Programmes offer the opportunity for dogs to be awarded titles once they have progressed to the highest Level through either the process of collecting points or through winning classes: Champion of Agility Performance (CAP), Win Champion of Agility Performance (WCAP), Champion of Steeplechase (CSC) and Win Champion of Steeplechase (WCSC). In addition, once a dog has been awarded both a CAP and a CSC that dog will gain the title of Overall Agility Champion (OAC). If a dog gains both the titles WCAP and WCSC, that dog will gain the title of Ultimate Win Agility Champion (UWAC). It is the handlers/owner's responsibility to notify UK Agility of their dogs achieving these awards. Once these have been confirmed with the official UK Agility results, a PDF file containing their Certificate of Title will be emailed out.

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2.1c Performance Awards

2022 Rules

Once a dog has achieved CAP5 it will be awarded an Outstanding Achievement Award.

2023 Rules

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2.2c Steeplechase Awards

2022 Rules

Once a dog has achieved CSC5 it will be awarded an Outstanding Achievement Award.

2023 Rules

Once a dog has achieved CSC5 it will be awarded an *Outstanding Achievement Award* and UKA will arrange for a commemorative rosette to be sent to the handler.

2.3 Jump Height Divisions

2022 Rules

Select Heights UKA offers competitors the choice to jump their dogs one height lower than their measured height in the Select jump heights. The Select jump height follows identical rules to the Regular jump height with the exception of the tyre and spread being replaced by a single jump in 200 Select. In the Select jump heights dogs can only jump the height they are eligible for.

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200(s)	320mm and under	200mm	1.7m	Not allowed	Under 200mm	Not allowed
250(s)	380mm and under	250mm	1.7m	See Spread Table below	500mm	400mm
300(s)	440mm and under	300mm	1.7m	See Spread Table below	600mm	450mm
400(s)	500mm and under	400mm	1.7m	See Spread Table below	800mm	550mm
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3.4d UKA Baton Rules

2022 Rules

The judge shall designate an area for a baton exchange between handlers. The next dog and handler to run for the team/pair will wait in this area for their turn to run. The baton exchange must happen with both handlers and their dogs within the boundaries of the designated exchange box. The baton must exchange hands without being dropped or thrown before the next handler and dog to run can move out of the exchange area to begin their course. Dogs and handlers do not need to remain in the exchange box once the baton has been passed. The baton must remain within the exchange box at all times and the returning handler must hold the baton for 5 (five) seconds to be considered a successful exchange. After this they no longer need to hold the baton. A faulted baton change is 10 faults. The handler waiting in the exchange area can hold or restrain his or her dog in anyway, providing it is not deemed abusive or harsh by the judge. Dogs may be placed on leads before and after their runs while other team/pair members are running. However, a lead must not be on the dog at the time of the baton exchange. The handler waiting to run does not need to be holding the baton until the exchange needs to happen. An elimination will be incurred if another team/pair member's dog runs into the course area during another members run. This includes taking any obstacles once they have finished their specific section of the course. At the discretion of the judge they may appoint someone to judge the exchange box. If a box judge is appointed, they will be deemed as an event judge and therefore must comply to all judging rules.

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In view of UK Agility, being inclusive to all, the rules of the baton exchange can be amended at all shows to consider handlers with physical impairments.

Handlers who consider themselves to be physically impaired must present themselves to the ring manager, prior to the class briefing and course walking. Once the briefing has taken place, there can be no further adjustments to the rules. In this case an alteration is made to allow the baton to be considered to have been exchanged, and the second dog to be able to run, once the first dog has crossed the finish line. The first dog must stay within the boundary of the box at all times after this takes place. Leaving the box to return to their handler will incur an elimination. All handlers will be given the option to have the alternative baton exchange, regardless of physical status, but may use the baton if they wish. In this case, a baton judge MUST be appointed to judge all exchanges, to ensure the first dog does not leave the box at any time.

The second handler is still to hold the baton, and they must drop it on the floor prior to leaving the box.

When qualifying for the Grand Finals, handlers must declare on entry to the event if they consider themselves to have a physical impairment. Failure to do so, will mean the standard baton exchange rules apply. Consideration will be taken into account where illness, accident or other circumstances dictate that handlers have become impaired between qualification and finals, but this is taken on a case by case basis by UKA.

4.6 Judges

2022 Rules

Judges are not permitted to compete at the event the day they are assigned to judge unless special permission is granted by UK Agility, for instance, those judging evening Finals. If an event heat has been scheduled to run after all other classes on the day have finished, the competition judges from that day who have completed judging all their classes, may compete in this event.

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2022 Rules

Judging of the course will begin once the judge gives the competitor permission to start. If the competitor begins before this, they will be eliminated. If a dog refuses the first obstacle before they UK Agility Rules and Regulations 2022 Page 27 have started the time, the dog will still be faulted, unless specified otherwise in the specific rules for that class.

2023 Rules

Judging of the course will begin once the judge or scribe gives the competitor permission to start. If the competitor begins before this, they will be eliminated. If a dog refuses the first obstacle before they have started the time, the dog will still be faulted, unless specified otherwise in the specific rules for that class.

4.7 Show Committee and Stewards

2022 Rules

Scribe/Timer

A scribe/timer (scrimer) is required at each class. They should make sure the electronic timing is ready prior to each run. They should check that the correct handler and dog are next to run, before the judge starts them. Once the judge has started the competitor, the scrimer must observe the judge, not the handler and dog, marking any faults or points the judge signals during the performance. At the end of the run, the scrimer shall note the dog's time. If there is a malfunction in timing, the scrimer shall immediately notify the judge. The scrimer is also responsible for blowing

the whistle when required in any of the Games or when the maximum course time has been exceeded, following elimination of the dog. If manual timing has to be used the timer may not compete in that particular class and must be the same person for the duration of the class.

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

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A scribe/timer (scrimer) is required at each class. They should make sure the electronic timing is ready prior to each run. They should check that the correct handler and dog are next to run, and it is then the judge's discretion as to whether the judge starts the competitor or the scrimer does. Once the competitor has started, the scrimer must observe the judge, not the handler and dog, marking any faults or points the judge signals during the performance. At the end of the run, the scrimer shall note the dog's time. If there is a malfunction in timing, the scrimer shall immediately notify the judge. The scrimer is also responsible for blowing the whistle when required in any of the Games or when the maximum course time has been exceeded, following elimination of the dog. If manual timing has to be used the timer may not compete in that particular class and must be the same person for the duration of the height.

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

4.9 Course Design, Difficulties and Approval

2022 Rules

The following descriptions are given as guidance for judges to consider when designing courses and for handlers to understand the level that the course will be designed at. It should be noted that some of these are guidelines and some are rules. **Anything that is a rule for the levels, will be in bold and italic type.**

Beginners – The purpose of beginner courses and the rationale behind course design should be to develop confidence in the competition ring for what are likely to be young or inexperienced dogs. It is also to introduce the different equipment in the competition environment. This should be a smooth flowing course with one or two minor course difficulties and minor handling challenges. ***There will be a maximum of two easy changes of side, for example in the tunnel or where there is no real elimination trap.*** The main challenge will be negotiating the equipment. All equipment is likely to be in a logical place with clear approaches to contacts, weaves, tyre, long jump, wall and spread. Turns and lines should be easy to negotiate. On the whole, distance is likely to be mid-range.

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Novice – The majority of the course should be free flowing but, in a few places, the handler's ability and dog's control should be challenged. ***There will be a maximum of three changes of side*** and up to one major elimination trap. All equipment is likely to be in a logical place with clear approaches to contacts, weaves, tyre, long jump, wall and spread. Turns and lines should be easy to negotiate. Distances between obstacles may not be consistent throughout the course but will comply with minimum and maximum rules.

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Steeplechase - (All Levels) All steeplechase courses should be designed with aim of being fast and flowing courses. To distinguish between levels, the majority of course challenges should entail changes of sides. There may also be elimination challenges of increasing difficulty as dogs progress through the Levels. Distances should all be between 5 and 10 metres.

Beginners – ***There will be a maximum of two easy changes of side, for example in a tunnel or where there is no real elimination trap.*** There is likely to be no major elimination trap on the course.

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Start and finish jumps in all classes must be placed a minimum of 5 metres, on the perceived dogs path, from the ring boundary. Start and finish jumps may only be used once each in a course. A single jump is the only obstacle that may be used as a start or finish obstacle. The exception to this rule is the Power and Speed class, at the start of the Power Section.

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Start and finish jumps in all classes must be placed a minimum of 5 metres, on the perceived dogs path, from the ring boundary. Start and finish jumps may be used more than once each in a course, but only where the ring size is limited. If doing so, judges must consider the use of wired vs wireless timers and keep the timer cables out of the dog and handler's path. It is preferable for wireless timers to be used in this instance. Consideration must also be made to the where the next competitor will be whilst the previous dog is still running. A single jump is the only obstacle that may be used as a start or finish obstacle. The exception to this rule is the Power and Speed class, at the start of the Power Section.

2022 Rules

Course Approval

Once the judge has considered the above guidelines and designed their course, they are required to submit their course to the Show Manager who is then responsible for course approval. Courses should be submitted no later than 28 days before the date of the show. Judges should include on their course plans, their name, the show name, the show date and the class name and level. The purpose of the approval is to ensure that the judge is approved, courses comply with UK Agility rules, and the course design is safe and sensible. They may refuse approval for courses or parts of courses that do not comply with UKA rules or significantly deviate from the guidelines above. They may also provide suggestions to judges about ways to enhance courses that already meet the rules but may benefit from slight changes. The Show Manager is then responsible for ensuring that any judge that has to make changes is informed and that all final courses for the show are sent to UK Agility to be kept on file. It is the show manager's responsibility to ensure that courses are set up at the show as per the course plans submitted to UK Agility. Competitors have the right to ask a Show Manager to see the course approval form and approved course at any show if they think a course is illegal under UKA rules and regulations. Approved courses may only be changed due to malfunctioning equipment or adverse weather/ground conditions. In these instances, the Show Manager must agree the changes with the competition judge and inform UKA a change occurred.

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4.10 Minimum and Maximum Distances

2022 Rules

The minimum distance allowed between obstacles is 5 metres. This measurement is taken from the perceived dogs' line from the centre of each obstacle. If the obstacles are set in a straight line then this measurement is exactly the same measurement as a course is measured. If the perceived route of the dog is a curved line then the judge will assume the dog will land between 0.75 and 1 metre away from any jumping obstacle. If there is an option of going two ways to the next obstacle, then the shortest path must comply with minimum and maximum distances as per the table below. A maximum distance is also to be adhered to as per the table below.

Level	Distance between Obstacles	
	Performance Programme	Steeplechase Programme
Nursery	5m - 8m	N/A
Casual	5m - 8m	5m - 10m
Beginners	5m - 8m	5m - 10m
Novice	5m - 8m	5m - 10m
Senior	5m - 8m	5m - 10m
Champion	5m - 8m	5m - 10m

In the Performance programme, the 10-metre maximum distance will apply from the exit of a tunnel in all classes, except that Contact obstacles must be placed a maximum of 8 metres from tunnel exits. In the gamble sequence in Gamblers or in the Snooker closing, these minimum distances must apply and the maximum distance may increase to 10 metres, apart from approaches to contacts which must be no more than 8 metres from the previous obstacle. In the Snooker opening, Gamblers opening, and Snakes and Ladders these minimum and maximum distances do not apply as handlers devise their own courses. In Time, Fault and Out, the distance between the highest numbered jump (e.g. 20) and jump 1, must not exceed the maximum distance specified so that if a dog needs to start the course again, they are not running over the maximum distance. The start jump to number 1 jump must not exceed the maximum distance specified. The highest numbered jump to the finish jump does not need to comply with maximum distance rules. All minimum and maximum distances will apply to Power and Speed as per the Performance Programme. It is therefore strongly recommended that judges measure the course twice - once for the calculation of course time and once to ensure adherence to minimum and maximum distances.

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4.12 Scoring

2022 Rules

Toys or training aids going past the plane of the first jump, including training / bum bags, toys tied to leads or anything which the judge deems can be used as a training aid	Elimination
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2023 Rules

Toys going past the plane of the first jump, provided they are not held by the handler or visible to the dog	No fault
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4.13 Not for Competition

2022 Rules

A handler may choose to run “not for competition” (NFC) only in any class in which they are eligible to compete. This must be stated in advance of the run and noted on the scribe sheet with NFC. All NFC runs in all classes will be given 45 seconds to train and practice on the course. Time starts as soon as the dog starts the clock or as soon as the handler returns to the dog on the start line. Handlers running not for competition may use a toy or other similar training device for rewarding their dog’s performance. They may also choose to have another person assist them in the ring during their course time. However, no food or audible training aids/toys are allowed. In addition, handlers may not alter the equipment in any way by putting something on, in, under, or over it. Handlers are not allowed to run their dogs in Performance or Steeplechase classes at a lower jump height but may elect to do so in Casual and Nursery Classes. The judge shall not judge the dog running not for competition, but shall continue to watch the handler to ensure safety, good judgement and fair treatment of the dog. If a handler does not state NFC prior to their run and the judge deems them to be training they will be eliminated. If they repeat a piece of equipment for the purpose of training they will then be dismissed from the ring. Please note that NFC runs are not permitted in Masters classes.

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A handler may choose to run “not for competition” (NFC) **only** in any class in which they are eligible to compete. This must be stated in advance of the run and noted on the scribe sheet with NFC. All NFC runs in all classes will be given 60 seconds or the course time, whichever is greater, to train and practice on the course. Time starts as soon as the dog starts the clock or as soon as the handler returns to the dog on the start line.

Handlers running not for competition may use a toy or other similar training device for rewarding their dog’s performance. They may also choose to have another person assist them in the ring during their course time. However, no food or audible training aids/toys are allowed. In addition, handlers may not alter the equipment in any way by putting something on, in, under, or over it, with the exception of stride regulators or RC mats. If using stride regulators or RC mats, the handler must place these before the NFC run starts, if the judge deems the handler to be using excessive time to do so, the handler and dog will be dismissed from the ring.

Handlers are not allowed to run their dogs in Performance or Steeplechase classes at a lower jump height but may elect to do so in Casual and Nursery Classes.

The judge shall not judge the dog running not for competition, but shall continue to watch the handler to ensure safety, good judgement and fair treatment of the dog. If a handler does not state NFC prior to their run and the judge deems them to be training they will be eliminated. If they repeat a piece of equipment for the purpose of training they will then be dismissed from the ring.

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4.14 Prizes and Awards

2022 Rules

Rosettes shall clearly have the UKA logo printed on them. Qualifying rosettes shall be red, white and blue or a combination of any two and must have “Clear Round” printed on them. Each qualifying score shall be awarded a qualifying rosette. Placement rosettes for qualifying rounds will be awarded to the top four of each class. For nonqualifying rounds, rosettes will be awarded for the following

5 or less dogs in a class – 1st

6-10 dogs in a class – 1st and 2nd

11-15 dogs in a class – 1st to 3rd

Over 15 dogs in a class – 1st to 4th

Prizes or trophies shall be provided in the following way:

5 or less dogs in a class – no prize/trophy

Less than 50 dogs in a class – 1st

50 to 100 dogs in a class – 1st and 2nd

More than 100 dogs in a class – 1st to 3rd

A qualifying score must be gained for a prize or trophy to be awarded, and the number in a class must be taken from the show's ring plan.

UKA encourages shows to provide high quality prizes or trophies.

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

1st Place Red

All other placements, 5th and above, shall be clearly indicated on rosettes

2nd Place Blue

3rd Place Yellow

4th Place Green

Placement rosettes for qualifying rounds should designate that points have been awarded for that class with a 'Q', while non-qualifying placement rosettes will be smaller and without a 'Q' printed on them, thus, no points are awarded, indicating that no points will be awarded. For all classes that do not count towards UK Agility progression 'non-Q' placement rosettes will be awarded. In the event of a tie for any place where there are progression points, there will be a run off over the course the tie was obtained on, to determine which handler/dog gains the higher award and progression points.

The number of rosettes, prizes and trophies is to be calculated on the pre-entered numbers.

2023 Rules

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2 nd Place	Blue	
3 rd Place	Yellow	
4 th Place	Green	

There is no longer a requirement for qualifying and non-qualifying rounds to have different rosettes, however, whilst shows still have stock of both Q and non-Q rosettes, these will be awarded to competitors accordingly.

In the event of a tie for any place where there are progression points, there will be a runoff over the course the tie was obtained on, to determine which handler/dog gains the higher award and progression points.

The number of rosettes, prizes and trophies is to be calculated on the pre-entered numbers.

4.17 Start and Finish Line Scenarios

2022 Rules

Toys and non-food training aids may be carried to the start line prior to a run starting. They must be left at the start when the run commences. They may not be carried, either in the hand, about the person or by the dog, during the run. They may not be left in a position that aids performance at the finish. Toys or training aids going past the plane of the first jump, including training / bum bags, toys tied to leads or anything which the judge deems can be used as a training aid, will incur an elimination.

2023 Rules

Toys, non-food training aids and bum bags may be carried to the start line prior to a run starting. Toys can stay with the handler but must not be carried in the hand during the run and must be placed in a pocket. Once the dog is no longer under test, the handler is then permitted to get the toy out and reward the dog. Non-food training aids and bum bags must then be left at the start before the run commences. Bum bags or non-food training aids going past the plane of the first jump, or anything which the judge deems can be used as a training aid, will incur an elimination. They may not be carried, either in the hand, about the person or by the dog, during the run. They may not be left in a position that aids performance at the finish.

2022 Rules

The judge will give permission directly to the competitor to start their run. Scribes should confirm the handlers name but permission to start will only be given by the judge. stops.

2023 Rules

It is the judge's discretion as to whether the judge or the scribe will give permission directly to the competitor to start the run. This will be confirmed in the briefing before classes. Scribes should confirm the handlers name before the handler starts.