

Dawn Weaver
Freeway's Agility Break FAB Shows
Rules & Regulations 2019

Dawn Weaver started FAB shows in 2011. The shows are designed to provide safe, enjoyable agility for all breeds, sizes and shapes of dogs. So that all breeds can be competitive in their own right, there are separate prize givings for ABC dogs and a variety of jump heights to suit all. Dogs are individuals and will not be measured. Instead they will be assessed individually if wanting to change jump height categories.

Main differences between KC shows and FAB shows

- o 12 weaving poles only allowed. No 6s or odd numbers.
- o Separate presentations for ABCs and Collie/Collie Xs.
- o NFC runs allowed (except in IFCS classes)
- o Separate progression for Jumping, Agility and Steeplechase.
- o Bitches in season are allowed to compete at the end of class but not to wander around the ring area.
- o 5 Jump heights available.
- o Safe and flowing courses but with more obstacle discrimination. This is better physically for your dogs.
- o 1st, 2nd, 3rd places etc will be awarded for clear rounds down to 10% of the class. Agility, Jumping, Steeplechase and Grand Prix prizes: 1st- rosette and Klassy Canine dog biscuits; 2nd, 3rd etc- rosette and/or Klassy Canine dog biscuits depending on number of class entries. Additionally there will be special trophies for 1st places at the FAB Finals.
- o **Allsorts** classes are for retired and recovering dogs plus 16-18 month old dogs can enter. The handler can choose the jump height on the day as the jumps will either start at Petite and gradually work up through the heights or at Large and work down through the heights. Handlers must be ready at the ring when their chosen height is being run. All dogs will receive a Klassy Canine rosette biscuit as they leave the ring.
- o The minimum distance between obstacles will be 5 metres.

General Regulations

Show organisation

1. Dawn Weaver (FAB Shows) has public liability insurance to cover all FAB shows.
2. FAB will supply the name, address and telephone number of a local vet via the schedule.
3. Dawn Weaver (FAB Shows) reserves the right to refuse entries.
4. In event of cancellation of a show FAB Shows (Dawn Weaver) reserves the right to deduct unrecoverable expenses before returning entry fees.
5. Show Entry forms must be completed for each dog and handler combination and the declaration thereon must be signed by each Competitor. The appropriate fees must accompany entries.

Competing

1. Handlers competing with more than one dog in a class should run their dogs in the

sequence in which they are drawn.

2. Only dogs 18 calendar months of age and older can compete in standard FAB classes. In Allsorts classes and Newbie Steeplechase dogs of 16-18 months may compete.
3. Bitches in season may compete at the end of the class but must not wander around the competition rings. They must inform the ring party before the end of their height that they have a bitch in season to compete at the end of the height.
4. Dogs suffering from a contagious or infectious disease or that have been in contact with any dog suffering from a contagious disease within 21 days prior to a show must not be brought to the show venue.
5. It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class.
6. Any physical or excessive verbal correction of a dog by a handler anywhere within the precincts of the show will result in exclusion from that show and from future shows.
7. All fouling must be removed as soon as possible by the person in charge of the dog.
8. Handlers may not hold dogs by the scruff whilst waiting at the start line.
9. Competitors must treat judges with respect.
10. Close fitting collars and a name tag disc are permitted in the competition ring however there must be no check chains, no half check collars, harnesses or head-collars on dogs in the ring.
11. Not for Competition rounds will be allowed in all standard classes providing the handler has informed the ring party before running. The handler shall have 60 seconds for NFC runs. However there must be no harsh handling in the ring. A silent toy may be taken in the ring and used to reward your dog, but no noisy toys or clickers. Food may also be used as a reward so long as it is fed directly to the dog and does not touch the ground. No NFC runs will be permitted in IFCS classes.
12. No remote collars or training discs are allowed to be used on or near dogs at FAB Shows.
13. All awards must be collected on the day of the show.
14. All dogs must at all times be under proper control around the rings, exercise area, camping areas and car park.

Awards

Awards will be made to at least 10% of the entry for a class. To claim an award the dog must have a clear round.

FAB Finals

All dogs gaining a 1st in Steeplechase / Agility / Jumping / Grand Prix will be eligible for the appropriate Final in that category. However, if you progress a level and then win at that level, you will only be eligible to enter the Finals at that higher level. So for example, if you have two wins at Newbie Steeplechase and move up to Graduate Steeplechase but have no wins before the Finals then you will be eligible for the Newbie Steeplechase final, but if you have a first at Graduate Steeplechase then you will only be eligible for the Graduate Steeplechase final.

Courses

1. A standard course should consist of at least 16 obstacles but not more than 20. The exception is pairs courses which should consist of at least 12 and not more than 20 obstacles.
2. Jumps should all be the same height in any one class.

3. In all classes, each obstacle should have a minimum distance of 5m between the centres except that this may be reduced to 4m when the following obstacle is placed at 90 degrees or more to the preceding one.
4. Electronic timing equipment will be used whenever possible but manual timing may be necessary on occasions when electronic is unavailable. Manual timing may also be used as a back-up in case of electronic failure.
5. Competitors will be allowed to walk the course without their dog before competition begins. The jumps will be set for the first height to be run in that class so competitors may not necessarily be walking the course at their own height.
6. FAB Shows are responsible for the design of the courses and must at all times give total consideration to the safety of the dog.
7. The tyre should have a straight approach at all times.

Standard Classes

There are 3 levels of competition as follows. Progression is per class type. Eg. You could be Newbie at Agility but Graduate at Jumping.

Newbie: for all dogs new to agility. Also includes dogs currently running in Grades 1-3 at Kennel Club shows and dogs running at Beginners and Novice in UKA shows.

Graduate: for all dogs having won 2 Newbie classes, or dogs currently running at Grades 4 & 5 at Kennel Club shows. Also UKA Senior and Champ dogs.

Senior: for all dogs having won 2 Graduate classes and dogs currently running at Grades 6 & 7 at Kennel Club.

Allsorts: this class is for veteran dogs and dogs that are getting fit again and may need a lower height jump. It is also for dogs between the ages of 16-18 months of age. Handlers can choose the appropriate height for their own dog on the day as the jumps will either start at Petite and gradually work up through the heights or at Large and work down through the heights. Handlers must be ready at the ring when their chosen height is being run. There will be no weaves, contacts or tyre in these classes.

Class Definitions

Agility: Can include contact equipment, weaves, jumps, tyre, tunnels etc.

Jumping: Can include everything except contact equipment.

Steeplechase: No contacts, no weaves, just jumps and tunnels.

Grand Prix: Can include contact equipment, weaves, jumps, tyre, tunnels etc.

Jump Heights

There are 5 jump heights available at FAB shows.

Petite: 200mm - This will include most toy dogs, eg. most yorkies, toy poodles, papillons, pomeranians, westies, pugs. However be aware that not all individuals within these breeds will fall into this height category.

(For example some bichon dogs are much larger and more capable jumpers than the bitches in this breed.)

Small: 300mm-This is FAB's equivalent of KC Small height (which is currently 350mm). All dogs currently running at Small in Kennel Club Shows will continue to run this height unless applying to run at Petite.

Medium: 400mm- This FAB's equivalent of KC Medium height (which is currently 450mm). All current Kennel Club Medium dogs will continue to run at this height unless applying to run at Small height if your dog is struggling with Medium.

Standard: 500mm and **Large:** 600mm - All dogs running in the Large category at Kennel Club shows can choose either Standard or Large at FAB shows.

Progression

Dogs will have a separate status level applicable to Agility, Jumping and Steeplechase classes. Agility classes count towards a dog's progression through the grades at agility only; likewise with jumping classes. So, for example, your dog may be in Senior Jumping but Newbie Agility.

Two wins in Newbie Agility moves the dog to Graduate Agility and 2 wins in Graduate Agility moves him up to Senior Agility.

Two wins in Newbie Jumping moves the dog to Graduate Jumping and 2 wins in Graduate Jumping moves him up to Senior Jumping.

Two wins in Newbie Steeplechase moves the dog to Graduate Steeplechase and 2 wins in Graduate Steeplechase moves him up to Senior Steeplechase.

There will be a 25-day move-up period for progression after winning out of a level.

Judges

1. All judges must judge in accordance with FAB rules and regulations.
2. The safety of the dog and handler must be given total consideration at all times.
3. Judges must observe the dog and handler at all times whilst they are in the ring.
4. A judge cannot handle a dog for competition in the **height of the** classes he/she is judging.

Obstacle Specifications

Hurdles: Large 600mm high, *Standard 500mm, Medium 400mm, Small 300mm, *Petite 200mm (Sin). Must have a displaceable bar.

Width of jumps for all heights to be a minimum of 1.2m (4ft). A wall or brush fence should have displaceable units on the top.

Rising Spread jump: Only allowed in Large, Standard and Medium classes. 2 hurdles can be placed together to form a spread. Front bar must be lower than the back bar. Maximum width for Large is 550mm (21.5in), Standard is 450mm (17.75in) and Medium is 450mm (15.75in).

Long jump: Each unit 1.2m (4ft) or over in length. Large, 3-5 units and a maximum of 1.5m (5ft) in length. Standard, 4 units and a maximum of 1m (39in) in length. Medium, 3-4 units and a maximum of 900mm

(35.5in) in length. Small, 2-3 units and a maximum of 450mm (15.75in) in length. Petite, 2 units and a maximum of 300mm (15in) in length.

Pipe Tunnel: This obstacle should have a diameter of a minimum of 610mm (2ft) and can be 3, 4, or 5m in length.

Weaving Poles: If used in a course there must be 12. There should be a distance of 600mm (23.5in) between the poles. They should have a foot level with each pole facing away from where the dog traverses the base.

A-frame: Two ramps 2.75m (9ft) long by 0.9m (3ft) wide hinged at the apex 1.7m (5ft 7in) from the ground. The last 1m (3ft 6in) from the bottom of each ramp should be a different colour to indicate the area with

which the dog should make contact. Each ramp to have a non-slip surface, preferably rubber. See-saw:

This obstacle will consist of a plank firmly mounted on a central bracket. The length of the plank should be 3.7m (12ft). The width 0.3m (12in). The central bracket a maximum of 0.7m (2ft 3in) from the ground. The last 0.9m (3ft) should be a different colour to indicate the area with which the dog should make contact.

The plank should have a non-slip surface, preferably rubber.

Dog-walk: A walk plank of 1.4m (4ft 6in) height with firmly fixed ramps at either end. The planks should be 3.7m (12ft) long and 0.3m (12in) wide. The last 0.9m (3ft) in a different colour. There should be a non-slip surface, preferably rubber.

Marking

Standard marking

All course faults in units of 5.

1. Table – faulted at the judges' discretion
2. See-saw – must be touching the ground before the dog alights from the obstacle. A dog is considered to have refused the obstacle if it alights before the pivot point.
3. Long-jump – Casual contact should not be marked. However, running past, jumping in and out to the side of the marker poles, or walking on or between the elements where no attempt has been made to clear the obstacle will be faulted as a refusal. Knocking down one or more elements will be marked as 5 faults.
4. Jump/Wall – A dog should not be faulted if any part of the obstacle is touched and does not fall but shall be faulted if a pole or brick is dislodged.
5. Weaving poles – The dog to enter the weaving poles with the first pole adjacent to its left side. Each incorrect entry to be classed as a refusal – further error, maximum 1 fault – failure to complete correctly before negotiating any further obstacle results in an elimination.
6. A-frame – A dog is considered to have refused the obstacle if it alights before the down ramp.
7. Dog-walk – A dog is considered to have refused the obstacle if it alights before the down plank.
8. All other obstacles – fault for failure to negotiate correctly.
9. A handler will be faulted for deliberately touching any piece of equipment or dog or knocking down jumps.

However casual contact with a dog or obstacle without dislodging it will not be faulted.

10. One fault for each refusal. 3 refusals is elimination
11. Out of control dog is elimination
12. Harsh handling is elimination
13. Food or toys being carried in the ring (except for NFC) is elimination
14. Taking the wrong course is elimination
15. Fouling in the ring is elimination
16. Contact areas –only the down contacts will be marked if missed. No up contacts to be marked unless the dog alights past the line of the up contact from the side of the obstacle.
17. Course time at the judges' discretion.
18. Time faults will be added to course faults. A single fault or part thereof will be added for each second over the set time.
19. Other marking-Any variation in the form of marking must be clearly defined to all competitors prior to competition. There will be no variation to standard marking in standard classes.