

2019 Part 1 - Proposed Regulation Changes

The attached proposal for change is primarily to clarify some of our regulations in relation to judging and especially with regard to refusals.

Our current regulation around refusals are extremely vague and require the judge to determine when a dog has been “put at” an obstacle. This is trying to judge intent which is extremely difficult and has resulted in a huge variation in when and if a refusal is called.

We would like to see more consistency in what and when a fault or refusal is called so that both judges and competitors can have more confidence in the predictability of judges’ calls for any given behaviour.

In looking to improve this, we took an existing overseas regulation and have adapted it. After consultation with our judges, more changes were made and this is the final proposal. It should provide judges with a clearer set of guidelines as to when to apply refusals.

Further to this, the specific definition of faults and refusals have been grouped under each obstacle for clarity.

New or regrouped regulations are in blue text.

Changes to the intent or significant alteration to existing regulation are in red.

Comments welcome and should be sent to: secretary@dnzac.nz