

Kennel Club Regulation Booklets

This is one of a series of booklets designed to present the Regulations in a more accessible form. The complete set of Rules & Regulations is of course still available within the Kennel Club Year Book.

There are booklets available for Breed Shows, Obedience Shows, Agility Shows, Working Trials and Bloodhound Trials, Heelwork to Music, Field Trials and Rally. Whilst including all the relevant regulations also included is an extract from the B Regulations on the requirements of dog registration.

GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR FLYBALL COMPETITIONS

As at 1st January 2018

GENERAL REGULATIONS

These regulations apply to all licensed Flyball Competitions, except where indicated.

1. Introduction

1. Permission to hold Flyball Competitions.

- a. The Board shall have the power to grant, withhold or cancel permission to hold any licensed Flyball Competition.
- b. Any cancellation or abandonment of a competition without prior permission of the Board must be reported in writing to the Kennel Club without delay.

2. Code of Conduct.

Those taking part in Kennel Club licensed/approved events are expected to maintain and abide by the highest standards, in accordance with Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and appropriate Codes of Conduct as published from time to time.

3. 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 their 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 Board for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rule and Regulations. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars, is not permitted at any Flyball event licensed by the Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue and within the precincts of the competition.

4. Eligibility/Licensing.

- a. Flyball Competition licences will only be issued to Registered or Affiliated Societies or other organisations approved by the Board.
- b. On the day of the event a current Public Liability Insurance Document must be held or the event will be deemed unlicensed.
- c. Companion Dog Shows may not hold Flyball Competitions unless organised on their behalf by a Registered Society or other organisation approved by the Board of the Kennel Club, and separately licensed.
- d. Dogs entered in Flyball Competitions must be registered at the Kennel

- Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration [B].
- e. Only dogs of 18 calendar months of age and over on the day of the competition are eligible for competition at Kennel Club licensed Flyball Competitions. However, Societies may accept Not For Competition entries at their discretion. Dogs aged four calendar months and over are eligible to enter Not For Competition
 - f. If, in the opinion of the Board, a dog is of a savage disposition it shall be ineligible for entry at any Flyball Competition held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.
 - g. Persons disqualified or suspended under Kennel Club Rules are not eligible to take part in any Kennel Club licensed event.
 - h. No activity shall be conducted which permits, encourages or develops aggression in a dog.

5. Application.

The application for a licence to hold a Flyball Competition must be made to the Secretary for the Kennel Club, Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London, W1J 8AB on the official form which must be properly completed and sent, together with the appropriate licence fee, at least 6 calendar months before the proposed date of the competition.

6. Unlicensed Flyball Competitions.

Notwithstanding the provision of these Regulations, certain events which are not licensed by the Kennel Club may from time to time be recognised by the Board of the Kennel Club. The Board shall have power to grant permission for Kennel Club registered dogs to be entered for such events. A judge, competitor or promoter will not be prejudiced by participating in these special unlicensed events.

7. Guarantors.

- a. Licensed Flyball Competitions require Guarantors who shall undertake jointly and severally to hold and conduct the competition under and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Kennel Club, to guarantee the due payment of any prize money, and to abide by and adopt any decision of the Board or any authority to whom the Board may delegate its powers subject to the conditions of Regulation V31.
- b. Such undertaking shall also be taken as an agreement by such guarantors and each of them, that any decision given against them or any of them, under Rule A11 of the Kennel Club Rules may be communicated by the Secretary of the Kennel Club to the Secretaries of Registered Clubs and Societies affiliated with the Kennel Club, and may also be published in the Kennel Gazette, the official publication of the Kennel Club together with a report of any proceeding in the matter, including names, addresses and descriptions.
- c. Any notice sent by registered post to any such Guarantors at the addresses given by them on the licence application shall be deemed full and sufficient notice on the part of the Kennel Club to them or any of them, of any proceedings, matters or decisions of the Board, or any

authority to whom the Board may delegate its powers, or in regard to anything arising out of the Licence or to the conduct of the Competition, or in respect of any other matter whatsoever arising out of or in connection with the same.

8. Undertaking of Guarantors.

- a. The application form for a Flyball Competition licence must be signed by the Guarantors who must give their full addresses in the spaces provided on the form. The signed application shall be a binding undertaking.
- b. Should changed circumstances affect the status of any of the original signatories as Guarantors, then notice of replacement(s) must be forwarded to the Kennel Club. Such notice shall be accompanied by a signed declaration form the replacement Guarantor(s) agreeing to the conditions of the guarantee.
- c. Notice of such change(s) must be made in the Schedule, if possible, or by notice in the Canine Press.
- d. The Guarantors for a Flyball Competition shall be a total of three members of the Committee which must include the Society Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

9. Documentation.

At every Flyball Competition the following documents must be available:

- a. The licence for the Competition, which must be displayed clearly
- b. The current Public Liability Insurance Documents, which must be clearly displayed.
- c. A copy of Kennel Club Rules and relevant Regulations
- d. A copy of the Schedule for the Competition
- e. The completed entry forms for the Competition.
All entry forms must be preserved by the Committee for at least 12 months from the closing date of entries and must be forwarded to the Kennel Club if requested, together with any other documents. A list of results must be retained by the Society for at least 12 months from the date of the Competition.
- f. A Kennel Club Incident Book, containing details of all incidents occurring at the show, a copy of which must be submitted to the Kennel Club within 14 days.

10. Schedule.

- a. The organisers must issue a schedule for the event. No modifications may be made to the schedule except by permission of the Kennel Club and such modifications must be advertised.
- b. A copy of the Schedule issued or each show must be retained by the organisations for at least one year from the date of the show and must be forwarded to the Kennel Club, if requested, together with any other documents.
- c. Contents of Schedule
 - (1) On the front outside cover or title page, the name of the Society, the type, venue and date of the Competition as described on the

- licence and any additional title for which prior permission has been given by the Board of the Kennel Club; the names and addresses, or email addresses, of the Guarantors of the Competition, and the Secretary's name, address and telephone number where appropriate, and the name of Competition Manager, and the date of closing of entries
- (2) An announcement that the Competition is held under Kennel Club Regulations
 - (3) The names of the Judge(s)
 - (4) All offers of sponsorship or donations with the names of the sponsors.
 - (5) The amount of entry and other fees.
 - (6) The amount of prize money where offered.
 - (7) The time of opening of the Competition
 - (8) An entry form, which must include a box for the Kennel Club Registration Number of the dog and the standard declaration as included in the specimen entry form issued by the Kennel Club.
 - (9) A statement if applicable on details of how entries can be made via the internet.
 - (10) A statement that no bitch in season is allowed to compete.
 - (11) A statement that the Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse any entries.
 - (12) A statement that should a Judge be unable to fulfil the appointment to judge the Committee reserves the right to appoint another judge.
 - (13) A statement that should circumstances so dictate the Society, in consultation with the Judge, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them must be reported to the Kennel Club.
 - (14) Notice of Kennel Club Flyball Regulations V paragraphs:
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 - (15) If applicable a statement that;
 1. Not For Competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged four calendar months and over. Details of each dog so entered must be recorded on the entry form and must be Kennel Club registered or
 2. Not For Competition entries are not accepted.

11. Entry for Competition.

- a. Entries for the event must close at the time indicated in the Schedule, which must be no later than 14 days before the event opens.
- b. Entries received by post bearing the Post Office postmark of the date for closing of entries or before must be accepted subject to the conditions of Regulations V10.c.(11).
- c. 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 Regulations V10.c.(11). Such claims will

have to be substantiated to the Kennel Club which will request documentary evidence, subsequent to the Competition.

- d. A dog must at the time of entry for a 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).
- e. A separate application for entry must be made by each owner and acceptance of the entry declaration must be given in accordance with the provisions specified thereon – whether in writing or via the internet. Entries cannot be accepted without the appropriate fees or acceptance of the entry declaration.
- f. If a competitor reports before competition that a dog has been entered which is ineligible, the dog must be withdrawn from competition.

12. Control of Dogs.

The owner, exhibitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog at Kennel Club licensed events must at all times ensure that the dog is kept under proper control whilst at the licensed venue, including its environs, car and caravans parks and approaches. This Regulation applies before (at any time during the set up period at the venue), during the event and afterwards (at any time during the breakdown of the event).

13. Free Passes.

The Committee of a Flyball Competition shall provide all competitors with a free pass enabling them to enter the event at any time of the day their competition is scheduled, but in the case of a dog owned in partnership only one such free pass need be issued. Additional free passes may be issued at the organising committee's discretion.

14. Removal of dogs from Competition.

Following discussion between the competition management and/or a veterinary surgeon, a dog shall be prevented from competing and/or removed from a Flyball Competition if it is:

- a. A bitch which is in season.
- b. Suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.
- c. Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent.

- d. Of such temperament or is so out of control as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal.
- e. Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues to compete.

The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the competition Incident Book and submitted to the Kennel Club.

15. Competition of Dogs Suffering from Contagious or Infectious Disease.

No dog suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or having been exposed to such disease during the period of 21 days prior to the Competition may compete. Competitors infringing this Regulation will be liable to be fined and/or dealt with under Kennel Club Rule A11.

16. Animals allowed in Event.

No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of the event during its continuance, except any dogs registered to assist the disabled, or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes or by permission of the Board.

However, at the discretion of the show society, a dog brought to the show by a spectator may be admitted into the precincts of the dog show, with the proviso that those in charge sign a declaration confirming the dog is free from disease and that the dog will be kept under proper control at all times.

17. Veterinary Support.

The Secretary of a licensed Flyball Competition is required to arrange veterinary support compatible with the arrangements for the Competition and anticipated entries. The name, address and telephone number of the Veterinary Surgeon, Practitioner or Practice supporting the Competition is to be available.

18. Judging Contracts.

- a. Invitations to judge must be made by organising societies in writing and they must ensure that written acceptances are received. Written acceptance must be followed by written confirmation of the appointment by the Society upon which a judging contract will be deemed to have been formed.
- b. Societies are required to include the following working in Judges' invitation letters:
 'In accepting this invitation you agree to be bound by Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and the Kennel Club Code of Best Practice for Judges, and confirm that you are qualified to judge in accordance with Flyball Regulation V19. In doing so you recognise that you are obliged to notify us in writing of any change in personal circumstances which will affect your ability to fulfil this judging appointment.
 You should also note that we reserve the right to cancel the contract before the date of the appointment if there is a change in your circumstances which in our reasonable opinion would adversely affect your ability to fulfil the appointment.'
- c. All judging contracts are subject to cancellation at the discretion of the Kennel Club in the event of the judge being subject to relevant disciplinary action.

- d. In the event of a judge failing to honour an engagement to judge, the Board will require reasons for such failure, and in the event of the explanation not being considered satisfactory, the Board may impose a fine. Similarly, in the event of a Society not honouring a judging contract, the Society may be required by the Board to give reasons for such failure, and in the event of the explanation not being considered satisfactory, the Board may impose a fine on the Society.
- e. In the event of such fines not being paid within the time stipulated by the Board, the judge or Guarantors of the Competition, as applicable, may at the discretion of the Board be dealt with as if a complaint under Kennel Club Rule A11 had been lodged and proved to the satisfaction of the Board.

19. Judges and Judging.

- a. Organisers of Flyball Competitions must ensure that those invited to judge are competent to fulfil their engagement taking into account the nature of the competition.
- b. Judges at a Flyball Competition may not enter for competition a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership; or handle a dog at the Competition at which they are judging.
- c. Judges at Kennel Club licensed Flyball 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.
- d. Judges are not permitted to make public commentary on the dogs whilst judging.
- e. 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 may bar the dog from further competition in the class.
- f. The Committee shall have the power to grant, withhold, suspend or cancel the appointment of any Judge.

20. Dog Fouling.

- a. Any owner, competitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog is required to remove, as soon as possible any fouling caused by their dog(s) at any Kennel Club licensed event within the licensed venue and within the environs of that event including car and caravan parks and approaches.
- b. Any organisation holding a Kennel Club licensed event is required to provide an adequate number of receptacles for the disposal of such fouling.

21. Use of Firearms and Sound Amplifiers.

The use of firearms is prohibited and the use of sound amplifiers is forbidden except as authorised by the Competition Management.

22. Sponsorship and Donations.

No offer of sponsorship or donation may be made on condition that a specified person is appointed judge.

23. Payment of Sponsorship.

In the absence of any agreement to the contrary, the liability of the sponsor(s) for any class or classes at a Flyball Competition shall be limited to making good any deficiency between entry fees received and any prize money paid out. The Competition Manager must intimate the amount of sponsorship due within one calendar month of the close of the Competition and the sponsor(s) must pay this amount within 14 days of receipt of such notice. If the sponsorship is not paid within the specified time the Competition Manager must report the matter to the Kennel Club.

24. Objections.

- a. An objection to a breach of Kennel Club Regulation(s) may be made direct to the Secretary of the Competition before the end of the competition. As an alternative, an objection may be lodged directly with the Kennel Club within seven days after the last day of the Show and under these circumstances a copy of the objection must be sent to the Show 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.

- b. With the exception of objections made under Regulation V14 (Removal of Dogs from Competition) the dog should be allowed to compete and a full report made to the Kennel Club.
- c. The right to lodge an objection to a dog or any action taken at a Show is limited to anyone in attendance at the Show not under a term of suspension imposed by the Kennel Club, or the owner of a dog competing or his accredited representative.
- d. No objection shall be invalidated solely on the grounds that it was incorrectly lodged.
- e. Objections or alleged breaches of Kennel Club Regulations shall be referred to the Board who shall have the power to delegate the hearing of the objection or breach of regulation to the relevant Committee or may decide to refer the matter for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rule A11.
- f. Any appeal against the relevant Committee decision must be lodged within fourteen days of the decision being given and will be subject to the prescribed appeals procedure as shall be determined by the Board from time to time.

25. Fraudulent or Discreditable Conduct at Flyball Competitions.

The Secretary of a Flyball Competition must immediately report in writing to the Secretary of the Kennel Club any case of alleged fraudulent or discreditable conduct, or any default omission or incident at or in connection with the Competition which may come under his notice, even where parties concerned have indicated that they intend taking no action and at the same time forward to the Secretary of the Kennel Club all documents and information in connection therewith which may be in his possession or power. If evidence is placed before the Board to its satisfaction that undue influence has been exercised by any person(s), or that any improper means have been used to influence the appointment of a judge or to interfere with the competition of a dog at any event held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations, the Board may require all correspondence and evidence in connection with the case to be produced in order that it may deal with the offender(s) under Kennel Club Rule A11.

26. Penalty for Infringement of Kennel Club Rules by Flyball Competition Management.

The Board shall have power to fine the Guarantors of a Flyball Competition who have broken Kennel Club Rules and Regulations in the conduct of the Competition.

27. Disqualification and Forfeit of Awards.

- a. A dog may be disqualified by the Board from any award whether an objection has been lodged or not, if proved amongst other things to have been;
 - (1) Competing at an unrecognised Competition
 - (2) Handled by a person disqualified or suspended under Rule A11 as from the date of the complaint having been lodged at the Kennel Club and for the period of disqualification or suspension.
 - (3) Not entered on a Kennel Club approved entry form in the name and with the details which are recorded with the Kennel Club.
 - (4) Entered after the date announced for closing of entries, subject to the condition of Regulation V11.b or contrary to Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.
 - (5) Suffering from an infectious or contagious disease.
 - (6) In competition in a class for which it was not entered.
 - (7) Entered for competition or handled in the ring by a judge at that Competition.
 - (8) Registered or recorded as owned by the scheduled Judge within a period of 12 months prior to the Competition. This shall not apply to dogs owned by a Judge appointed in an emergency.
 - (9) Handled by the scheduled judge's spouse, immediate family or resident at the same address as the scheduled judge. This shall not apply to a judge appointed in an emergency.
 - (10) Not correctly registered and recorded in the name of the owner at the Kennel Club or as provided in Regulation V11.d.
 - (11) To have been the subject of any other default, omission, action or incident occurring at or in connection with the Show rendering it unfair that the award should be allowed to stand.

- b. A dog shall be disqualified by the Board from any awards gained whether an objection has been lodged or not if entered in a class for which it is ineligible and not withdrawn from competition and the Competitor may be fined at the discretion of the Board.
- c. The owner of a dog disqualified for any of the above reasons is liable to forfeit all entries paid, and all prize money won by such dog.

28. Penalties.

The Board shall have power to impose any of the following penalties upon any person for any breach of Kennel Club Regulations subject to a right of appeal, notice of intention of which must be lodged within 14 days from the date on which the decision is given and subject to the prescribed appeals process as shall be determined by the Board from time to time;

- a. Warn
- b. Censure/Reprimand
- c. Apology directive (Conduct Regulation or the Control of Dogs Regulation)
- d. Fine
- e. Award disqualified
- f. A dog's registration record may be marked 'incident recorded'
- g. A dog's registration record may be endorsed 'not eligible for entry in any event held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations, nor any unlicensed event recognised by the Kennel Club.'

In the event of any fine not being paid, or non compliance with any apology directive issued within the time stipulated by the Board, then that person may, at the discretion of the Board, be dealt with as if a complaint under Kennel Club Rule A11 had been lodged and proved to the satisfaction of the Board.

29. Payment and Delivery of Prize Money and Printed Awards.

- a. All prize money and printed awards must be available for collection at the Competition.
- b. Prize money and printed awards, except special awards, not collected on the day, must be claimed not later than 31 days from the close of the Competition, otherwise they will be forfeited.
- c. Where any money prize is offered in the Schedule it must be paid in full, without deduction except in cases where amounts are legally due to the Competition organisers.
- d. In the event of the disqualification of an award winner subsequent to the receipt of any prize or prize money, such prize or prize money must be returned at once on receipt of a demand from the Competition organisers. A failure to comply with the request shall be reported to the Kennel Club and may be dealt with under Rule A11.

30. Order of merit when dogs are disqualified.

If a dog be disqualified, the prize to which it would otherwise have been entitled shall be forfeited. The Committee may at its discretion move up the dog

or dogs next in order of merit (up to and including reserve or fourth place) to take the prize or prize(s).

31. Delegated Powers of the Scottish Kennel Club.

- a. For the purpose of paragraphs 1 and 4 of these Regulations the power to grant, withhold or cancel permission to hold any licensed Flyball Competition in Scotland shall be delegated to the Scottish Kennel Club.
- b. For the purposes of these Regulations, all powers of the Board relative to events in Scotland and licensed by the Scottish Kennel Club are delegated to the Executive Council of the Scottish Kennel Club. Applications for licences, objections and allegations of fraudulent or discreditable conduct relative to Flyball Competitions are licensed by the Scottish Kennel Club must be made to the Secretary General of the Scottish Kennel Club, Paterson House, Eskmills Park, Station Road, Musselburgh, EH21 7PQ.

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SPECIFIC FLYBALL COMPETITION REGULATIONS

These Regulations must be read in conjunction with Kennel Club General Flyball Regulations V.

All heats being held to qualify for the Kennel Club Flyball finals must hold a flyball show licence issued by the Kennel Club, as per Regulation V.4. All dogs entered in Kennel Club Flyball competitions must be registered with the Kennel Club, as detailed in Regulation V.11.d.

1. The following Regulations apply to Flyball Competitions and must be read in conjunction with Kennel Club General Regulations V.

2. Flyball is essentially a spectator sport involving a team knockout competition. Informality is encouraged and maximum discretion, within these Regulations is granted to organisers, but the safety of the dogs, handlers and spectators is paramount. Clubs are asked to co-operate by loaning equipment.

3. Facilities/Management.

- a. The Test area must not be less than 24.38m x 12.19m (80ft x 40ft).
- b. An area of approximately 9.14m (30ft) in length behind the start/finish line must be available to allow adequate run-through for incoming dogs. If an indoor venue is used the distance for the run-through can be reduced but sufficient space must be allowed to ensure the dogs' safety.
- c. There must be a distance of 1.829m (6ft) from the start/finish line to the first hurdle. There must be a total of four hurdles which must be placed 3.408m (10ft) apart; and there must be 4.572m (15ft) from the last hurdle to the front of the flyball box.
- d. Racing lanes must be a minimum of 3.66m (12ft) to a maximum of 6.1m (20ft) apart and must be 914mm (3ft) wide.
- e. The obstruction of gangways is prohibited.
- f. Each test area must be enclosed by ropes or by other suitable means.
- g. The Competition Manager must not enter or work a dog at the Flyball Competition.
- h. Should a judge be prevented from completing a class which has commenced, the organising society shall decide what action is to be taken.

4. Judges and Judging.

- a. The lead judge has overall responsibility for the competition and will control both the start and finish.
- b. There must be a judge positioned at the end of the start/finish line.
- c. 2 line judges must be appointed to ensure that the box and hurdle rules are not infringed. Re-runs must be clearly indicated.
- d. If in the opinion of the lead judge, a box malfunctions during a race, the race must be stopped, a spare box must be substituted and the race rerun. If the spare box also breaks down the team forfeits the race.

- e. A dog must attempt to clear every hurdle. However if a hurdle is knocked down, the dog must not be penalised, provided it clears the hurdle as if it were standing.
- f. A dog must re-run at the end of the line if:
 - (1) an early start is indicated.
 - (2) it does not attempt every jump.
 - (3) it does not trigger the box.
 - (4) it does not return with the ball.
 - (5) its handler's feet cross the start line during its run (with the exception of resetting a jump or retrieving a lost ball).
 - (6) in the judge's opinion it started its run before the preceding dog had reached the start/finish line.
 - (7) the box loader is faulted for assisting the dog.
- g. If a dog or any team member obstructs the opposing team during a race, the offending team will forfeit the race. A dog chasing a loose ball is not necessarily causing an obstruction.
- h. The first team to have its fourth dog, (or the last to be re-run) across the finish line, with any part of the dog's body, wins the race.
- i. The best of 3 or 5 runs decides which team proceeds to the next round.

5. Equipment.

- a. **Hurdles**—The height of the hurdles must be 25.4cm (10ins) in all classes and for all sizes of dog. The hurdles must be white, have an inside width of 61cm (24ins) with posts not more than 91.4cm (36ins) high and the hurdle rail must not exceed 1.27cm (½in) in depth. In the interests of safety the top bar must be flexible, padded and/or spring loaded.
- b. **Box**—Flyball boxes used for this competition will be of the commercially available flat fronted type. All boxes to have a mechanical release mechanism. When the ball is released it must have a free unobstructed flight of not less than 61cm (24") from the box cup in a forward direction. Boxes shall not exceed 61cm (24") in width, 45.7cm (18") in height or 76.2cm (30") in depth. The dimensions do not include any platform the box loader uses to hold the box in place.
NOTE: Boxes should be constructed with the comfort and well being of the dog in mind. Sharp edges should be avoided and adequate padding and protection must be used. Alternative designs may be used provided the principles of safety are maintained. Each team must supply its own box
- c. **Backstop Board**—A backstop board must be provided. Minimum height 61cm (24ins), the design must be clearly visible and positioned a minimum of 213cm (7ft) behind the boxes.
- d. **Balls**—All balls used must be tennis balls, which must not be punctured. Each team must supply its own.

6. Teams.

- a. Each team shall consist of four handlers and dogs plus two reserves.
- b. Each team must include the required number of handlers and a box loader. An additional person to act as a runner is also advisable.

- c. Each team must include at least one ABC (anything but a Collie) dog. The ABC dog must be an active member of the team and not just a listed reserve.
- d. In the event of a dispute over the parentage of a dog, a decision will be left to the judge's discretion.
- e. Reserves must be used in cases of injury or at the team's discretion as substitutes at the end of any run.
- f. All teams must be declared prior to the commencement of the first race. If a club enters more than one team, once the entry has been submitted, dogs must not be switched from one team to another.

7. Competing.

- a. Two teams will compete against each other on separate equipment. The best of either three or five runs will decide the winner to go into the next round in the heats. In the Final to be held at Crufts the best of three runs will decide the winner to go into the next round.
- b. The two highest placed teams will be invited from each heat to compete in the Semi-Final at Crufts. Teams that have previously qualified cannot enter further heats for competition.
- c. Each dog jumps the 4 hurdles in succession, triggers the box and returns over the hurdles with the ball in its mouth. Only when each dog has crossed the start/finish line with any part of its body may the next dog commence its run.
- d. Box loaders may only give verbal encouragement to the dogs, and except when loading, must stand at the rear of the box in an upright position with their hands behind their backs.
- e. A runner or handler may reset the hurdle but must not interfere with or guide the dog in any way.
- f. All competing dogs must wear a smooth buckled collar, or a close fitting harness, which must be used by the handler to restrain the dog whilst waiting its turn, holding the dog by the scruff of the neck or other parts is not permissible.
- g. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the precincts of the Competition.
- h. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the Judge or Judges.
- i. A team will be eliminated by either the judge or the show manager and removed from the Flyball Competition if any of the team dogs are deemed to be out of control.

KENNEL CLUB REGULATIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

As at 1st January 2018

20. Dogs for Competitions.—Dogs entered for any form of Kennel Club competition i.e. show classes, field trials, gundog working tests, obedience, working trials, agility, flyball, heelwork to music, rally and canicross races must be registered in the name of the person(s) making the entry. If, at the closing date for entries, the owner(s) have applied for but have not received the Kennel Club registration certificate, the dog shall be entered in the name shown as the first choice on the application form for registration and the name should be followed by the letters 'N.A.F' (Name Applied For). In the case of applications for transfer of ownership and change of name, the dog should be entered 'T.A.F' (Transfer Applied For) 'C.N.A.F' (Change of Name Applied For) where application has been made but not received. Dogs are exempt from registration in the following cases:-

- a. Dogs either exhibited exclusively in classes specially exempted by the Kennel Club Board or in special classes sanctioned by the Board.
- b. Hounds belonging to recognised packs.

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