

Equipment Changes/Clarifications as of Sept. 1, 2010

Listed below are excerpts from the Regulations for Agility Trials regarding changes to Agility Equipment.

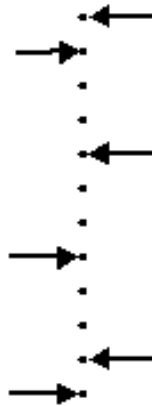
Chapter 3 Obstacle Specifications and Performance Requirements

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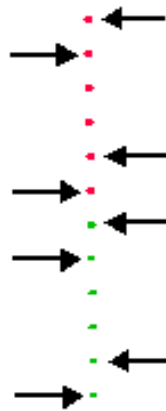
1. **A-Frame.** The height of the A-Frame is to be set within 1 inch of 5 feet 6 inches, except for 4-inch and 8-inch jump heights, which shall have the A-Frame set to within 1 inch of 5 feet 0 inches. Top surface is a non-slip surface when wet or dry.
2. **Dog Walk.** The top surfaces of all sections must be non-slip when wet or dry. Contact zones are identified on the lower 42 inches of both ramps with a ¼-inch tolerance, using the color specification described for the A-Frame.
Performance: Dogs must ascend one of the ramps, cross the center section, and descend the other ramp in the direction designated by the judge. They must touch the down contact zone with any part of one foot prior to exiting the obstacle.
Note: Both contacts are to be 42". The additional 3-inch zone on the up-ramp is no longer required and may be replaced at the club's convenience.
3. **Seesaw.** Clubs must provide a 3-pound weight and stopwatch to check this setting. Judges are required to test the Seesaw's speed at the beginning of each trial weekend. The club must have on-hand the materials to correct a slow-dropping Seesaw (example: Duct tape/fasteners, weights, etc.). The top surface of the plank must be non-slip when wet or dry.
4. **Pause Table.** The table top must be light in color, no dark color(s) are allowed. **Performance:** The dog shall pause on the table for five cumulative seconds. The judge's count shall start once all four (4) paws have touched the table (and the dog remains on the table top). Neither a sit or a down position shall be required.
5. **Open Tunnel.** *No Changes*
6. **Closed Tunnel.** Cushioning should not be included in the measurement. The bottom inside surface of the closed tunnel must have a non-slip surface. The non-slip surface must extend up the sidewalls to half the height of the barrel, or entrance section of the obstacle.
7. **Weave Poles.** The poles must be nominal pipe size of ¾-inch PVC (1-inch 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 intervals of 20 to 24 inches (22 inches is recommended measured center

to center using two of the rigid upright supports, with a +/- 1/2-inch tolerance in spacing). 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. 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 recommended that the base supports shall be a minimum of six inches long and 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 1/4-inch x 3-inch steel.) Poles that flex at the base (spring type designs) are not allowed.

12-Pole Support Placement Single Set



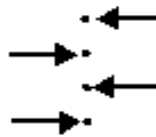
12-Pole Support Placement for 2 6-Pole Sets placed together



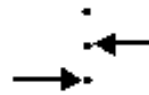
6-Pole Support Placement



4-Pole Support Placement



3-Pole Support Placement



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.

Note: 24 inch weave pole spacing is not required until 1/1/2012 but may be used prior because they meet current spacing regulations.

8. **Jump 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 furniture grade PVC, 4 to 5 feet long and striped for visibility. The bottom of the bar sits on top of the bar supports such that the bar is easily displaced. There must be adequate space for a bar to displace. Bar cups may be no longer than 1 ½ inches (e.g. distance that sticks out from the upright).
9. **Panel Jump.** The support ends for the panels are recommended 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. No Changes**
11. **Triple Bar Jump. No Changes**
12. **Tire Jump Performance:** Dogs must jump through the tire opening in the direction specified by the judge without knocking the tire/frame over. The Tire Jump's height shall be set one jump height lower than the Bar Jump height, with the exception of the 4-inch jumping dog.

<u>Tire Jump Height</u>	<u>Bar Jump Height</u>
<u>4 Inches</u>	<u>4 Inches</u>
<u>4 Inches</u>	<u>8 Inches</u>
<u>8 Inches</u>	<u>12 Inches</u>
<u>12 Inches</u>	<u>16 Inches</u>
<u>16 Inches</u>	<u>20 Inches</u>
<u>20 Inches</u>	<u>24 Inches</u>
<u>24 Inches</u>	<u>26 Inches</u>

13. **Broad Jump. No Changes**
14. **Other Jumps. No Changes**

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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 24 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 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.

6. Closed Tunnel. The length of the fabric on the chute must be between 6 feet and 6 feet 6 inches, measured with the chute fabric attached to the barrel and the measurement should be taken from the bottom edge of the exit end of the barrel (with the fabric lying on the ground) to the exit end of the chute fabric.

7. Weave Poles. The poles must be nominal pipe size of ¾-inch PVC (1-inch 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).

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.

11. Triple Bar Jump. The Triple Bar Jump consists of a series of three ascending bars 5 feet in length. Solid sides that do not allow viewing of all bars from both sides of the obstacle are not permitted.

15. 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 mid-section of a double bar jump (since the double may be bi-directional). The combined width of a bar jump's upright and wing may be no more than a maximum of 40-inches.