

Proposed Regulation Changes / Additions

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3.1.1 Members

The Dogs NZ Agility Committee consists of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and six representatives, of which two must reside in each of the North and South Islands of New Zealand. Only persons that are currently registered as Agility Voters **and are members of a registered agility society** with the Dogs NZ are eligible to stand for membership of the Agility Committee.

Rationale:

The requirement to be registered with an agility society is intended because not belonging to an agility society takes much needed potential funds from Agility and perhaps has more impact by those people not supporting any agility club and not being on any roster at any show. Some clubs have so few members they would not be able to host a show without a lot of help from competitors from other zones/clubs. Meanwhile there are a number that avoid helping physically and financially.

3.1.8 Venue of Meetings

~~Save in exceptional circumstances the Agility Committee will meet in Wellington.~~ **The Agility Committee shall decide the Venue of its meetings taking into account suitability and location of members.**

Rationale:

Designed to allow better flexibility for Agility Committee members in different areas. It also facilitates the ability for the Agility Committee to hold open forums at meetings, and invite members of the agility community to be actively involved for part of the meeting.

3.1.16 Committee Minutes

The minutes of all Committee meetings and subcommittee meetings shall be circulated to the Chairperson of the Agility Committee, members of the Agility committee and the Director Secretary of Dogs NZ within one calendar month of the meeting. A report on all meetings shall be ~~circulated to all club secretaries~~ published on the Agility Committee website as soon as is practicable.

Rationale:

This is to tidy up the regulation to reflect the procedure that has happened for the past couple of terms of Agility Committee.

3.2.6.1.1 Any Dogs NZ member can register as an Agility voter as long as they are also a member of a registered agility society.

Rationale:

to prevent members who solely belong to non-agility societies voting. The Agility Committee believes that members should be members of a registered agility society to be allowed to vote on agility related matters.

3.2.6.2.1.1 The Agility Committee will be elected from nominations received by Dogs NZ by ~~28th February~~ **1st October** from the Agility registered membership. **In the event that this date falls on a weekend it will be by 5pm on the preceding Friday.** The election will take place over a two-week period, concluding as close as practicable to ~~30th April~~ **20th November**. The term of office of any member of the Agility Committee shall be for two years and will commence from the time notification of election results are given.

Rationale:

The intention is to alleviate issues around choosing a chair prior to ACOD given that it is difficult to organise a meeting in May and then attend ACOD in June - This way the committee have a little more leeway prior to attending their first ACOD

3.2.6.3.1 Dogs NZ will call for nominations for the NZ Agility Committee in ~~Dec/Jan~~ **August** NZ Dog World, via Notice to Clubs and on Dogs NZ official Web site. Nominations to be received by Dogs NZ by the ~~28th February~~ **1st October** and be accompanied by a full biography of the candidate. **The biography of the candidate will appear on the Dog Agility website, Dogs NZ website, the November edition of the NZ Dog World, and will be emailed to all Registered Agility Societies. Biographies received after the above date will not be published.** The person must be nominated and seconded by financial Dogs NZ members who are also registered as Agility voters.

Rationale:

This is to set dates by which nominations and biographies are due. Previously this has not been very well clarified.

3.2.6.3.2 **Only one person from the same household may be a member of the Agility Committee at one time.**

Rationale:

By having two or more members of the same household on the committee essentially creates two or more automatic votes for the same outcome (unless they are emphatically opposed to each other's views) and therefore it makes a weighted committee which can potentially stifle growth or create an unfair weight advantage towards a decision.

3.2.6.3.3 A person shall not be eligible for election or appointment to the AC if:

(i) Their membership of the New Zealand Kennel Club has been suspended for a period of more than one year.

(ii) They have been disqualified by the Kennel Club (UK), any member society of the Federation Cynologique Internationale or any other overseas club which the Dogs NZ shall have arranged a reciprocal agreement pursuant to Rule 22 of the Dogs NZ for a period of more than one year.

(iii) They have been convicted of any serious offence in the last 10 years, eg: those involving but not limited to violence, dishonesty, of a sexual nature, any form of cruelty or neglect involving an animal.

Rationale:

To bring us in line with Dogs NZ Executive Council regulations. Persons with the aforementioned conditions are not allowed on the EC so we feel the same should apply to the AC.

3.2.6.3.4 A person may only be eligible to hold a position on the AC for three (3) consecutive terms. At the end of their third term they must stand down for one (1) term before being considered for election again

Rationale:

To ensure we are rejuvenating the committee with new members with fresh ideas

3.2.6.4 Voting

Voting will be permitted by a variety of methods including postal. ~~The NZKC will advertise the methods available.~~ The accepted method of voting is by either postal or electronic. Any votes that are not cast using the approved method will be considered invalid.

Rationale:

This is to clarify the methods of voting and put the responsibility solely on the AC rather than relying on Dogs NZ to advertise.

3.2.6.4.1.2 Notice calling the election will be published in ~~February~~ November by a variety of methods including the NZ Dog World and website. Voting forms will be included to be filled in by the member and sent to the Dogs NZ where the Returning officers will enter the details into the system.

3.2.6.4.3 Casual Vacancy of Agility Committee Member In the event of a casual vacancy in any position of the Agility Committee, ~~the next highest polling candidate must be given first opportunity to join the Committee, whilst maintaining the representational requirements. In the event of that~~

~~person no longer being available, the Committee may appoint a replacement from the Agility Registered voting membership~~ nominations will be called for people to fill that vacancy. In the event of there being more than one nomination an election will be held. In the case of a casual vacancy only the election will be advertised using the AC normal methods of communication. In the event of no nominations being received, the Committee may appoint a replacement from the Agility Registered voting membership. If a resignation of a committee member occurs within three (3) months of a normally scheduled election, a by election will not be held and the position will be vacant until after the scheduled election.

Rationale:

It gives the agility community the opportunity a bit further down the track to reconsider their original votes. After seeing the existing committee working in a certain direction, it allows for the community to select a replacement person that They feel would fit the mix better as replacement.

Please send all submissions to secretary@dnzac.nz. Close off date for submissions: 28th February 2018.