

### From the Chair

Kia ora koutou

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge and thank all our awesome members who have been doing the right thing, following all the guidelines, keeping up to date with the constant changes and doing their bit to keep our agility family safe.

It has been really good to see clubs rallying together during this time of restricted numbers, to put on extra shows, and working together to organise and run these, so that members who are missing out on one show have another one they can do instead.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to read the consultation docs that were put out and to have your say on the proposed changes. A summary of the results will be a bit later on in this post, but all in all, it seems that the proposals have been quite widely popular.

Over the next little while the AC will be spending time refining things based on the feedback that we have received, and working out some of the nitty gritty stuff that will need to happen.

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Chris Richardson  
Agility Committee Chair

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# Consultation Survey Results

The AC would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took the time complete the recent consultation surveys. Your responses have made it clear which of the proposed changes you would like to see implemented and the comments also provided some valuable information about where we might make some tweaks, so we will be moving forward with developing the regulation changes. A summary of the survey results are as follows:

## Optional graduation from Starters

Optional graduation after obtaining enough clear rounds 77.78%

Keep the current system 22.22%

## Would you prefer to see AD/ADX changed to a new format?

Change 73.61%

Keep the current system 26.39%

## Which of the two AD/ADX change proposals do you prefer?

Proposal 1 (nominated novice/intermediate courses) 50.35%

Proposal 2 (accumulation of clear rounds) 49.65%

## Optional graduation on attaining AD/ADX

	Make graduation optional	Force graduation on attaining the qualification
If proposal 1 adopted	63.54%	36.46%
If proposal 2 adopted	63.54%	36.46%
Under the current system	57.64%	42.36%

## Requirement for ADX for Agility Champion and ADX Gold for Agility Grand Champion

	Retain requirement	Delete the requirement
If proposal 1 adopted	71.53%	28.47%
If proposal 2 adopted	67.71%	32.29%
Under the current system	63.89%	36.11%

## Increase the number of clear rounds required if the requirement for ADX/ADX Gold to gain Champion and Grand Champion titles is removed

Yes 59.72%

No 40.28%

## Variable splits

Introduce new 2-way variable split 85.38%

Keep the current system 14.62%

## Points allocation

Change to the proposed points allocation 81.20%

Keep the current points allocation 18.80%

## Change the allocation of Challenges

Adopt the proposed allocation 77.69%

Keep the current allocation 22.31%

You will note that the vote between AD/ADX Proposal 1 and Proposal 2 was tied. After discussion, the AC resolved to adopt Proposal 1 as it retained aspects of the current AD/ADX system. Further consultation with judges will be undertaken on course design and course times.

There was quite a lot of feedback on the allocation of challenges with a strong desire to retain the current thresholds for the first two challenges. The AC acknowledged that some clubs often have Senior and/or Jumpers A entries below 30 dogs, and the introduction of variable splits will also mean smaller class sizes are more common. Therefore, we have amended the allocation table to a hybrid of the current system and the proposal as follows:

Dogs Entered	Challenges Awarded
1-14	0
15-24	1
25-45	2
45-59	3
60-74	4
75+	One additional challenge for every additional 15 dogs entered

Due to the programming required to implement the changes on our entry and results systems, they won't come into effect until January 2023.

#### **Summary of Changes—Effective 1 January 2023:**

- Graduation from Starters Agility will be optional after 20 clear rounds across both Starters and Novice.
- Separate AD/ADX courses will be discontinued and replaced with nominated courses at Championship shows—Novice for AD and Intermediate for ADXA.
- Graduation from Starters on attaining AD will be optional. Graduation from Novice on attaining ADX plus two wins will be optional.
- The requirement to have achieved ADX to attain the Agility Champion title and ADX Gold to attain Agility Grand Champion will remain.
- There will be no increase in the number of clear rounds required to attain the Agility Champion and Grand Champion titles.
- 2-way variable splits will be introduced.
- The points allocation table will change to the one proposed in the consultation document. The regulations will be amended to clarify that points are only attained on places with clear rounds.
- The allocation of challenges will be changed as per the table above.

## Zone 4 NZDAC 2022 Update

The Zone 4 NZDAC committee would like to welcome everyone back to the most highly anticipated agility event OF THE YEAR! Get booking that Labour Weekend holiday everyone, because you won't want to miss this national event.

Zone 4 invite you all to attend NZDAC 2022 being held over Labour Weekend (21st—24th October) at Mandeville Sports Centre, Swannanoa. All your favourites are back—3x Agility, 3x Jumpers, Snooker, AD, ADX, Agility and Jumpers Champion of Champions, 3x JDT and MORE!

The venue for this year's NZDAC is amazing! It has a pub on site and is only walking distance from restaurants and shops, everything you could possibly need in one place.

If you are a newer competitor you might think this sounds a bit big and scary, but it really isn't. If you and your dog are ready for a champ show then you and your dog are ready for NZDAC. The only difference is that it is four days instead of two and you might see more people than a normal show. We encourage everyone from all levels of Agility to enter and compete.

We will soon be announcing our great line-up of judges for this year who are coming from all around New Zealand—we are sure they will be setting some cracking courses all weekend.

So get booking flights and ferry crossings. Zone 4 will see you all in October.



Grounds and Clubhouse (with bar!) at the Mandeville Sports Centre

### Zone 4 NZDAC Benefit Show - 30/31 July—Indoors at the Christchurch RDA

**3x Agility, 3x Jumpers, AD and ADXA**

## NEW Event Toolkit and Event Job Descriptions

We are adding an Event Toolkit page to the website—over time we will be adding tools and resources for clubs to use when holding a show.

To start the Toolkit we have uploaded new job descriptions for scriming, call stewarding, lead running and jump stewarding.

Thanks to Kate Butler for writing these easy to follow guides which explain your mission for each job and how to accomplish it like a pro!

The job descriptions can be accessed [here](#)

## Judges—New Judges, Promotions and Retirements

### Welcome to two new judges on the Trainee Panel:

Heather Warren (Miranda)

Stephanie Butler (Te Kauwhata)

### Promotions Congratulations:

Jinny Gailey—promoted to the Senior Panel

Dani Koningsveld—Promoted to the Ribbon Trial Panel

### Congratulations To:

Robyn Sanders who recently passed her judge's exam

### Retirement:

The AC would like to acknowledge the retirement of Alan McClumpha after 30 years of service as a judge.

While we know he will be missed, we wish Alan all the best with his future endeavours and adventures.

## Judges Sub-Committee Elections

Due to recent resignations there are vacancies on the Judges' Sub-Committee.

The JSC considers all matters relating to judges and makes recommendations to the Agility Committee.

As there is no clear pathway on or off the JSC The AC have decided to implement an election procedure which will be detailed in a new set of Standing Orders. A summary of the procedure is as follows:

- Elections will be held every two years in the opposite year to the AC election.
- There will be seven JSC members elected from judges who are currently on the Ribbon Trial, Agility or Senior panels.
- Judges on the Ribbon Trial, Agility and Senior panels will be eligible to vote
- If one of the JSC is not also on the Agility Committee, an AC member will have a non-voting position on the JSC to act as liaison.

As a transition, the current JSC members were asked if they wished to continue. Four of them—Carl Ranford, Sallie Remon, Libby Ellery and Joanne Rennell—confirmed that they wish to stay on, so an election will be held for the three vacant positions with a full election being held in 2023.

The AC wish to thank Fiona Hodgson, Carol Logan and Chris Richardson, and all past JSC members for their contribution.