

Approved by May 2019 AKC Board Meeting

Effective: June 1, 2019

Regulations for Agility Trials and Agility Course Test (ACT) to allow the use of head halters as follows:

Chapter 4, Section 9. Collars. At the handler's option, dogs may run a course with or without a collar. The only collars allowed when running a course are flat buckle or rolled leather collars, but there shall be no attachments hanging or otherwise allowed on the collar. This shall not preclude painted or stitched designs or information on the collar. Dog's names and/or identifying information may appear on the collar. No title, awards, or advertising may appear on the collar. Dogs may be brought to the start line on slip leads, choke chains, body harnesses, head halters or other collars that are permitted on the trial grounds. Pinch/prong and electrical collars (dummy or not), and special training collars are not allowed anywhere on the trial grounds.

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Chapter 2, Section 4 of the **Regulations for Agility Trials and Agility Course Test (ACT)** to allow dogs to be entered in different jump heights on same day as follows:

Chapter 2, Section 4. Height Divisions, Measurement, Measuring Devices. Dogs may be entered in any height division they are eligible for but may only enter each class offered once per day. If a dog is entered in different jump heights the owner must submit separate entry forms, one for each height.

The following jump height divisions shall be used in all trial Regular classes:

8 Inches: For dogs 11 inches and under at the withers.

12 Inches: For dogs 14 inches and under at the withers.

16 Inches: For dogs 18 inches and under at the withers. 20 Inches: For dogs 22 inches and under at the withers.

24 Inches: For dogs over 22 inches at the withers. Dogs may not be entered in this class if they are 22 inches and under.

24 Inch Choice: Dogs may be entered at this height at their owner's discretion if their measurement is 22 inches and under at the withers.

Note: This effective date was changed from October 1, 2019

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Chapter 8, Section 3 of the **Regulations for Agility Trials and Agility Course Test (ACT)** to allow dogs to be entered in Regular and Preferred classes on the same day as follows:

Chapter 8 Section 3. Eligibility. The Preferred classes are open to any dog eligible to enter an agility trial as defined in Chapter 1, Section 3.

The owner may choose to enter their dog in Preferred classes and Regular classes at the same trial. A dog may only be entered once in each class offered. They may not enter a class in both Preferred and Regular.

If a dog is entered in Preferred and Regular classes the owner must submit two separate entry forms, one for Regular classes and one for Preferred classes.

After the close of entry for a trial a dog may not be moved between Regular and Preferred classes except as noted in Chapter 1, Section 21.

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Chapter 3, Section 3 of the **Regulations for Agility Trials and Agility Course Test (ACT)** to require all weave poles be tapeless and allow poles to be of alternating solid colors as follows:

Chapter 3, Section 3. Obstacles.

6. Weave Poles. The Weave Poles shall have a fixed base with a rigid upright, to support the pole, no greater than 4 inches high as measured from the ground to the top of the rigid support. The base shall be coated with a non-slip surface and may be no higher than ¾-inch and no wider than 3½-inches. The base should be secured, so that the weave poles do not move from their location on the course. The poles must be nominal pipe size of ¾-inch PVC (1-inch approximate outside diameter) +/- 1/16-inch tolerance and can be made from Schedule 40 pipe or furniture grade PVC, 40 inches in height, and uniformly spaced at 24 inches (measured center to center using two of the rigid upright supports, with a +/- ½-inch tolerance in spacing). The base support must be located within 4 inches of the pole on the opposite side of the dog's path (e.g. the first support on the left side of the pole number one, second support on the right side of pole number two, etc.). It is required that the base supports be a minimum of six inches long to a maximum of 18 inches long. Base supports shall be located as follows: "Six-pole section" – centered and placed at the off-side of the first and sixth pole and the off-side of the second and fifth pole. "Four-pole section" – centered and placed at the off-side of the first and fourth pole and the off-side of the second and third pole. "Three-pole section" – centered and placed at the off-side of the first and second poles (based upon ¼-inch x 3-inch steel).

The pole shall be made out of Schedule 40 PVC or furniture grade PVC material that provides an equal amount of flex when set in the fixed base. Single color poles must be striped with a contrasting color so as to be visible to the dog. At a minimum, stripes must be placed at approximately 10 inches and 20 inches from the ground. Tape may not be used for stripes. Stripes may only be painted on or extruded in the pvc. Solid color poles may be used if they are of alternating colors. Poles that are of alternating solid colors are not required to have stripes. Poles that flex at the base (spring type designs) are not allowed.