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## **ADDITIONAL NOTES FOR JUDGES**

- 1) Judges must Judge in accordance with BAA rules & policies.
  - Judges are to set appropriate courses for each level, as defined in the Judges Handbook.

Courses are expected to be aimed at the lower end of each level at the start of the BAA season progressing toward the higher end of each level by the end of the BAA season.

- 2) Judges must ensure that obstacles are spaced **at least** the minimum permitted distance = **15 feet**, this includes obstacles that are facing toward the edge of the rings, & at the finish.

This also includes obstacles set side by side or on corners, regardless of which direction the dog is expected to take the obstacles, as illustrated in the Judges Handbook. Distance is based on “distance between obstacles” not “dog’s path”

### **Use a measure to mark out & provide an accurate pacing distance.**

- Angles to contact equipment must be carefully considered, sharp angles must be avoided at all times. (a straight approach is preferable)
- Show organisers are to check & sign off courses ready for walking.

- 3) Please ensure that differently spaced sets of weaves are NOT used in the competition rings at the same show EG: at a two ring show, you may not have 20ins spaced weaves in one ring & 24ins spaced weaves in the other ring at the same show.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Where rings are not set to at least minimum size, or where obstacles are not correctly spaced, or where obstacle heights exceed maximum permitted BAA heights.

### **THEN:**

Classes run under any or all of the above scenarios will be deemed N.F.C. (Not For Competition) & competitors will not receive BAA points.

- 4) Dogs measuring over 20ins & weighing 25-35kg may run at Medium height.

Dogs measuring over 20ins & weighing 35-45kg may run at Mini height. This is not to encourage fat dogs but to help with the long-term well-being of large boned dogs. Competitors are to be discouraged from continually changing from one height to another, please encourage them to chose a lower height & stick with it.

- 5) Junior Classes must be scheduled as Jumping classes only & must NOT contain weaves, as there are many Veteran dogs competing in Junior classes.

- 6) Veteran Classes:

Judges to provide more open & less twisty courses for veteran dogs.

- 7) A Frame:

The A Frame is to be set at 5 ft to the Apex