

DEFINITIONS OF CLASSES

Heelwork to Music – (Official Category) The principal element of the Heelwork to Music category will be the dog working off lead in the heel work position, on the left or right hand side of the handler, facing forward or backward, across the front or back of the handler, moving in any direction, at any pace. The dog's shoulder should be approximately level with, and reasonably close to, the handler's leg. All other positions are defined as Freestyle. A minimum of two thirds of the routine should consist of heelwork.

Freestyle – (Official Category) A Freestyle routine will consist of the dog working off lead and contain movements in any position. Heelwork as described above is acceptable although such movements must not exceed one third of the routine.

OFFICIAL CLASSES

For one dog and one handler only. When assessing eligibility to enter a competition, wins in one official category will not count for the other official category. At the discretion of the competition organisers, dogs may be entered in eligible classes in both categories, however a different routine must be worked. In the following definitions of classes a First Prize win is one gained in official classes only.

Definition of Classes

In the following definitions of classes all points must be gained in Kennel Club official classes only. The following points will be awarded in Kennel Club official classes. The following points will be awarded in all Kennel Club standard classes.

First Place - 10 points;
Second Place - 6 points;
Third Place 4 Points
Fourth Place - 2 Points

**On entrance to the next level of classes, the points will return to zero.
It is the handlers responsibility to a keep full and accurate account of the points their dogs are awarded**

The following definitions apply to both Heelwork to Music and Freestyle Classes.

- a. Starters.** For dogs and handlers which have not gained 14 points or more in official Starters classes at Kennel Club Licensed Heelwork to Music competitions.
- b. Novice.** Open to dogs or handlers, which have gained 14 points or more in official Starters classes at Kennel Club licensed Heelwork to Music competitions.
- c. Intermediate.** Open to dogs which have gained 16 points or more in official Novice classes at Kennel Club licensed Heelwork to Music competitions.
- d. Advanced.** Open to dogs which have gained 20 points or more and at least one first place in official Intermediate classes at Kennel Club licensed Heelwork to Music competitions.

In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including the seventh day before the closing date of entries (**19th August 2010**) shall be counted when entering any class.

A dog must only be entered in a class for which it is eligible in each category.

HTM Competitions must include the organiser's choice of official categories and classes which must be specified in the Schedule.

Once a dog has progressed to the next class it is entitled to use the previous class award after its name on entry forms and printed in catalogues. Only the highest award may be used. Separate awards should be indicated for Heelwork to Music and Freestyle as follows: HTM St., HTM N., HTM I. For different classes of Heelwork to Music. FS St., FS N., FS I, for the different classes in Freestyle. Once a dog has gained 24 points in Advanced classes it will be entitled to have HTM.A or FS.A after its name as appropriate.

Excellent Qualifications. If a first place has been won at a particular level, when the required level of points. have been gained the dog will also be awarded an excellent qualification and can use the title "Ex" after its class title, such as : HTM St Ex.

All dogs must be in possession of a Kennel Club Heelwork To Music Record book detailing the points gained and where each award was gained.

Additional Classes. Additional Classes may be scheduled but only in conjunction with official classes.

WELFARE OF DOGS

An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of the dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

Your dog is vulnerable & AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures & even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog. If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

COMPETING

In all divisions:

1. Only dogs that are registered at the Kennel Club and are of 12 months of age and over on the day of the competition are eligible for entry.
2. Not for competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged four calendar months and over. Details of each dog must be recorded on the entry form and must be Kennel Club registered.
3. No bitch in season is allowed to compete.
4. The committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
5. Entry fees are non-refundable.
6. The organizers reserve the right to restrict entries should the competition be oversubscribed above 140 routines.
7. Dogs must be entered for the lowest class for which they are eligible and may only be entered once in the same class.
8. No amendment may be made to an entry after the closing date of entries.
9. In the event that the show is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the Association will refund fees, less reasonable expenses, on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope submitted within one month of the show date.
10. Entries for the event must close at the time indicated on the Schedule, which must be no later than 14 days before the competition starts.
11. Entries received bearing the postmark of the date for closing of entries or before must be accepted subject to the conditions of Regulation L.12.c.(14).

12. Entries from competitors claiming that undelivered entries have been correctly posted must be accepted on the day of the competition, subject to the conditions of Regulation L12.c.(14). Such claims will have to be substantiated to the Kennel Club which will request documentary evidence subsequent to the competition.

13. Separate entry forms must be completed by each competitor and must be signed by the competitor or his authorized agent. Entry forms must be accompanied by the appropriate fees and a stamped addressed envelope, with the exception of internet entries.

14. A dog must, at the time of entry for competition, be registered as required by Kennel Club Rules and Regulations in the owner's name (or registration or transfer applied for). In the case of joint registered owners the full name of every registered owner must be given. Where an owner makes an entry on behalf of another joint registered owner(s) or where an agent enters on behalf of a single or joint registered owner(s) such person must have the authority and consent from the single or joint registered owner(s) to sign the entry form on their behalf thereby binding them all to Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. In the event of any dispute, evidence of such authority and consent will be required. A dog acquired subsequent to entry having been made at a Competition may compete as the new owner's property provided that an application for the transfer has been forwarded to the Kennel Club before the Competition, and the new owner has undertaken to abide by the Regulations and conditions of the original entry form (and in accordance with the conditions set out above).

15. Handlers may enter more than one class or division.

16. The mating of bitches in season within the precincts of the Competition is forbidden.

17. The entries for competition must be published in the programme.

18. All dogs entered must be kept under control.

19. For the duration of the competition and including those in the exercise area, all dogs must be on a lead except when competing or practising prior to competition.

20. Costume appropriate to the routine is encouraged.

21. No costume or routine should bring discredit to the sport.

22. Dogs may only wear a collar which may be decorated.

23. It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order.

JUDGING

Judges at Kennel Club licensed HTM Competitions are expected to maintain and abide by the highest standards in accordance with Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and appropriate Codes of Best Practice as published from time to time.

Judges at the Competition may enter/handle a dog at the Competition they are judging but not in the class they are judging.

Judges' discretion prevails and Judges' decisions are final.

Judges must eliminate a dog from the ring if it fouls in the ring.

Organisers of HTM Competitions must ensure that those invited to judge are competent to fulfil their engagement taking into account the nature of the competition.

Any physical disciplining of the dog by the handler in the ring or any uncontrolled behaviour of the dog must be penalised by adjusting the dog's score and the Judge(s) must eliminate the dog from further competition in the class.

The Judge(s) must observe the dog at all times whilst it is in the ring, even after elimination from competition.

In the event of dogs obtaining equality of marks in Heelwork To Music competitions, the Accuracy and Execution of Movement mark will decide the result. In a Freestyle Competition the Musical Interpretation mark will decide the result. Where there is still equality of marks the order shall be decided at the discretion of the lead (head) judge.

If the average mark in any one section of the judge's criteria is below 55% (16.5 marks) the class points will be withheld for that routine. There shall be at least four awards on offer in every class and printed award cards and rosettes may be given but the associated points would be withheld

If a dog leaves the ring and ceases working it should be eliminated from the competition but allowed to continue and complete its routine, as long as the music is still playing. If a dog accidentally steps outside the ring during a routine it will not be penalised.

There must be three judges for each class, except in exceptional circumstances, whereby the Association should notify the Kennel Club as soon as possible. Each judge will mark all three sections of the Judging Criteria as follows:

a. Programme Content – 10 marks

- (1) The Programme content conforms to the definitions for Heelwork to Music or Freestyle and should be varied, with no excessive repetition of movement, and content being appropriate to the routine.
- (2) Movement should be appropriate to the structure and conformation of the dog.
- (3) The movements of the dog should have a greater impact than those of the handler.
- (4) Degree of difficulty of movements should be taken into account.

b. Accuracy and Execution of Movement – 10 marks

- (1) Movements including heelwork are accurately and smoothly executed.
- (2) The dog should work in a natural and willing manner.
- (3) The dog should respond promptly and appropriately to the cues given (including use of props).
- (4) Bearing and deportment of the handler is appropriate and should be appropriate to the routine; dog and handler should work as a team.

c. Musical Interpretation – 10 marks

- (1) Interpretation of the rhythm, phrasing and timing should be apparent; the choice of music should suit the team.
- (2) Choreography should be apparent, flowing and not a series of disjointed moves. The routine should include balance, structure and making best use of available space.
- (3) Primary emphasis of musical interpretation should be on the dog's movement although the handler should/may be expressive.
- (4) Handlers' dress and any props used should be suitable and applicable to the interpretation of the routine.

When assessing a routine the judges should take into account the following score structure:-

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| 0-1.9 | Not yet ready on today's performance |
| 2.0-3.9 | Not yet competent at this level |
| 4.0-5.5 | Working at level with scope for further improvement |

Points will be awarded above this level

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| 5.6-6.9 | Correct level for class (routine is good and competent) |
| 7.0-8.9 | Highly competent (routine ready to work at next level) |
| 9.0-10 | Outstanding (excellent, meets and exceeds the criteria) |

Where applicable judges should mark to one decimal place.

Excessive noise or barking must be penalised and a maximum of 4 marks can be deducted from the overall score at the judge's discretion.

Any unnecessary physical assistance must be penalised with points deducted from the accuracy and execution of movement section.

Any activity that may be injurious to the dog will result in an elimination.

No handler shall impugn the decision of the Judge or Judges.

Should a judge be unable to fulfill their appointment the organizers reserve the right to appoint an alternative judge.

Should unforeseen circumstances so dictate the organiser, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes will be reported to the Kennel Club.

Directions and Barn Rules

Are available on loose insert and are from Newbold which is signposted off the main road into Rugby from Junction 1 of the M6.

From SOUTH

M1 onto M6 – leave at Junction 1 onto A426 (RUGBY). At 3rd Roundabout take 3rd exit (NEWBOLD) through industrial estate to cross roads. Turn right (Crown PH on right). Exit town. Take 1st left to LITTLE LAWFORD. In about 1 mile, venue is on right.

From NORTH

Leave M1 at Junction 20. Follow signs for RUGBY A426. At M6 roundabout follow directions from SOUTH.

From EAST

A14 onto M6 then follow directions from SOUTH.

From WEST

On to M6. Leave at Junction 1 then follow directions from SOUTH.

If coming through RUGBY, follow A426 (Leicester). Look for B4112 (Newbold/Nuneaton). Exit town. Then as from South.

24. Routines should clearly demonstrate the dog's athleticism, attentiveness, flexibility and training in conjunction with handler movements complementary to the appropriate division.

25. The dignity of the dog must be respected throughout the routine.

26. No activity shall be conducted which may be injurious to the dog.

27. Food and toys shall not be carried in the ring or given to a dog whilst being judged.

28. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of any dog at any time within the precincts of the competition.

29. Once a dog has entered the ring to compete, no further practice may be carried out.

30. Dogs must be off lead in all Kennel Club official classes.

31. Routines may start and end wherever the handler chooses provided both the handler and dog are in the ring.

32. Dogs will be marked for excessive barking unless cued and obviously a part of the routine.

33. If the music stops during a routine the competitor must be given an opportunity to complete the routine. The handler's backup music may be used and/or alternative equipment, if this was the reason for failure. The Judges should continue marking from the point at which the music stopped. If the competitor chooses to withdraw from the class no marks will be awarded.

34. The decision to withdraw from competition is entirely at the discretion of the competitor. However, a competitor may not withdraw once a routine has been completed and scored.

35. Routines should make good use of the available ring space.

36. The music and routine must be suitable for a family audience and the spectator appeal of the programme should be apparent.

37. Props appropriate to the routine may be used and must remain in the ring and not intentionally removed until completion of the routine. The use of firearms is prohibited nor must any simulated gunshot be used.

38. The use of voice and body language is encouraged; handlers may make contact with dogs.

39. The bearing and deportment should be appropriate to the routine.

40. After a dog has commenced competing in a Class no substitution of Handler is permitted in that Class.

Music and Booking In (Before 11 30am)

Each Handler should provide their own music. It can be CD (clearly marked with the track to be used) audio cassette tape with the music at the beginning of a blank tape. It is advisable to bring two copies of the tape or CD with one for back up. Handlers should book in with the organizers upon arrival and lodge their music with them.

Length of Music

Starters: up to 2½ minutes

Novice: up to 3½ minutes

The duration of the routine should be a maximum length as detailed above. An over-run of 5% is permitted, but 2 marks will be deducted from the final score for any time taken in excess of this.

Size of Ring The ring size area is a maximum 20 yards x 25 yards. Judges will be sited along the short part of the ring. The surface will be Astro Sports surface.

AWARDS

Rosettes will be awarded for 1st to 6th place, prize cards will be given 1st-4th place and a trophy for first place winners in all classes.

Refreshments

Tea, coffee, soft drinks and some limited, light refreshments will be available.

NB.

Studded or heeled shoes are not allowed in this venue.



RUGBY DOG TRAINING CLUB SCHEDULE OF OPEN HEELWORK TO MUSIC (HTM) COMPETITION (Held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations L)

at

**Fennis Field Farm, Little Lawford Lane,
Kings Newnham, Rugby, CV23 0JJ**

**Saturday 25TH SEPTEMBER 2010
Show opens at 8:30 am Judging starts 9:00 am**

Class 1 Starters Heelwork to Music

Class 2 Novice Heelwork to Music

Class 3 Starters Freestyle

Class 4 Novice Freestyle

Judges

Carole Dodson, Michelle Dodson, Jill Davis, Mary Ann Nester,
Ken Sidaway, Jenny Deakin, Lesley Brocklehurst
Additional Judges may be appointed as necessary

Entry fees per class £10 Members; £12 Non-Members; Programmes £2
Spectators £4 Members; £5 Non-Members

GUARANTORS TO THE KENNEL CLUB

Chairman: Diane Dunkley 56 Watersmeet Road Coventry W Midlands
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Committee Member Alison Davidson Eight Acres Tiffield Road Gayton Northampton

Show Manager: Dave Ray 13 Helmdon Close Rugby
Show Secretary: Alison Davidson (01604 858029 – before 9pm please)

**ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY Wednesday 25th August 2010 (Postmark)
Entries to: Alison Davidson RDTCC Eight Acres Tiffield Road Gayton Northampton NN7 3HH**

Please don't forget to enclose your stamped addressed envelope!

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