

**SUPPLEMENTARY
FCI AGILITY
RULES
MALAYSIA
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The purpose of this supplementary rules is to encourage agility competitors in Malaysia to compete and have fun. Due to the current agility climate in Malaysia, the dogsport committee have decided to relegate certain regulations of the NCO as per **A.10.1 of the Agility Regulations of the Federation Cynologique International**.

The relegation of these rules will be reviewed time to time and may be adjusted as needed.

A. APPLICATION

1. These Agility Rules ("**Rules**") shall apply to all FCI Agility and Jumper trials ("**Trials**") organized by trials sanctioned by Malaysian Kennel Association ("**MKA**").

2. The MKA Committee (the "**Committee**") may review and change the Rules from time to time.

3. The owner/Handler ("**Handler**") entering a dog in a Trial does so at his/her own risk and agrees to abide by these Rules, the Trial Regulations and such other rules and regulations of MKA. Handlers entering dogs in a Trial do so at their own risk and agree to assume responsibility for any damage caused by them, or by their dogs.

B. ELIGIBILITY

1. Eligibility of Handlers

- Persons disqualified or suspended under MKA shall not be permitted to enter their dogs for the Trials until such time they are no longer disqualified or suspended.

2. Eligibility of Dogs

- Dogs entered for the Trials may be **pedigrees or non-pedigrees**.
- Only dogs **fifteen (15) months** of age or older are eligible to participate.
- The exception to the rule above shall be for the Basic Jumpers Class which dogs **twelve (12) months** of age or older are eligible to participate.
- Pregnant bitches or dogs that are ill or hurt are not allowed to compete.
- Bitches in heat are permitted to compete. The bitch in heat will be scheduled to run either at the beginning or at the end of the class. The organisers shall determine the best circumstances for managing the running order given their ground layout, class structure, class schedule and other relevant factors.

C. CONDUCT OF HANDLERS/OWNERS AND BEHAVIOUR OF DOGS

1. Handlers

- **Registration:** Handlers/Owners must present themselves to the Trial Secretary upon arrival at the grounds or premises of the Trials for registration.
- **Third call:** Handlers should answer with their dogs by the Third Call made by the Trial Manager or Steward for the start of any Trial. The Trial Manager will disqualify handlers who do not answer by the third call with their dogs.

- **Compliance with instructions:** Handlers must wait for and adhere to the instructions or orders given by the Trial Manager, Judge or Steward.
- **Withdrawals of dogs:** A dog may be withdrawn at any time before it commences its run by informing the Trial Manager or with the Judge's permission once they have entered the ring. It is at the Judge's discretion to decide if a dog is not physically able to continue the course and whether the immediate withdrawal of such a dog should be ordered.
- **Handling Aids:** Food and toys are not permitted in the course area and handlers are not permitted to use or have in their possession while running the course, whistles, stopwatches, leashes, fanny packs or other handling/training aids.
- The exception to the handling aid rule will apply to the Basic Jumpers Class.

D. REGULATIONS

1. Introduction

Agility is a dog competition open to all dogs.

The aim of agility is for dogs to negotiate different obstacles to assess and enhance their intelligence and agility.

It is an educational and sporting activity intended to improve the dog's integration into society. The sport requires a good rapport between dog and handler, which will result in perfect understanding.

Competitors therefore must be familiar with elementary training and basic obedience.

2. Categories

Three categories exist:

Small (S)	Jump height = 25 to 30cm for Single & Spread Hurdles , Wall & Tyre
Medium (M)	Jump height = 35 to 40cm Single & Spread Hurdles , Wall & Tyre
Large (L)	Jump height = 55 to 60cm for Single & Spread Hurdles , Wall & Tyre

3. Height Divisions & Measurement

The following jump height divisions shall be used in all Trial classes: **Class Height (measured at withers) :**

Small (S)	for dogs measuring less than 35cm at the withers
Medium (M)	for dogs measuring 35cm or more and less than 43cm at the withers
Large (L)	for dogs measuring 43cm or more at the withers

- Prior to a dog competing in a trial, the height of the dog is to be measured by a Judge at the highest point of the withers. The height shall be recorded and signed by the Judge who measured the dog in the score book. A dog may be measured by up to three (3) different Judges.
- Handlers are responsible for entering the dog in the proper height division. If a measurement is necessary, it is the handler's responsibility to have their dog(s) measured prior to running.

- If the dog's height at the withers exceeds the maximum allowed for the jump height which the dog has entered, the dog shall be moved up into the proper jump height if the dog was measured prior to their run.
- Dogs that run in a height division lower than their proper division will be eliminated. Judges reserve the right to measure any dog they believe might belong in a different division, and any dog whose entry in a given division might be questioned.
- Senior dogs above nine (9) years of age on the date of the Trial shall be entitled to enter the Trial in the height Class that is one Class lower than its current Class. Such dogs may be entered into its usual height Class should the Handler wish to do so.

4. Courses

A course is built **using as many types of obstacles as possible**; the way they are placed determines the degree of difficulty and speed. The dog must complete the course within a predetermined time and the obstacles must be negotiated in the correct order.

a) Determining the Standard Course Time (SCT)

- The speed in meters per second chosen on the course will determine the SCT. The speed chosen will depend on the standard of the competition and the degree of difficulty of the course and the surface the dog has to run on.
- The SCT (in seconds) will be determined by dividing the length of the course by the chosen speed (in m/s).

5. Prizes

- The three highest qualifying scores (Time shall be measured and recorded to the nearest 1/100th of a second) shall be awarded first through third placements per class regardless of the number of dogs entered or judged in a particular Class.
- If two runs are provided for the particular class, the best result of the two runs will be counted and used to calculate the placement of the class. Handlers may choose to run both run or forgo their second run.

6. Records of Qualifications

- Records of dog's height and qualifying runs are to be kept in each dog's the Dog Sports Score Book.
- Records must contain name of the class (Agility or Jumpers, and skill level), date and location of the Trial, handler's name, Qualifying score (0 for faults and timing) and placing. The dog's Dog Sports Score Book must also include Judge's signature and must also include the dog's details (full name, height class).

7. Not For Competition (NFC)

- Handlers may, if they so wish, use the course time to train in the ring, using a toy or treat if required and so run "No For Competition" (NFC). The Handler must make it clear to the Organizer that he/she does not want the run to be judged. The Handler may also nominate the dog's jump height which shall not exceed the dog's jump height category
- Handler's who paid and signed up for a higher class, but have not yet qualified for it will have to do the run as a NFC run and they will not be judged for it.

E. CLASSES AND TITLES

1. Classes

- For each Jumpers or Agility Trial, there shall only be one of each Class only with the exception of Basic Jumpers Level
- **Permitted Classes & Eligibility** - classes and each qualifications up to and including the date of closing of entry are set out as follow :

Agility

Agility 1 Class	Open to all dogs that have not attained AD 1 title
Agility 2 Class	Open to all dogs that have attained AD 1 title
Agility 3 Class	Open to all dogs that have AD 2 or AD 3 title
Open Agility Class	Open to all dogs

Jumpers

Jumpers 1 Class	Open to all dogs that have not attained JD 1 title
Jumpers 2 Class	Open to all dogs that have attained JD 1 title
Jumpers 3 Class	Open to all dogs that have attained JD 2 or JD 3 title
Open Jumper Class	Open to all dogs

Basic Jumpers

- The Basic Jumper Class is for new beginners who just commenced basic agility training and would like to experience agility competition where they are allowed to bring toys and food into the ring. However, feeding is not allowed in the ring.
- The course will be easier comprising of 12 – 16 obstacles, mainly of jumps, broad jumps, tire jump and open tunnels. There will be no contact obstacles or weaves.
- Dogs twelve (12) months of age or older are eligible to participate in Basic Jumpers Class
- Handlers has the option to run the dog on leash or off leash.
- Once a dog has achieved a maximum of three (3) times of top 3 placement for this level. The dog will no longer be eligible to compete in this level.
- Dogs may participate in Agility 1 and Jumping 1 Class as well as compete in Basic Jumpers Class. If the dog has qualified for Agility 2 and Jumping 2, the dog will no longer be allowed to compete in Basic Jumpers despite not achieving three (3) top 3 placements in Basic Jumpers Class

Relegation for the qualification of each class

- The FCI Agility 1 and Jumping 1 are for new dogs and handlers who have not gotten any Agility Certificate. Dogs which achieve clean run/excellent in Agility 1 and Jumping 1 at an earlier trial are allowed to move to the next higher class in Agility 2 and Jumper 2 without having to obtain 3 excellence in Agility 1 or Jumper 1.

- Dogs which achieve clean run/excellent in Agility 2 and Jumping 2 at an earlier trial are also allowed to move to the next higher class of Agility 3 and Jumping 3 without having to obtain 3 excellence in Agility 2 or Jumper 2.
- Once the Handler has chosen the option to move up, the Handler may no longer opt to compete at the lower class with the particular dog, unless they have chosen to run the lower class as NFC.
- The dog will also forgo the possibility to obtain the titles earned in each class.

The titles earned at MSC Agility and Jumpers Trials are:

Agility	Jumpers
Agility Dog 1 (AD 1)	Jumpers Dog 1 (JD 1)
Agility Dog 2 (AD 2)	Jumpers Dog 2 (JD 2)
Agility Dog 3 (AD 3)	Jumpers Dog 3 (JD 3)

- In order to acquire a title, a dog must earn the following number of qualifying certificates per Class level. The requirement for the titles will be due for review every year.

Agility Class	Qualifying Certificates Required	Jumpers Class	Qualifying Certificates Required
AD 1	3 Excellence in Agility 1 or	JD 1	3 Excellence in Jumpers 1 or Agility 1
AD 2	3 Excellence in Agility 2	JD 2	3 Excellence in Jumpers 2 or Agility 2
AD 3	3 Excellence in Agility 3	JD 3	3 Excellence in Jumpers 3 or Agility 3