Revisions to the Regulations for Agility Trials

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Chapter 3. Obstacle Specifications and Performance Requirements

Section 3. Obstacles.

1. A-Frame. The A-Frame is constructed from two panels, the top surface of which is constructed from wood or other fabricated material that can be properly surfaced. The panels are 35 to 49 inches wide, and their length is within 2 inches of 9 feet. Panels shall be flat and straight, and connected so as to eliminate gaps large enough to fit a dog's foot or toe.

Panels may be 4 feet wide at the bottom and taper to 3 feet wide at the top if desired. The height of the A-Frame is to be set within 1 inch of 5 feet 6 inches, except for 4-inch and 8-inch jump heights, which shall have the A-Frame set to within 1 inch of 5 feet 0 inches.

Top surface is a non-slip surface when wet or dry. Glossy paint is not allowed. Slats are placed across the width of the panels to provide footing. They are 3/8-inch to ½-inch thick and ¾-inch to 1½-inches wide, and they extend to within ¼ inch of the panel sides. Slat edges shall be rounded or beveled so as not to be sharp, and ¼-inch radius is recommended. The centers of the slats are placed at 12-inch intervals with a 2-inch tolerance, and no slat is within 4 inches of the top of a contact zone.

Contact zones are identified on the lower 42 inches of both panels with a ¼-inch tolerance. The color of the contact zone must be bright yellow. The remainder of the contact obstacle must be of a single color that contrasts with Bright Yellow. The bright yellow must extend on the side (edge) of the contact with no less than a 1" stripe to add visibility when viewed from the side."

3. Seesaw. The Seesaw consists of a plank (or panel) made of a wood or fabricated material that can be properly surfaced and is supported near the center by a base that acts as a fulcrum. The plank is 12 inches wide with a 1-inch tolerance, and 12 feet long. The base extends at least 2 inches past the sides of the plank with a gap not to exceed 4 inches so that dogs can see the pivot point, with the exception of the ground support which may be wider. The plank is balanced so that it hits the ground in less than 3 seconds when a 3-pound weight is placed 12 inches from the raised end. Clubs must provide a 3-pound weight and stopwatch to check this setting. The class judge is required to test the Seesaw's speed at the beginning of each trial. The club must have on-hand the materials to correct a slow-dropping Seesaw (example: Duct tape/fasteners, weights, etc.). The height of the Seesaw measured to the top of the board at the pivot point is 24 inches plus or minus (+/-) 1 inch. The top surface of the plank must be non-slip when wet or dry. Glossy paint is not allowed. Slats are not allowed on the Seesaw. Contact zones, 42 inches long, are identified on each end of the plank with a 1/4-inch tolerance, using the color specification described for the A-Frame.

Performance: Dogs must ascend the plank touching the "up" contact zone with any part of one foot and cause the plank to pivot. At least one paw must touch the "down" contact zone after the plank has touched the ground and prior to exiting the

obstacle with all four (4) paws. The dog must exit the descent end of the seesaw.

5. Open Tunnel. The Open Tunnel is a flexible tube of durable material that is capable of being formed into curved shapes. The two openings are round with a height and width of <u>25</u> inches plus or minus (+/-) 2 inches with 4-inch rib spacing required. Its length is 15 to 20 feet and it is secured in position to prevent a dog from moving it. No portion of a tunnel holder that is underneath the tunnel shall be more than 1½-inches thick and the tunnel supports shall not have a rigid upright (i.e., steel/wood) that is capable of fitting between the ribs thus possibly projecting into the tunnel.

Open tunnels must be made of an opaque material. To ensure safety, the color of the material of an open tunnel may not be black. Double-lined tunnels shall not be allowed.

Performance: Dogs enter the end specified by the judge and exit the other end.

7. Weave Poles. The Weave Poles shall have a fixed base with a rigid upright, to support the pole, no greater than 4 inches high as measured from the ground to the top of the rigid support. The base shall be coated with a non-slip surface and may be no higher than 3/4-inch and no wider than 31/2-inches. The base should be secured, so that the weave poles do not move from their location on the course. The poles must be nominal pipe size of ¾-inch PVC (1inch approximate outside diameter) +/- 1/16-inch tolerance and can be made from Schedule 40 pipe or furniture grade PVC, 40 inches in height, and uniformly spaced at 24 inches (measured center to center using two of the rigid upright supports, with a +/- ½-inch tolerance in spacing). The base support must be located within 4 inches of the pole on the opposite side of the dog's path (e.g. the first support on the left side of the pole number one, second

support on the right side of pole number two, etc.). It is <u>required</u> that the base supports be a minimum of six inches long to a <u>maximum of 18 inches long</u>. Base supports shall be located as follows: "Six-pole section" – centered and placed at the off-side of the first and sixth pole and the off-side of the second and fifth pole. "Four-pole section" – centered and placed at the off-side of the first and fourth pole and the off-side of the second and third pole. "Three-pole section" – centered and placed at the off-side of the first and second poles (based upon ¼-inch x 3-inch steel).

The pole shall be made out of Schedule 40 PVC or furniture grade PVC material that provides an equal amount of flex when set in the fixed base. Poles must be striped with a contrasting color so as to be visible to the dog. At a minimum, stripes must be placed at approximately 10 inches and 20 inches from the ground. Poles that flex at the base (spring type designs) are not allowed.

Performance: Dogs must enter the Weave Poles by passing between poles number 1 and number 2 from right to left. They must then pass from left to right through poles number 2 and number 3 and continue this weaving sequence until they pass between the last two poles. If the sequence is broken, the dog must restart the weave poles at the first pole, beginning anew between poles number 1 and number 2 from right to left. Dogs are allowed three attempts at the weave poles and then must go on.

8. Bar Jumps. Bar Jumps consist of bars that are supported by bar supports that are mounted to uprights. <u>Uprights must be displaceable. Jump wings attached to uprights, either temporary or permanently, are permitted. Ground bars that are permanently attached to both uprights (e.g. welded, glued or non-rotating) are not permitted. It is recommended that ground bars not be utilized at all.</u>

The supports must be positioned so that the tops of the bars can be set within ¼ inch of the seven different jump heights (4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24 and 26 inches). Jump heights must be designated on the uprights by number or color coded. An additional position for a bar placed 2 to 6 inches above the ground is also required. Unless a jump is specified as a One Bar Jump by the judge, all jumps shall have at least two bars. In all classes the lower bar placement shall be determined by the judge.

The bars must be nominal pipe size of 1-inch PVC (1 5/16-inches approximate outside diameter) +/- 1/16-inch tolerance) and can be made from Schedule 40 PVC or Schedule 40 furniture grade PVC, 4 to 5 feet long and striped for visibility. Additionally, jump bars may not be glued riveted or screwed together. Jump bars may not contain any moving or metal parts or have anything inserted into the middle of the bar. If the bar includes end caps, they must be flush the bar end and not exceed the outside diameter of the bar.

The bottom of the bar sits on top of the bar supports such that the bar is easily displaced. The minimum distance from the top of a jump bar to the support cup above it will be ½ inch. Bar cups may be no wider than the bar, and they should have a lip that is no more than 1/8-inch higher than the support, although lips up to 1/4-inch are allowed. Bar cups may be no longer than 1½ inches (e.g. distance that sticks out from the upright). Jump bars must fit in the jump cups so that they follow the contour of the cup. Bolts may not be used as bar supports. Bars "held" in place by VelcroTM, magnets, bolts, etc. are not allowed. The inside of the uprights must be at least 32 inches tall, and the upright must be 1 to 4-inches wide

9. Panel Jump. The Panel Jump uses six crossboards to give the illusion of a solid wall from the jump height to the ground. Specifications for the

board supports and uprights are the same as for the Bar Jump. The cross-boards are 4 to 5 feet long, 3 to 4 inches wide, and no thicker than 1 inch. The top board for all jump height classes shall be a maximum of 4 inches high. Panels are to be supported 1 ½ to 1 ¾ inches below the top of the board so as to be easily displaceable.

The support ends for the panels are <u>required</u> to be rounded like a jump bar fitting into a jump cup. This will keep the panels on the uprights in windy conditions; however, if wind conditions merit, the panel jump may be replaced with a bar jump.

10. Double Bar Jump. The Double Bar Jump consists of two parallel bars, 5 feet in length, positioned at the jump heights specified for the Bar Jump. It may be built as a special jump or assembled from two Bar Jumps. Solid sides that do not allow viewing of all bars from both sides of the obstacle are not permitted. The distance between the centers of the bars is one-half the jump height (within a ½-inch tolerance), as follows: In addition, two bottom bars, 5 feet in length, must be placed one under each horizontal bar and crossed to the ground crating an "X." All other specifications are the same as for the Bar Jump.

Preferred Class Requirement: For the 4-inch height class, only one bar shall be used set at the 4" height. set on the back jump cup. Set the bar at the back of the jump, based on the first pass, if used on the course in two directions. No bottom bars are used for the 4" jump height.

12. Tire Jump. The Tire Jump consists of a tire (or a circular object that resembles a tire) suspended from a rectangular frame. The tire is constructed of two (2) 180 degree segments that are connected at the top to allow for independent movement of each segment. The connection must be adjustable to allow for calibration/testing at the trial site by the

Judge of record for that class that day. The setting for the connection is 16-20 pounds with 18 pounds preferred. The setting will be confirmed by using a calibrated scale (in foot pounds) attached to a tire side mounting point. With one side secured to the frame, the opposite side is pulled using the scale until the segments pull apart. After confirming that the tire meets the required 16-20 lbs. requirement, secure the tire to the frame with the provided strap or elastic band. Leave the straps loose enough to not apply any additional pressure on the tire. When the tire is broken open it may stay open or it may automatically close.

The inner diameter of the tire is 24 inches plus or minus an inch, and the wall is 3 to 8 inches thick. The tire must be connected to the frame at 3 points. There must be at least 7 inches between the outside of the tire and the sides of the frame, and the frame must be tall enough to accommodate the tire at the seven different jump heights, as specified for the Bar Jump. The uprights of the frame shall be secured to the base and the base must be weighted or secured properly to the running surface. The jump height is measured from the ground to the bottom of the tire opening. The tire shall not be displaceable off the frame. The tire shall have a minimum depth of 2 inches and must be made of a flexible material, such as rubber or plastic to allow some give if hit by the dog.

If the tire frame includes a bottom support bar, it is recommended that bar be flat in the center portion of the bar where the tire would sit, with a thickness of no more than 3/8" so that the tire can rest centered on the bar and be displaceable in either direction.

For the 4" and 8" heights, if the center bar is not flat and the tire is taken in only one direction, the tire shall be placed on the opposite side of the dog's direction to allow the tire to break for safety

purposes. If the tire is taken in both directions, it is up to the judge to determine the tire placement.

Preferred Class Requirement: The Tire shall be set at 4 inches lower than the Regular class jump height or as close as possible given the construction of the tire. In the 4" jump height the tire will be placed with the bottom edge on the ground.

Performance: Dogs must jump through the tire opening in the direction specified by the judge without breaking the tire segments apart or knocking the tire frame over. The tire's jump height will be set one jump height lower than the Bar Jump height, with the exception of the 4 inch jump height.

13. Broad Jump. The Broad Jump is composed of four 8-inch sections and four corner markers. The actual width of the 8-inch sections is 7 to 8 inches. The sections are constructed from a top piece and two side pieces. The lengths of the sections are to be between 4 and 5 feet long, and they may be of different lengths. To improve visibility, either the center of the sections or both ends must be marked with a color-contrasting band that is at least 3 inches wide. The sections are of varying height, and they shall be arranged in ascending order.

Each section of a Broad Jump is at least ½-inch higher than the previous one and the height of the front edge of a section is at least ½-inch lower than the back edge. No portion of any section may be lower than 3 ½ inches or higher than 8 ½ inches.

The length of the jump is twice the jump height of the division. Consequently, not all the sections are used in the lower height divisions. In those cases, the jump must be assembled with the lowest sections. The length of the jump (within 1 inch) and the number of sections is to be used for the different divisions as follows:

The corner markers are at least 1-inch wide and 36 inches high, and they may be decorated to improve visibility. They are either attached to the

sides of the first and last sections, or they are freestanding and placed as close as possible to those positions. (Freestanding is recommended.)

Preferred Class Requirement: The Broad Jump shall be set as one board (the lowest) for the 4-inch jumping dogs.

Division	Length (inches)	No. of 8-inch Sections
4 Inch	7-8	1
8 Inch	16	2
12 Inch	24	3
16 Inch	32	3
20 Inch	40	4
24 Inch	48	4
26 Inch	52	4

14. Jump Wings. Jump wings must be between 16- and 36-inches wide (24-inches recommended). Wings must be between 26- and 42-inches tall and can be angled. Wings may either be freestanding or attached to the upright of a jump. It is recommended that wings be placed at the rear of the triple bar jump (e.g. even with the highest bar) and at the midsection of a double bar or ascending double jump (since the double may be bi-directional and the ascending double bar jump can be built using double bar jump). The combined width of a bar jump's upright and wing may be no more than a maximum of 40-inches.

15. Ascending Double Bar Jump. The

Ascending Double Bar Jump consists of two ascending bars 5 feet in length where the back bar is positioned at the jump heights specified for the Bar Jump. The front bar is set 4" lower than the back bar except for the 26" jump height where the front bar will be set at 20". The distances between the centers of the top bars as viewed from above will

match the specifications for the Double Bar Jump.
Solid sides that do not allow viewing of all bars
from both sides of the obstacle are not permitted. It
may be built as a special jump or assembled from
two Bar Jumps. The back cups will be vertical (e.g.
cup over cup like a Bar Jump) where the higher
back bar must be placed. A double Bar Jump
where both series of cups are on angled lines,
forming a "V", cannot be used as an Ascending
Double Bar Jump.

In addition, one bottom bar, 5 feet in length, must be placed one under the back bar and angled to the ground. All other specifications are the same as for the Bar Jump.

Preferred Class Requirement: For the 4 inch height class, only one bar shall be used set at the 4" height and set on the back jump cup. No bottom bars are used for the 4" jump height.

<u>Performance:</u> Dogs must jump over the top bars without displacing either one, in the direction that starts with the lowest bar.

16. Wall Jump. The Wall Jump consists of two pillars, a Bottom Base (Triangle), four widths of boards, and "tops". The Pillars (also called Towers) measure 12 inches Square +/- 2 inches and are 48 inches tall +/- 2 inches. The Bottom Base is 10 inches high, 10 inches wide at the bottom, and tapers to 4 inches wide at the top. The boards are 4 inches wide and five feet in length +/- 2 inches. Board heights are 2 inches, 4 inches, 6 inches, and 8 inches in height. The Tops are 2 inches in height at their center and 4 inches wide and up to 15 inches long and must be of contrasting color.

Four tops are placed on top of the top board or the bottom base and should be flush with the sides of the pillars and sit together without being so tight they cannot be displaced, but have no gaps exceeding 1/4 inch. The top of the tops must measure within +/- 1/4 inch to the jump height of

the dog. The corresponding board height table below indicates whether the bottom base is used, and the numbers of boards that are used per jump height. Tops are always placed on the very top in all cases."

<u>Performance:</u> Dogs must jump over the tops between the two pillars without displacing any of the 4 tops, in the direction indicated by the judge The board dimensions are as follows:

The "Tops": 15 inches long and 4 inches wide and 2 inches high and have a half rounded appearance

The Bottom Base (triangle): 10 inches high, 10 inches wide at the bottom and taper to 4 inches at the top.

- 2 inch board: 4 inches wide, 2 inches high and 5 foot long.
- 4 inch board: 4 inches wide, 4 inches high and 5 foot long.
- 6 inch board: 4 inches wide, 6 inches high and 5 foot long.
- 8 inch board: 4 inches wide, 8 inches high and 5 foot long.

Division	Number of Boards
<u>4"</u>	2 inch board + tops
8"	6 inch board + tops
12"	Bottom base + tops
<u>16</u>	Bottom base + 4 inch board + tops
<u>20</u>	Bottom Base + 8 inch board + tops
<u>24</u>	Bottom Base + 8 inch board + 4 inch
	board + tops
<u>26</u>	Bottom Base + 8 inch board + 6 inch
	board + tops

Chapter 6

Standard Agility Classes

Section 5. Master Agility Class. The focus of the Master class is to provide an opportunity for

dogs and handlers to demonstrate their superior skills in agility.

Performance Standards:

- Minimum allowable score required to qualify
 = 100
- Additional non-qualifying faults (beyond those listed in Chapter 5, Sections 5 and 6).
 Any Course Faults

Standard Course Time:

- 8-inch Division = 2.50 yards per second, plus
 5 seconds for the Pause Table
- 12-inch Division = 2.7 yards per second, plus
 5 seconds for the Pause Table
- 16-inch Division = 2.85 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table
- 20-inch Division = 3.1 yards per second, plus
 5 seconds for the Pause Table
- 24-inch Division = 2.90 yards per second, plus 5 seconds for the Pause Table
- 26-inch Division = 3.1 yards per second, plus
 5 seconds for the Pause Table
- Time Penalties = 3 faults for every full second over Standard Course Time
- Course Time Limits. The following is the greatest allowable Standard Course Time allowed for this class based on jump height.
 - -8-inch Division = 76 seconds
 - -12-inch Division = 71 seconds
 - -16-inch Division = 71 seconds
 - -20-inch Division = 68 seconds
 - -24-inch Division = 72 seconds
 - -26-inch Division = 68 seconds
- Maximum Course Time. The maximum course time will be the Standard Course Time plus 20 seconds.

Minimum Obstacle Requirements:

• Quantity = 18-20

 Obstacles required, allowed, and not allowed – refer to chart at the end of this chapter.

Obstacles	Class		
	Nov. Std.	Open Std.*	Exc/Master Std.*
Dog Walk	R (1)	R (1)	R (1)
A-Frame	R (1)	R (1)	R (1)
Seesaw	R (1)	R (1)	R (1)
Pause Table	R (1)	R (1)	R (1)
Weave Poles	R (1) 6 poles	R (1) 9-12 poles	R (1) 9-12 poles
Open Tunnel	R Max (2)	R Max (2)	R Max (2)
Bar Jump	R	R	R
Double Bar Jump	<u>A</u> (2)	A (2)	A (2) *
Panel Jump	R	R	R
Tire Jump	R	R	R
Broad Jump	R (1)	A(1)*	A(1)*
Triple Bar Jump	A(1)	A (1)*	A(1)*
Ascending Double Bar Jump	<u>A (1)</u> **	<u>A (1)</u> *	<u>A (1)*</u>
Wall Jump	<u>N</u>	N	A (1) Premier Only ***
One Bar Jump	A	A	R
Qty of Obstacles	14- 16	16-18	18-20

^{*}A minimum of two and a maximum of three spreads must be used and two different types of spread jumps must be used on the course.

** Either the Double Bar Jump or the Ascending Double Bar Jump must be used for Novice Standard. The Broad Jump must be used. No more than three spreads may be taken on a Novice Standard Course.

*** Only one wall jump may be used as a spread jump or in place of a Panel Jump in Standard Premier. The Wall Jump may only be used in Premier.

R = Required Obstacle

A = Allowed Obstacle

N = Not Allowed

() = Indicates the maximum number of times that this type of obstacle can be taken in the class. If not listed specifically otherwise, the quantity is unlimited.

Chapter 7

Jumpers With Weaves Class

Section 5. Master Jumpers With Weaves

Class. Performance Standards:

- Minimum allowable score required to qualify = 100
- Additional non-qualifying faults (beyond those listed in Chapter 5, Sections 5 and 6).
 - Any Course Fault including any time fault

Standard Course Time:

- 8-inch Division = 3.05 yards per second
- 12-inch Division = 3.25 yards per second
- 16-inch Division = 3.5 yards per second
- 20-inch Division = 3.75 yards per second
- 24-inch Division = 3.55 yards per second
- 26-inch Division = 3.75 yards per second
- Time Penalties = 3 faults for every full second over Standard Course Time
- Course Time Limits. The following is the greatest allowable Standard Course Time allowed for this class based on jump height.

- 8-inch Division = 55 seconds
- 12-inch Division = 52 seconds
- 16-inch Division = 50 seconds
- 20-inch Division = 48 seconds
- 24-inch Division = 51 seconds
- 26-inch_Division = 48 seconds
- Maximum Course Time. The maximum course time will be the Standard Course Time plus 20 seconds.

Minimum Obstacle Requirements:

- Quantity = 18-20
- Obstacles required, allowed, and not allowed
 refer to chart at the end of this chapter.

Obstacles	Class		
	Novic e JWW	Open JWW*	Exc./Master JWW*
Dog Walk	N	N	N
A-Frame	N	N	N
Seesaw	N	N	N
Pause Table	N	N	N
Weave Poles (1 set of poles only with quantities as listed, taken 1 time)	R (1) 6 poles	R (1) 9-12 poles	R (1) 9-12 poles
Open Tunnel	A (2)	A (2)	A (2)
Bar Jump	R	R	R
Double Bar Jump	A (2)**	A(2)*	A (2) *
Panel Jump	A	A	A
Tire Jump	A	A	A
Broad Jump	A(1)**	A(1)*	A(1)*
Triple Bar Jump	A(1)**	A(1)*	A(1)*
Ascending Double Bar Jump	<u>A (1)</u> **	<u>A(1)*</u>	<u>A (1) *</u>

Wall Jump	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>A (1) ***</u>
One Bar	A	A	R
Jump			
Qty of	14-16	16-18	18-20
Obstacles			

^{*}A minimum of two and a maximum of three spreads must be used and two different types of spread jumps must be used on the course.

Chapter 10 Time 2 Beat (T2B) Class Section 9. Minimum Obstacle Requirements

- Quantity = 17-19
- Obstacles required, allowed, and not allowed
 -refer to chart at end of this chapter.

OBSTACLES	Eligibility
Dog Walk	N
A-Frame	A* (2)
Seesaw	A* (2)
Pause Table	N
Weave poles 1 set of 12 poles	R*
Open Tunnel	A(2)
Closed Tunnel	N
Bar Jump	R
Double Bar Jump	A**(2)
Triple Bar Jump	A**(2)
Panel Jump	A
Broad Jump	N
Ascending Double Bar Jump	<u>A **(2)</u>
One Bar Jump	A
Tire	A

R = Required Obstacle

A = Allowed Obstacle

N = Not Allowed

• A combination of three (3) obstacles consisting of the Weave Poles and either the A-Frame, Seesaw, or both, are required to be used in

^{**}A minimum of one and a maximum of two spreads is required in Novice JWW. Either the Double Bar Jump or Ascending Double Bar Jump must be used in Novice JWW.

*** Only one wall jump may be substitutes as a required spread jump in JWW Premier. The Wall Jump may only be used in Premier.

course design. At least one contact and the Weave Poles are required on the course. The A-Frame or Seesaw may be taken twice to meet this requirement.

** One spread jump is required and only one spread jump may be used on a Time 2 Beat course. The spread jump may be a Double Bar Jump, an Ascending Double Bar Jump or a Triple Bar Jump.

() Indicates number of times that this obstacle can be taken on the course.

Chapter 11 Premier Section 3. Performance Standards Minimum Obstacle Requirements:

- Quantity = 19-21
- Obstacles required, allowed, and not allowed will be the same as the Master level courses as noted in Chapter 6, Section 5 for Standard; and Chapter 7, Section 5 for Jumpers With Weaves, except that both classes will have a maximum of three tunnel passes and Standard will not have a table.
- In both classes the wall jump, as described in Chapter 3, Section 16, can be substituted for the panel jump or a spread jump, as long as the wall jump can be set for all heights.

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