



## HEELWORK TO MUSIC - SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS from The Kennel Club Working Party Meeting 14 December 2021

	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.	Membership of the Working Party	<p>Dr J Boyd has been appointed by the Kennel Club Board as Chair of the working party.</p> <p>Dr V Richardson has stood down from her role as a member of the working party, which wishes to thank her for her services.</p> <p>Following advertisement, a number of candidates applied for a role as a working party member. The working party thanked those who had applied, noting that it had received many applications from candidates who had depth and breadth of calibre. Following a recommendation made by the working party, the Board, at its meeting on 5 April 2022, appointed Ms K Lyddon to the role.</p>	Judges, competitors and competition organisers to note.
2.	Overseas championship events	<p>There are three international championship events due to take place in Europe in 2022, as follows:</p> <p>World Championships - Villepinte Durant, France at the European Dog Show date 21–24 April 2022</p> <p>The FCI European Open Championships - Stuttgart, Germany date 17– 20 November 2022</p> <p>Open European Championship - The Netherlands 28 September – 2 October 2022</p> <p>The Working Party thanked competitors who had applied to attend the World Championships and the FCI European Open Championships on behalf of Heelwork to Music Team GB. However, it concluded with regret that there was an insufficient number of applications in both heelwork to music and freestyle to warrant the travel, especially with the consideration needed for Covid-19 and possible withdrawals, and</p>	Competitors to note



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		<p>a lack of reserves.</p> <p>It was noted that individuals could apply to enter the above events but would not be able to represent Team GB.</p>	
3.	Mentoring	<p>The Working Party noted that the mandatory requirement for new judges to undertake mentoring would take effect from 1 January 2023.</p> <p>It was keen to encourage suitable individuals to offer their services as mentors, and wished to invite applications from those who fitted the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience in Heelwork to Music</li> <li>• Knowledge and Understanding of the Rules and Regulations</li> <li>• A current or retired Heelwork to Music Judge, for Advanced or Intermediate classes</li> <li>• Empathetic</li> <li>• Teaching/Mentoring abilities</li> </ul> <p>Any applications received would be reviewed and discussed by the Working Party.</p>	Suitably qualified individuals to note, and to consider applying for the role
4.	Amendments to L Regulations	<p>At its meeting on 5 April 2022, the Board approved the following amendments to L Regulations:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">New Regulation L7. Competition Manager  <b>TO:</b>  <b>The Competition Manager and/or Competition Organiser and/or appointed persons must fulfil the following criteria, prior to undertaking the role:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>a. To have attended a Kennel Club Heelwork to Music Regulations and Judging Procedure Seminar, and have passed the Regulations and Judging Procedure examination within the previous five years</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>b. To have attended a Heelwork to Music Competition Management Seminar within the previous five years</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(Insertions in bold)            (Effective 1 January 2023)</p>	Judges, competitors and competition organisers to note.



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		<p>Regulation L17.f.            TO:  <del>f. The dog should work in a willing and natural manner.</del> Excessive noise or barking must be penalised and a maximum of 4 marks can be deducted from the overall score at the judge's discretion.            (Deletion struck through)            (Effective 1 January 2023)</p> <p>(Note: the above amendment was made in order to remove repetition of the wording included in Regulation L17.b(2) which states: 'The dog should work in a natural, willing and committed manner.'</p> <p>Regulation L10.d            TO            Food <b>or toys</b> shall not be carried in the ring or given to a dog whilst <b>in the ring.</b> <del>being judged.</del>            (insertion in bold. Deletions struck through)            (Effective 1 January 2023)</p>	
5.	Crufts semi-final	The working party discussed ways in which competitors could qualify to compete at Crufts. Subsequent to the working party's meeting, the Crufts Committee made the decision that the highest placed dog that had not already qualified from the 10 existing Premier HTM competitions would qualify for Crufts 2023. No new heats were therefore required, and no semi-final would take place. This would be reviewed after Crufts 2023.	Judges, competitors and competition organisers to note.



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6.	Eligibility	<p>Following a request for clarification regarding eligibility, the working party considered a situation in which a competitor had started competing with a dog which had already won out of starters (with another handler) and so the competitor began competing in novice. The dog subsequently won out of novice and into advanced classes.</p> <p>The working party confirmed that under such circumstances, and under the terms of Regulation L(A)4.a, the competitor was <u>not</u> eligible to compete in starters with a new dog.</p>	Judges, competitors and competition organisers to note.
7.	Date of next meeting	<p>The Working Party's next meeting will take place on 24 May 2022.</p> <p>A further meeting will take place on 1 November 2022.</p>	Judges, competitors and competition organisers to note.