

Changes to Heelwork to Music Regulations for 2027

The Royal Kennel Club has approved the following changes to the regulations for Heelwork to Music.

The following is an addition to the L regulations for all disciplines to clarify the position regarding refunds issued following the closing date of entries.

Addition to regulations L14.e

TO:

The closing date for entries shall form the contract between the competitor and the society. Where a dog is withdrawn from competition after the closing date for entries, no refund of fee(s) paid shall be due.

(Insertion in bold. Subsequent regulations to be renumbered)

(Effective 1 January 2027)

The following amendment to the L regulations makes the Heelwork to Music judges practical seminar mandatory to complete every 5 years, in order to maintain standards.

Regulation L17.b.(iii) Judges approval

TO:

Additionally judges must have attended a Royal Kennel Club Heelwork to Music Regulations and Judging Procedure Seminar and passed the Regulations and Judging Procedure examination **and attended the practical judging seminar.** ~~From 1 January 2016 this will apply to new and existing judges.~~ The initial Regulations and Judging Procedure Seminar, examination **and practical seminar** must be classroom based.

(Deletions struck through. Insertions in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2027)

Regulation L17.b.(iv) Judges approval

TO:

All Judges must have attended a Regulations and Judging Procedure seminar every five years since passing the Regulations and Judging Procedure exam. From 1 January 2023 all judges must have attended a Regulations and Judging Procedure seminar, either classroom based or online, and must have passed the examination, every five years since passing the Regulations and Judging Procedure examination. **From 1 January 2027 all judges must attend a practical judging seminar and undertake a practical judging seminar every five years.**

(Insertions in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2027)



The below amendment relates to the removal of the objection fee as part of the complaints process.

Regulation L25.a

TO:

An objection must be lodged directly with the Royal Kennel Club within seven days after the last day of the competition and under these circumstances a copy of the objection must be sent to the competition secretary. When an objection is lodged the following information must be given;

A statement detailing the objection, quoting the relevant regulation(s).

~~The objection fee of £35, or such amount as may from time to time be decided by the Board.~~

The name and address of the objector.

The name and address of the owner of the dog (if relevant).

All relevant evidence.

~~The objection fee may be returned after consideration of the objection.~~

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(Effective 1 January 2027)