

Grade / Progression classes

I currently compete in Grade 3 with my existing dogs, what Grade will I start in with my new dog?

If your new dog has been entered at a Kennel Club Licensed agility show prior to 31 December 2018, it will continue in Grade 3 from 1 January 2019 onwards. However, if you have not entered your new dog in a Kennel Club Licensed agility show prior to 1 January 2019 it will start in Grade 2.

My new dog, who has started in Grade 3, has only ever been entered in special classes such as all sorts. Can I compete with her in Grade 2 in 2019?

No. You will need to continue competing her in Grade 3 as you have previously entered her at a Kennel Club Licensed agility show.

I have only ever taken my young dog to shows as NFC as I was competing my other dog in Grade 3. If I start competing in 2019 what Grade will my young dog come out in?

Dogs entered as NFC are not entered in a class and therefore have not specified a grade. If you start competing your new dog in 2019 then you can enter him in Grade 2.

I have been competing my young dog in Grade 3 but he hasn't won anything, what Grade will he be in from January 2019?

You will continue competing in Grade 3 with your young dog as he has already started competing.

My dog is currently eligible for Championship classes by gaining the current four qualifying wins. Will I still be able to compete in Champ in 2019 or will I have to gain the extra qualifying wins?

None of the changes are retrospective. If your dog is currently eligible for Champ classes then you can continue competing in Champ.

My dog only has three wins towards qualifying for Championship classes. How many more wins will I need when the regulations change?

You will keep your current wins as eligibility for Champ classes, but from 1 January 2019 instead of getting one more win, you will need two more wins to be eligible for Champ.

I have gained some wins to the next grade, but not enough to progress, will these still count from next year?

Yes, these wins will still count, you are just required to gain more wins to progress from January 2019.

I have half the points I need for my dog to progress to the next grade on points, will these points still count?

Yes, you can still use any points you currently have towards your agility warrant or grade progression when the criteria changes. However, you will need at least 50 points from agility classes to progress to the next grade from 1 January 2019.

Can I still progress to the next grade on points only?

Yes, you can still progress on points up to Grade 4, however you will need a minimum of 50 points from agility classes.

If I progress my dog on points only do any of them need to be from agility classes?

Yes, at least 50 points must be from agility classes to be able to progress on points.

I have already issued my schedule for 2019 with the current grades on, what do I do?

You will not need to reissue your schedule due to the changes coming in from January 2019. All Kennel Club schedules should include the wording 'held under Kennel Club Rules & Regulations H & H(1) and licensed by the Kennel Club Limited'. This means that you will be holding the show to the most current rules and regulation as published by the Kennel Club.

What do I do if I have entered my dog in their first show in 2019 at grade 3 but they should now be grade 2?

If your dog is eligible to be entered in Grade 2 under the new regulations then you will need to contact any shows that you have entered to inform them of the grade change as you would with any other grade changes.

I organise a show and understand there is a change to the number of classes I can schedule?

The regulations have been changed so that a maximum of 4 standard classes can be scheduled for any dog on an individual day of competition. This means you can only have four standard classes for each grade of dog per day of your show.

I have already issued my schedule and I have more than 4 standard classes for some grades. What do I do?

You will need to reschedule your classes to meet the new regulations and reissue your schedule. You will need to ensure that any entries already taken are checked and competitors informed if they have entered a class that is being rescheduled.

I am currently planning my classes for my show in 2019 and want to schedule a Graded 1-7 class. Can I still do this?

As of 1 January 2019, no you will not be able to schedule Graded 1-7 classes. You can still schedule Graded classes, however, they can only be for a maximum of three consecutive grades. You can still hold combined classes for grades 1-7.

Things are always changing and I can't keep up, are the grades all going to change again as soon as I've got my head around these changes?

There is a 5-year suspension on any further changes to the grading structure, in order to allow these changes to take effect and for the information to be gathered about the effect of the changes on agility. The only exceptions would be for dog welfare or minor amendments to correct inconsistencies. Changes to qualification criteria for Championship might also be considered to address the large numbers of dogs at Championship level.

Changes to Jump Heights and New Intermediate Height – EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2020

What heights will the jumps be in 2020? What will happen with LHO then?

The jump heights and dog heights will be as follows:

Height	Jumps	Dog
Large	600mm	Over 500mm
Intermediate	500mm	Over 430mm – 500mm
Medium	400mm	350mm – 430mm
Small	300mm	Under 350mm

The LHO option will no longer be available.

I currently compete in Large dog classes, do I have to get my dog measured?

If you are happy that your dog is obviously large and do not wish to see whether it could be measured in to Intermediate then, no you do not need to get your dog measured. However, if you compete with your dog in Large after 1 January 2020 then you will not have the option to get your dog measured in to Intermediate in the future.

I currently compete in LHO, will this option be changing?

LHO will stay in place for 2019. As of 1 January 2020, the LHO will no longer be available and dogs will need to compete in their measured height of either Small, Medium, Intermediate or Large.

I currently compete in LHO, will wins/points gained from LHO classes still count?

Yes, any awards won prior to the Regulation start date will still count towards progression.

What grade can I progress to on LHO?

The rules for LHO are not changing in 2019, so you can still progress to Grade 7 on LH wins. You will still need FH wins to qualify for Championship classes.

The LHO will no longer be available in 2020.

I have a large dog and want to compete in Intermediate, do I need to get my dog measured?

Yes, dogs are required to be measured in to Intermediate and dogs can't compete in that height category without being measured. You will need to do this before 1 January 2020 as once you have competed in Large in 2020 you will not be able to then choose to get your dog measured.

I want to compete in Intermediate classes, how long have I got to get him measured?

You have until 1 January 2020 to get any currently competing dog measured. If you don't and then compete in Large in 2020 you will no longer have the option to get your dog measured for Intermediate.

I have had my dog measured and he is large, can the same people measure him again?

No. The measuring regulations have not changed, which means you will need to get two measurers who have not measured your dog before to measure your dog.

If I don't get my currently competing large dog measured but want to move him into Intermediate later will that be possible?

Only if you haven't competed with your dog in Large after 1 January 2020. If you have then you can no longer opt to get your dog measured in to Intermediate.

My measuring book doesn't have an option for Intermediate, what shall I do?

Inserts are available from the Kennel Club website to include the Intermediate height, which can be printed and kept with your Record Book as proof of measurement. To download the insert please go to <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/activities/agility/> and refer to the downloads section.

My dog hasn't competed yet and won't start competing until 2020. Will he need to be measured?

Yes, all dogs will need to be measured before competing, unless they are obviously large.

I have one measurement at large, do I need to start again to be measured into Intermediate?

No, that measurement is still a valid Kennel Club measurement so you will not need to start again. However, if your second measurement is Intermediate then you will not need to have another measurement and your dog will compete in Intermediate. This will be your final measurement.

I have had 1 measurement at large, if I have another one at Intermediate, will I need a 3rd as he will have technically changed height?

No, if your dog has been measured in to Large and measures in to Intermediate then your dog will be Intermediate.

I have a dog in Large who has already been measured. If he measures in to Intermediate will I need to get a 3rd measure as his height has changed?

No. If your dog has already completed the measuring process then you will only need to get your dog measured once to determine if he falls in to the Intermediate category. You will still need to find two measurers who have not measured your dog before.

I have a large dog that I have never had measured but I feel he may be Intermediate. What do I do to find out if he is Intermediate?

As your dog has never been measured, you will need to start the process from the beginning. Once you get your dog measured for the first time, you will need to get a second measurement done between 12 and 24 months after the first.

What's happening with Kennel Club Qualifiers?

Qualifiers will stay the same for 2019 and further information about qualifiers in 2020 will be announced in due course.

Jump Heights

What heights will jumps be in 2019?

Jumps heights will stay as they are in 2019, including the Lower Height Option. All changes regarding the height of the jumps are effective from 1 January 2020. Therefore, dogs will be jumping the following heights:

Height	Jumps	Dog
Large	650mm	Over 430mm
LH Large	550mm	-
Medium	450mm	350mm – 430mm
LH Medium	350mm	-
Small	350mm	Under 350mm
LH Small	250mm	-

Will the LHO option still be available?

The LHO will stay in place for 2019; however, from 1 January 2020 the LHO will no longer be available. The heights of the hurdles will be 5cm lower than they are currently for full height.

If the jump heights are changing, does that mean other obstacles are changing as well?

A new regulation has been created to separate the wall obstacle from the hurdle regulation, however, the wall heights for each dog height are the same as the hurdle.

The wishing well obstacle will also have reduced heights as per the hurdle regulation. The heights for the table obstacle have also been reduced to 550mm for large dogs, 450mm for intermediate dogs, 350mm for medium dogs and 250mm for small dogs.

For all obstacles, intermediate dimension have been added where necessary.

These are all effective as of 1 January 2020.