



OPTIONAL HEIGHT CLASSIFIED OBEDIENCE CLASS SYSTEM

1. Height Classified Classes

- a. Show organisers will be able to elect to schedule height classified classes.
- b. If a show organiser wishes to host height classified classes, they may do so for some or all of the classes scheduled at the show. These classes once scheduled cannot be reverted to a non-height classified class once listed in the schedule nor can non-height classified classes be height classified once listed in the schedule.

2. Height Classifications

- c. **Small Dogs** – For dogs measuring 35cm or under at the withers
- d. **Medium Dogs** – For dogs measuring over 35cm and under 43cm at the withers
- e. **Standard Dogs** – For dogs which have not been measured, or measuring over 43cm and less than 60cm at the withers
- f. **Giant Dogs** – For dogs measuring over 60cm at the withers

3. Measuring

- g. Measurements are to be carried out by the owner or handler of the dog, prior to their first competition and must be recorded in the dogs Obedience Record Book.
- h. The dogs signed Obedience Record Book must be available for inspection by the showmanager and / or the judge on the date of any competition entered.
- i. Dogs entered into the Standard Height classification do not require a measurement to compete.
- j. Once a dog has competed in either Small, Medium, or Giant height classification, the handler has one opportunity to change the height they wish to work under. This change will be to compete in the Standard height classification.
- k. **Dispute of measurements?**

4. Splitting of entries - This should apply to competitions for Small, Medium, Standard and Giant dogs.

- a. If the total entries for a class exceed a total of 60 then the class should be split.
- b. If a class is split, all dogs of the same height classification must compete together.
- c. **Example for a splitting of entries** – 80 entries received (40 Standard, 10 Small, 20 Medium, 10 Giant) split is as follows:
 - i. **Ring 1** – Judge 1 will judge the 40 Standard dogs
 - ii. **Ring 2** – Judge 2 will judge 10 Small, 20 Medium and 10 Giant dogs

5. Awards

- d. Where height classified classes are scheduled, they must include separate awards for all four height classifications.
 - i. Placings will be awarded for 1st – 6th in each height classification
 - ii. 1st place may be withheld in a class with 10 or less entries as referenced in G32.j.

6. Progression

- e. Points / wins do not count towards progressions when any win or place where the dog has lost more than 20% of the marks available.