

Proposal to adopt the following changes to the S Regs to support the implementation of the new framework.

(Please note that changes to S(A), S(B) and S(C) will be presented in separate documents)

S5 - *With the introduction of rewarding opportunities in Foundation Level information regarding the running of classes allowing food and/or toys is moved to S(B)3 Ring Management (i)*

S5. Classes at Rally competitions

- ~~(3) Where special classes allow the use of food and/or silent toys their use should not impact competitors in other rings.~~
- ~~(4) Where a ring is to be shared between a standard class and a special class which allows food and/or silent toys, the standard class must be scheduled first to ensure that the ring does not contain food.~~

S12 – *Acceptance of entries. The following amendment is required to support the introduction of Foundation Level*

12. Acceptance of entries.

- b. When determining how many dogs can be efficiently judged, competition hosts should allow 4 minutes per dog for **Foundation Level**, Levels 1 and **Level 2**, and **then** 5 minutes per dog for Level 3 and above., ~~plus~~ **They should also make** an allowance for walk-through, any run-offs and class awards.

S16 - *Changes are proposed to S16 Facilities and Equipment to:*

- *Clarify the paperwork and equipment requirements for show organisers*
- *Remove out-dated phrases such as “station”*
- *Clarify that ring sizes should be viewed as a minimum to encourage societies to provide larger rings where space permits*
- *Move the responsibility for providing stop watches and clipboards from the show organiser to the judge (see S20 Judging)*
- *Clarify jump equipment requirements to ensure safe equipment is used*
- *Future proof the definition of a Hoop to a minimum height rather than a range reflecting the move towards taller Hoops in some Hoopers organisations*
- *Support the new framework exercises by defining cones, distractions and markers and who is responsible for supplying which.*

S16. Facilities and Equipment.

It is the competition organiser’s responsibility to ~~provide~~ **ensure** the following **are available**:

- a. **Relevant** information to the judge as soon as possible after the closing of entries concerning the number of entries, Exercise Modification Forms, the height of the dogs (for Level 4 and above, **and Veteran**), proposed ring size, and venue surface.
- b. Rally exercise signs, ~~station~~ **exercise** numbers and appropriate holders.

- c. Judging rings shall not in any circumstances contain less than 100 sqm of clear floor space and shall not be less than 8 metres in length except that for Veteran classes, Level 3 and above the ring must contain not less than 150sqm. **Ring sizes should where possible be significantly larger.** Rings must be clearly defined and have a suitable, level surface.
- d. Rosettes & Awards
- e. ~~Stop watches, clipboards, exercise modification forms, other forms and Any stationery as required.~~ **Any required stationery.**
- f. Cones for obstacle exercises, markers for Serpentine, Figure of Eight and Spirals. Base of markers **cones** not to exceed 200mm diameter. **In Level 7 the cones may be replaced with the judge's own distractions, as defined below.**
- g. All jumps must be constructed in a manner that provides stability and safety for all dogs. Pole ~~width~~ **length** is to be between 1 metre and 1.5 metres. It must be a single bar jump which is able to fall in either direction. The jump must **have two separate uprights with a minimum height of 50cm which must** not have wings. Jumps must not be used on hard surfaces, the use of take-off and or/landing mats is not permitted.
- h. For all jump exercises the jump may be replaced with a hoop. Hoops may be based or baseless and must be constructed in a safe manner. Hoops should measure **at least 89-92cm** tall, 85-90cm wide with feet protruding no more than 31cm either side of the hoop. Where conditions dictate, hoops may be pegged or held down by sandbags that do not impede the dog's entry or exit from the hoop.
- i. **All ring equipment should be easily distinguishable from its surroundings.**
- j. Sufficient suitable space for handlers to exercise their dogs.
- k. Suitable and adequate clean up materials and dog waste bins.
- l. Adequate toilet facilities.
- m. A source of fresh water
- n. Adequate car parking arrangements.

Where used it is the judge's responsibility to provide the following:

Distractions and free standing mesh covers for distraction exercises.

- o. **Distractions are an empty food bowl and a silent toy, the Recall through Distractions Exercise requires 2 of each. Distractions are placed, in any order, under the covers to prevent a dog which breaks heel position from being rewarded from accessing the distractions.**
- p. **If a distraction is used for the Loop Distraction exercises F-12 and F-13 then no distraction is placed under the cover in Foundation, from Level 1 and in the Veteran class either distraction may be used.**
- q. **In Level 7, the restriction on the type of distractions is removed and the mesh covers become optional. Distractions must be safe, silent, not include food, have no moving parts and must not be disproportionate to each other in size, measuring 10-30cm in diameter and 10-65cm in height considering the size of the dogs entered in the class.**

Markers for Send Marker exercises.

- r. **Suitable markers must be visually distinct from any other ring equipment. Poles must be at least 2cm in diameter and 50cm in height, other markers should be at least 25 cm tall and between 10 and 35cm in diameter.**

S20 – *The main changes to judging progression are presented in a separate discussion document. S20n is amended to show that judges supply their own scribe sheets (to save confusion with the score sheets used by show organisers). The requirement for judges to supply their own stop watches and clipboards is added here as S20o (please note the number in brackets refer to their numbering once the discussion item changes are added*

- n(p). Judges to provide ~~score~~ **scribe** sheets for their use.
o(q). **Judges to provide their own stop watch and clipboard.**

S22 – *The following changes are required to support the introduction of rewarding opportunities in Foundation Level, the two clauses have been combined.*

22. Competing.

- f. **Food and/or toys are not permitted to be carried or used in the ring except in Foundation Level and Special classes where their use is defined in the Schedule.** ~~given to a dog under test, except in special classes where the use of food and/or silent toy rewards has been specified in the Schedule.~~
- g. ~~The use of a toy as an incentive in the ring between or during exercises is prohibited in all standard and special classes, except in those special classes where the use of food and/or silent toy rewards has been specified in the Schedule.~~

S34 – *reworded for consistency to help avoid competitor confusion*

34. Performance and Scoring.

The detailed Regulations and guidelines for successful performance and the scoring of ~~handler/dog~~ **handler** teams, and for the conduct and management of Rally competitions, are set out in Annex B which forms part of these Regulations.