



HOOPERHOLICS SOUTH UK HANDBOOK

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Hooperholics South UK (HSUK) has been created by Angela Lucas to introduce and promote Hoopers.

Angela has extensive background in dog training of over 30 years. She learned about Hoopers 3 years ago, and since then, has been promoting and encouraging dog owners to get involved in this activity. Angela is a qualified dog trainer and teacher trainer (City and Guilds).

Hoopers is named after an obstacle created by the American agility society NADAC. It consists of a ground level arch, barrels and large diameter tunnels. It is a popular sport in European countries, and is getting to be introduced in Australia and New Zealand.

The objective is to provide an obstacle course whereby the dog has no need to jump, or turn tightly and is allowed to run at a natural balanced pace, in a smooth manner. The handler can have an additional challenge of teaching their dog to work for them while staying in one place or at a distance, rather than running with their dog.

Hoopers has proven to be an ideal starting point for dogs before starting agility. It is also popular among handlers with dogs which can longer jump, or considered to be generally unsuited to the agility obstacles: it has also proved to work alongside agility.

HSUK plan to assist those interested in doing hoopers, introducing tried and tested training methods, and sharing information to create the highest possible standard of Hoopers.

HSUK also intend to provide Hooper shows and create links with European Hooper clubs with a view to joining international competition.

1. HOOPERHOLIC MEMBERSHIP

HSUK membership will be free until 31st December 2019.

Joining HSUK is an annual subscription of £10 for 1 handler and up to 2 dogs. Additional dogs can be registered at a further £5 a dog.

Dogs may be registered from any age, although there is a minimum age of entering shows of 15 months.

Registering your name and dogs will entitle you to access helpful training exercises and courses and be part of a points progress league. HSUK will also be offering an award scheme for anyone to sign up to, allowing video assessment of your training progress.

2. TRAINERS MEMBERSHIP

A trainer will be considered as any person who has been approved by HSUK as a recommended trainer and/or undertaken a Hoopers Instructor course.

A trainer's membership will be free to 31st December 2019.

There will be an annual subscription of £10 for 1 trainer and up to 2 dogs. Benefits as well as the above access to points league, exercises and courses, will include a Reward scheme to build a discount on train the trainer workshops. Trainers can advertise their workshops and classes on the Hooperholics Facebook group and website.

If trainers conduct a HSUK progress scheme, each member they teach and pass the video assessment scheme, will earn a discount towards any accredited training they book.

3. GUIDELINES FOR DOGS DOING HOOPERS

Although Hoopers is fun and meant to be physically less stressful on a dogs body, care should be taken not to start a dogs intensive training too early. A dog does not reach physical maturity until at least 12 months. Any dog, whether pedigree or crossbreed, that is fit and healthy, can share in the fun of hoopers.

It would be recommended, if thinking of competing, to wait until the dog is at least 15 months old. That allows time for the dog to physically grow, mentally develop, and training to be effective.

4. HOOPERHOLIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Everyone can get involved in hoopers, from the youngster, to the senior person. And hoopers can be done at any level, from a fun activity, to growing into competitions. There are other countries doing hoopers; making it international.

To help people gauge how their own training is progressing, there is a scheme divided into levels. Each person can access the guidelines for themselves. We have called it Hooperholic Scholarship Award

The scheme can held by a club or trainer whereby, for a fee, a package containing guidelines, assessments sheet, and awards can be purchased. An individual can submit a video of themselves undertaking the progress test to be assessed by an accredited Hooper trainer for a small fee, should they be unable to access lessons.

A pass will be rewarded by a certificate and rosette.

There will be 3 initial levels, with a possibility to expand. Primary, Junior, Senior and Masters.

5. HOOPERHOLIC COMPETITION PROGRESS LEAGUE

HSUK are going to run a competition progress league. This will be free to any who wish to register their dogs with HSUK until 31st December 2019. After which, there will be a subscription for any who wish to continue with their progress points.

The Progress League will record the points gained in hooper shows by all registered dogs. It will be separate to points progression in the categories. You can register your dog using this link. [HSUK Hooper dog of Year](#)

There will be a prize and rosette awarded annually to the League winners.

Points may be gained from entering any hooper competition run by other clubs, providing HSUK rules are followed.

Details of the competition progression categories.

Small, Large, small Veteran, Large Veteran, Small Rescue, Large Rescue, First Hooper Season (small and large)

6. PROGRESSION THROUGH THE CLASS LEVELS

Starters – All dogs start here and need to gain 200 points to move up to Improvers

Improvers – Dogs need to gain 300 points in this level to move up to Class C

Class C - Dogs need to gain 400 points in this level to move up to Class B

Class B - Dogs need to gain 500 points in this level to move up to Class A (Advanced)

Class A– Once class A is reached there will be scope to go to Class A +, Class A++ etc.

Veteran dogs

Veteran dogs (over 9 years) have the same classifications and progression levels, dogs becoming 9 years of age after having gained points in standard classes may keep the points they have gained and carry them forward to the veteran status. Veteran classes will be combined for results if less than 10 dogs. (Small and large)

7. CLASS TYPES

There are 5 different class types, with 5 levels of competition and offering 3 different progression options.

A dog can only be entered into one level per class type.

Once a dog has gained enough points at their current level for a particular class type, then that dog is required to compete at their new higher level from the following day. An example would be gaining 200 points in Starters Hoopers classes, but only 100 points for Mixed classes, means the dog runs Improvers Hooper classes, but still Starter Mixed class

(H) Hoops – Points gained in Hoopers classes will only count for progression in this class.

(ML) Mixed Lot – Points gained in Mixed lot classes will only count for progression in this class.

(T) Tunnels – Points gained in Tunnels classes will only count for progression in this class.

Barrels (B) points gained in Barrel classes will only count for progression in this class.

Special Classes – (STM) Teams, (SP) Pairs, or Super Distance class - These classes don't count for progression

8. EARNING POINTS

Points are earned by completing a qualifying (clear) round at competitions and/or successfully undertaking the Distance Award Box in Starters and Improvers. Points will only be awarded to rounds without faults in all levels.

10 points = a qualifying round within 45 seconds (the standard course time).

5 points = a qualifying round within 90 seconds (maximum course time) but over 45 seconds

5 points = a qualifying round with the most points in the fastest class time.

5 - 20 points = Distance Award Boxes in Starters and Improvers classes.

Distance Award Boxes can earn 20 points in Classes C ,B and A, **providing it's within a clear round.**

Distance lines can earn between 5 and 15 points, **providing it's within a clear round.**

Points can be earned from multiple sources for one class.

9. DISTANCE LINES (DL) AND DISTANCE AWARD BOXES

A Distance Line or Lines will divide a course and the handler can choose to earn points by staying behind the line for the duration of the course. If the handler steps past the line or Lines, there will be no bonus points awarded

The course will have a clear division of a single, or 2 lines for the handler to work behind. This allows more freedom of movement than a box. The position will be determined by the level of class. E.g. starters and Improvers would have at least 75% of the course to move in. Higher levels could expect smaller percentages.

The judge will determine whether to use a Distance Line, or Distance Award Box.

Distance Award Boxes (DAB)

If the course includes a DAB then handlers have the chance to earn an extra 5-20 points. DAB could be available in any of the classes.

Starters and Improvers classes

If a DAB has been included then the rules will be different.

The judge will decide the size of the box. It may be up to 4x4 metres. It may be permissible to start the dog before a DAB is entered depending on the placement and criteria for the award.

The handler would be able to step into and out of the DAB during their run, but they must be completely inside the DAB before their dog starts to negotiate the award section of the course and they must remain inside that box until that award section has been completed successfully in order to get the points for that part of the course.

When attempting DAB, in the Starters and Improvers classes, the extra points will only be awarded per DAB section of the course completed successfully without faults.

In Starters classes only. If the dog does not wait, the Judge may allow the handler to use a person familiar to the dog to gently restrain the dog at the start line. The dog must have all legs on the ground, and be restrained either by clasping hands across the breastbone or by 1 hand on the collar. The holder must not speak or tell the dog what to do. All other classes, the dog will not be allowed to be restrained. Please check with the Judge in the relevant class(es).

Class C and Above

The dog must not start the course before the Handler has entered the DAB and the handler will need to remain within the box until the dog has completed the last obstacle on the course.

The judge will decide the size of the box but it will not exceed 3x3metres.

Points will not be awarded if the handler doesn't remain in the DAB for the whole course, however points will be awarded for a clear round just not for the DAB.

10. DOG SIZES

MEASURING THE DOG

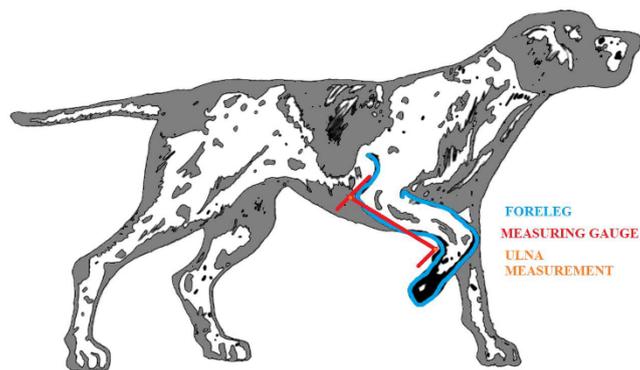
In hoopers, there tends to be only 2 size categories; small and large. The cut off point is 15cm in Europe and America, so British societies are following their example.

Dogs must be measured in order for them to compete in the correct size category. Dogs will be measured using the foreleg between wrist and elbow, otherwise known as the ulna. They are measured from their Carpal joint (wrist) up to their elbow. See diagram.

Because many dogs are not physically fully grown until over a year old, it is recommended not to do so until the dog is 15 months old. Borderline dogs may need a 2nd measure at 2 years old if competing.

Following the explanation and diagrams, the owner can measure their own dog and when registering with HSUK, can add it to the application, however if there is any doubt at a show then a Show official can ask for the dog to be re measured.

| Ulna Length | Size Category |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Up to 15 cm | Small |
| 15 cm and over | Large |



11. EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

The specifications for the Hooper equipment are based on current practices in America and Europe. Equipment used for training and competitions must conform to these standards. Equipment must be maintained to a safe level at all times.

Barrels

Barrels used should be made of either a mesh material, cloth, metal or plastic material. Barrels should be 584.2mm -685.8mm (23"-27") in diameter and at least 711.2mm (28") tall. Barrels may need to be weighted in bad weather for safety. Blue barrels are a good example for Hooper classes, pop-up bins that are the same height and diameter could also be used. For competitions, always use the same style of barrel in the class.



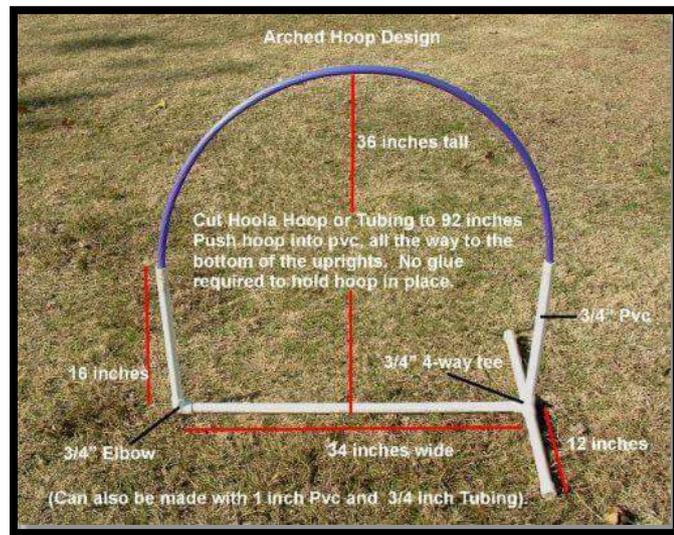
Hoops

The height at the top of the rounded hoop should be 914mm -965 mm (36"- 38") and the width is 864mm -914mm (34"-36"). The hoop is constructed of two main pieces, the base and the hoop. The base of the hoop should be 864mm -914mm (34"-36") wide. There should be support feet extending 305mm -356mm (12-14 ") in each direction on one side. The uprights should be 406mm -457mm (16" – 18") tall.

The base is made from 19.5mm ($\frac{3}{4}$ ") PVC pipe (e.g. overflow pipe). The "hoop" part is made from hula hoops or PEX pipe material that is 2336mm (92") long and is inserted into the base uprights. The PEX pipe is pushed in until it contacts the bottom of the hoop base.

Hoop bases can be made from other materials providing they are safe and have no sharp areas where a dog could injure themselves. Hoops can be weighted down

(e.g. sand bags) or pegged down in order to maintain their position outside in the elements. Diagram shows approx. measurements in inches only.



Tunnels

80 cm diameter tunnels are used for Hooper classes and can be from 1 metre to 3 metres in length. Safety rules are paramount with tunnels and they will need to be secured at all times with sandbags or with tunnel straps that are pegged down. Entrances to tunnels should be straight. Tunnel exits can have curves to the next object as long as they are not severe curves.

Gates or Screens

These are rectangular shape of pipe or aluminium, with supporting legs, filled with a material to provide a screen. The measurements for this obstacle are 120cm across by 100cm high, with 2 or 4 legs for stability. The screen should be opaque or a fine mesh attached securely stretched around the frame. Adding advertising to the banner is a useful option.

The gate is used as a method to assist the dog in running straight after a turn, with or instead of a barrel. They are an invaluable tool in training.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COURSE LAYOUTS

HSUK courses will start with a minimum of 3 metres between obstacles. This may extend in the lowest classes, to 4 metres during or after a turn, to the following obstacle; thus allowing dogs a smoother opportunity to line up for the next obstacle. For example. The length of a tunnel is not counted in measuring between hoop, tunnel, hoop. The width of a barrel is not included in the measuring of the course. The maximum distance to achieve will be 10 metres for the higher classes.

Courses need to be smooth and flowing. Lines on Hoopers courses can make a curving turn, rather than right angles, particularly in the lower classes. Barrels and gates assist a dog to make a more acute turn without excessive stress and align them with the next obstacle. Courses will start from 15 obstacles, increasing and up to 25 maximum. Layouts should consider the challenge of being able to move with the dog, or handle from a more static position. There are no sharp turns or pull throughs practised in Hoopers. Turns around barrels can be up to 270° , but not in the lower classes. If a 180° is required around a barrel the dogs route to and from should be obvious. Start line waits are recommended.

Consideration needs to be given in the lower classes for those without a start line wait, increasing in standard through the higher classes.

The only difference will be if the Super Distance class is included in a competition, where the spaces between the obstacles will be starting at 5 metres minimum.

13.CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Hoops

This is a numbered course made entirely of Hoops. Once the judge has set the course you will be given time to walk the course before the class starts.

A judge may include a Distance Award Box or Distance lines

Mixed Lot

This is a numbered course that may contain Hoops, Barrels and Tunnels. Once the course has been set you will be given time to walk the course before the class starts.

A judge may include a Distance Award Box or Distance lines

Tunnels

This is a numbered course using mostly Tunnels. Once the course has been set you will be given time to walk the course before the class starts. The start and finish obstacle will be a hoop.

A judge may include a Distance Award Box or Distance lines .

Barrels

A numbered course, starting and finishing with a hoop, but consisting of and primarily using barrels. Gates may be used as an aid to keep the dog on line.

A judge may include a Distance Award Box or Distance lines.

Special Classes

These classes will include any of the eligible equipment for a club competition and may have special rules. Special classes will have a description included in the show schedule.

Teams

Two to four handlers and four dogs must complete the course with the least faults in the best time. There is no baton change. It is possible in this class for 1 Handler to run 2 dogs, but is not compulsory. The judge will give a briefing for the rules of this class when it is ready for walking.

Pairs

Two handlers and two dogs must complete the course set by the judge with the least faults in the best time. There is no baton change. The judge will give a briefing for the rules of this class when it is ready for walking.

Super Distance

A special class which can be hoopers, tunnels, or mixed style, where the emphasis will be on completing a course only by staying within the DAB or Distance line.

14. COMPETITION JUDGING AND MARKING,

Course Design

Judges are responsible for the design of their courses. When designing their courses the judge must at all times give total consideration to the safety of the dog and handler. Particular care should be taken to make sure that the course is smooth and flows from one obstacle to another. This must include safe entry and exit angles to tunnels. When designing a course, good practice would be to create a course with similar spacing throughout, to encourage a regular pace from the dog. If there are

competitors with mobility issues entered, the judge will be informed, in order to make any course adjustments.

Barrels will be numbered according to the line the judge wishes the dog to take, and if the judge allows a turn either side of a barrel, the number will be centred.

Courses will contain a minimum of 15 obstacles and a maximum of 25 obstacles. Pull-through and wraps on hoops are not permitted. This includes wrapping the first obstacle. Dogs must start from the numbered side of the first obstacle and cannot be sent around from the wrong side. Courses can start and finish in the same place. See also Section 12, regarding use of obstacles in courses.

Obstacles will be numbered and must be taken in the correct order. The placement of the number for an obstacle will determine in which direction it should be taken, and the expected line of travel of the dog. Where a number is placed in the centre of an obstacle, competitors will be able to take the obstacle in either direction.

In competition, the Judge's decision will be final.

The judge may, if they wish, have an assistant judge to observe the handler on the course at positions where it may be harder to assess the dogs movements, for example where the Handler is in the distance box, or keeping behind the challenge line, so that the judge may give their full attention to the marking of the dog as it completes the course.

Obstacle Spacing

In the Starters and Improvers levels, obstacles are required to be spaced a minimum of 3 metres apart. This may be extended to a maximum of 5 metres, particularly after a corner, past a barrel or gate to allow the dog to line up for the next obstacle. For Class C level and above obstacles should be spaced a minimum of 4 metres apart and a maximum of 10 metres.

It is expected that the distance between the obstacles will be increased as the difficulty of the courses increases. Class A competitors may experience up to 10 metres between obstacles and 25 obstacles.

All classes will have a minimum of 15 obstacles, and a maximum of 25 obstacles

Courses may have been designed using computer software, which can show gaps between obstacles. However, this can be confirmed at the competition with a suitable measuring device, such as a measuring wheel.

Re-Runs

If a judge offers a competitor a re-run then faults etc. will stand and the competitors will just be running for time. If the handler/dog team are eliminated then no re-run will be given except through judge's discretion. If an incidence occurs which causes the dog to fault but is the same incident that causes the judge to offer a re-run then that fault will be discounted.

Re-runs may be offered when timing equipment fails or if some such circumstances arise that the judge deems it fair to offer one.

The Judge cannot control or be responsible for conditions outside of the ring.

Times

There will be a minimum time of 45 seconds and a maximum time of 90 seconds on courses.

Scoring

Handler and dog teams must attempt the course in a sportsmanlike manner and must do their best to take every obstacle in the correct order. It is recommended that to continue the dogs smooth completion of the test, any obstacle missed is not retaken.

5 faults for deliberately touching the dog during competition, in a manner which aids the dog.

5 faults for a refusal – the dog must be in a position to take the obstacle and turned/moved away or the dog must have gone past the point of entering the obstacle correctly and in order to complete the obstacle correctly would have to turn back. In this situation, the handler can allow the dog to continue without stopping to correct.

Running past a barrel on a turn or corner the incorrect side – refusal.

3 missed obstacles in one run this will result in elimination. There will be no bonus scores.

Time faults - Any fraction of a second over maximum course time will be added to the total number of faults as that fraction of time, e.g., 1.23 seconds = 1.23 faults. Bonus points will be awarded.

Judges must judge in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.

The Judge is responsible for the design of their course and must at all times give total consideration to the safety of the dog and handler, taking weather conditions into account as well.

Judges must submit course plans as and when requested by the show organisers.

Judges must observe the dog and handler at all times whilst they are in the ring. It is the competitors' responsibility to be available for their class.

Starting a dog by sending it from the other side of the Hoop is not a permitted method. However, an assistant can be used at the Judge's discretion in starter classes to hold the dog, while the handler moves away. They must be familiar to the dog, and not the judge or other official.

The dog must have all 4 paws on the ground, held by hands clasping around the breastbone, or holding the collar. Bonuses are gained by being able to leave the dog to start from a certain position.

A dog may be handled by another person other than the dogs registered handler and points will be given to that dog as if it had been the registered handler running the dog, except that a Judge's dog will NOT be allowed to run in a class that is being judged by its owner or registered handler, unless it runs NFC where no points will be allocated.

Elimination

Missing 3 obstacles (refusing) on the course

If a dog takes the wrong obstacle or wrong direction on the course.

Fouling in the ring.

Harsh handling – this MUST also be reported to show management immediately.

Carrying something in the hand whilst under test, with the exception of a mobility aid

Feeding a dog in the ring.

Starting before told to do so, by the scime or judge.

Dogs running in the wrong level.

Signs of aggression in the dog – this includes the dog biting the handler. Note – reactive dogs will be given adequate space before during and after their run in order to allow them to join in the fun.

Dog wearing a harness, head collar, half choke, slip collar or tag dangling from collar, or dogs running without a collar (It is illegal for a dog to be without a collar on public land).

Not For Competition (NFC)

A handler may choose to run NFC in any class in which they are eligible to compete.

The handler must inform the scime upon entering the ring before commencing their run. The handler then has the standard course time of 45 seconds to train in the ring.

A silent toy may be used when running NFC. Training Treats/small individual treats may NOT be taken into the ring.

15. SHOWS AND SHOW SCHEDULES

A schedule for a Hooper show should ensure it has all relevant information for the competitor on the article. This will include

- ✓ **Date, time and venue. Show opening time.**
- ✓ **Name and address of secretary, and manager of the show. Address and details of how to enter, and where to send entries, including online options.**
- ✓ **A specified date when entries must be received by**
- ✓ **Entry fee**
- ✓ **Details of classes offered and explanation of levels. Details of bonus point system,**
- ✓ **Names of invited judges**
- ✓ **Details of awards and prizes per class**
- ✓ **General rules and scoring (see show guidelines and recommendations.)**
- ✓ **Statements regarding policies of the show organisers on the health and safety of competitors and their dogs.**
- ✓ **Statement of when running orders will be available, and proposed order of judging.**

16. SHOW GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

General Rules to include on a Hopperholic schedule. If you wish to hold a HOOPERHOLIC compatible show, please add the following to your schedule explanations and rules.

- Insurance covering the event will be displayed on site and a Health and Safety, and Risk Assessment of the site layout, for competitors, helpers, or junior persons, etc will be undertaken.
- Dogs must be a minimum of 15 months of age in order to compete. This is to ensure the dog has developed physically and mentally.
- No puppies under the age of 8 weeks are allowed to attend HSUK shows.
- Bitches in season may be allowed to compete at the show organisers discretion. Bitches in season at a show should not be mated, or be left or be at risk of receiving unwanted attentions from other dogs.
- Competitors and all who attend HSUK Hooper shows will be expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner towards other people and dogs. Failure to do so may lead to disciplinary procedures.
- Competitors, handlers or spectators, and their dogs must be kept out of a ring when it is not in use. Competitors may not take their dog(s) in the ring when walking a course. Secure fencing for the rings will be erected.

- Children are the responsibility of their parents or guardians at all times whilst in attendance at Hoopers shows. HSUK encourage the involvement of juniors where possible, in **supervised** ringside assistance, or even a junior hoopers class.
- Judges will be supported in their role. They have the authority to dismiss dogs and handlers from their rings. The judge's decision is final. Judging guidelines are described previously.
- A Show Manager's role is to ensure the smooth working of the Hooper show. They have the authority to dismiss any dog or person from the showground without a refund. In the event of incidents, or issues arising, the show manager is there to arbitrate. The show manager's decision is final.
- All dogs and persons entered at the show are entered at their own risk. Whilst every care will be taken to ensure the health and safety of all attendees, the organising body and show managers will not be held responsible for loss, damage or injury however caused, to dogs, persons or property whilst at the event.
- If camping is offered then the size of a camping pitch at the show and details of booking will be attached to the schedule.
- All who attend the competition should behave in a respectful manner to other people and their dogs. No form of verbal or physical abuse to any organiser or helper will be tolerated. Failure to do so could result in disciplinary measures or being asked to leave the competition.
- No competitor, spectators or any dog may enter a ring other than when competing, or when the ring is out of use or closed for breaks (i.e. lunch times), without prior permission.
- Judges have the authority to dismiss dogs and handlers from their rings. The judge's decision is final.
- The Club reserve the right to refuse entries from individuals.
- Competitors are responsible for ensuring that dogs are adequately trained to a safe standard for the nature of the competition entered.
- Dogs that are suffering from a contagious or infectious disease or have been in contact with any dog suffering from a contagious or infectious disease within 21 days prior to a show must not be brought to the show venue.
- Dogs, whilst competing, are permitted to wear a flat buckle/clip close fitting neck collar with name tags that are flush fitting. **Dogs may NOT run without a collar, unless there is a supported medical reason.** No discs or similar may be attached to the collar. No check, half check collars, harnesses, head collars or dog coats are permitted to be worn on the course.
- All awards must be collected on the day of the show.
- All dogs must at all times be kept on a lead whilst at the show venue including exercise areas, car parking and camping areas, except when competing or if a venue allows free running in an exercise area.
- Any person in charge of a dog is required to remove, as soon as possible any fouling caused by their dogs within the show venue including car parks and camping areas and any adjacent dog exercising areas.
- No person shall carry out any physical disciplining or excessive harsh verbal correction of a dog at any time within the precincts of the show.
- The mating of bitches within the precincts of the show is strictly forbidden

- Competitors are to queue with respect to other competitors/dogs allowing a reasonable space especially in the case of reactive/yellow dogs.
- Competitors to keep 6ft back from the ring boundary when the ring is in use.
- Dogs are not allowed to be lunging at the rings, other competitors or their dogs.
- No skateboards/roller skates/bikes etc. are permitted around the show rings.
- Cruelty, abuse or neglect to animals or humans will not be acceptable at any time. Anyone found being cruel, abusive or neglectful will be brought before the Club and disciplinary action will be taken.
- The use of prong collars, electric collars, electronic collars, choke chains or any other aversive tool is not permitted.
- No smoking will be permitted in or around the competition rings or any of the covered areas at the show.
- **Grounds for removal of Handler and /or dog from the venue**
- If a dog is of such temperament or is so much out of control as to become a danger to the safety of any person or other animal.
- If it is likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing.

17. CANCELLATIONS OF SHOWS AND OR WORKSHOPS

In the event that the show is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the club will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses.

The club will refund fees within 3 months of the show date to all those who had entered and requested a refund within a month of the show date, on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope submitted by the individual to the Show Secretary within 1 month of the show date together, with the competitor's running orders.

In the event of Hooperholics workshops being cancelled, the organising person or club should refund bookings after any incurred expenses, or offer another date. Clubs may have individual cancellation policies: check when booking.

18. HSUK DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

If a person wishes to make a complaint regarding another person or dog, it must be made to the Show Manager on the day of the event.

All details of the incident must be given in writing within 7 days of the show during which a cooling down situation is encountered.

The Show Manager must then investigate the incident by interviewing the named person or people involved and/or witnesses.

If the Show Manager feels that there is a case to answer, all details and information of the incident will be copied to Angela Lucas, as HSUK Manager. Once the club receives the formal complaint the third party will be notified in writing: they will be asked to respond within 14 days.

If the Show Manager feels that there is no case to answer then this will be stated to the complainant. The complainant may choose to either drop the charge or still proceed. They must then contact Angela Lucas, as HSUK Manager, with their reasons.

The HSUK Manager may choose to investigate matters further before making a decision. This may involve contacting all named parties.

If there is no case to answer both parties will be notified in writing of the decision. If the third party is found to be in breach of HSUK club regulations, they will be informed in writing.

HSUK reserve the right to issue formal written warnings, restrictions on entering HSUK competitions, removal from progression lists, temporary or permanent bans.

The third party will then have 14 days to appeal to the Hooperholics Manager in writing. An appeals hearing will then be set and conducted.

The following are examples of causes for a dog/handler being involved in a disciplinary process:

- Person to person aggression
 - Dog to person aggression
 - Dog to dog aggression
 - Harsh or abusive handling of dog
 - Serious breach of our rules
 - Impugning a judge's decision(s)
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- Using social media to impugn or undermine a judge's decision or bringing the name of a club or HSUK into disrepute.