

Minutes of Meeting

NKU Rally-obedience Committee
Monday 26th May 2021 19:30-21:15, Teams

Participants: Beatrice Palm (Sweden), Tytti Lintenhofer (Finland), Paul Lysholdt (Denmark) and Solveig Therese Zetterstrøm (Norway)

Absentees: None

Minutes: Solveig Zetterstrøm

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Status of our new regulations
NKU Board meeting was postponed in April. Next meeting is scheduled 2nd of June. Here they will hopefully approve our new regulations.
3. The Nordic Championships 2021
Ulf Uddman wrote that a final decision about Stockholm's Hundmässan will be done in the middle of June. If Stockholm's Hundmässan is canceled, we have a plan B that we want to use. We can not use this plan if the NKU board decides to cancel all Nordic Championships in 2021.

Paul steps in for Amanda to judge The Nordic Championship 2021. Everyone on the committee approves this.

Piia Heikkinen was supposed to be secretary in the Nordic Championships 2021, but now it is Tytti Lintenhofer who will be secretary instead. Everyone on the committee approves this change.

Nordic Championships 2022. Pre preparation has started. There are two clubs working together to arrange. Tsau ry in Turku and Villåhteen Agility-Urheilijat ry - Lahti. Tytti will keep us updated about the process.
4. Competition drawing
Ina will help us with this.
5. Remaining judging issues
-10 deductions. Now we only allow one -10 deduction per exercise, but at our last meeting we discussed this and decided to ask Solveig and Tytti to come up with other suggestions. Their suggestion is that we can deduct another -10 per exercise in the following cases:
 - Handler touches the dog
 - Handler puts hand in pocket

These two -10 deductions are not about the technical performance but are a reward-marker for the dog. Everyone approve this. It's too late to add this to our regulations, but we can include it in the guidelines as an exception.

Other issues:

Nr. 1.

Exercise 410 (send to cone stand) in right handling. Is it possible to send to the cone on both sides of the sign?

Answer: Both options are ok. Paul is writing this in the guidelines.

At the next revision of the guidelines, we must discuss whether we should change where the exercise area for this exercise should be. Paul suggests turning the sign so that it is directed towards the cone. Another suggestion is to move the exercise area behind the sign.

Nr. 2.

Exercise 221 (temptation). In the description it says that the team must cross the center three times. Center, is that between the cones, or between the temptations?

Answer: Between the cones. This should also be added to the guidelines.

Nr. 3.

What happens if the teams walks askew when they are backing three steps?

Answer: -3 breaking the line in backing three steps. This should also be added to the guidelines.

Nr. 4.

When the handler stops its allowed to not gather the feet completely. The regulations say that the feet do not have to stand completely parallel when handler stops. But when does it go over to not ok?

Answer: Will not change anything. Recommend not to gather feet at the end of "backing three steps".

Nr. 5.

Dog backing three doglengths from handler. Are there any place in the regulations about where we can place signs and cones around this exercise?

Answer: This is written in "How to build a course".

6. Update of our guidelines

In addition to what is mentioned above, we also should add this in square nr. 2 in Judging Guidelines.

Dog not moving fully aligned with handler in sidestep exercises.

7. Other issues

Bea will put rally-videos in the group “Nordic Championship Rally O”.

Judging course for Nordic judges in Sweden has had two online-sessions, and a lot of tasks between. In June they will have two training days and an examination in Denmark 14-15th of August. Then we will hopefully be 7 Nordic judges in Sweden.

8. Next meeting

25th of August, 23rd of September. 19.30 both days.