



Findon Downs Dog Training Club

SCHEDULE OF OPEN HEELWORK TO MUSIC (HTM) COMPETITION

(held under Kennel Club Rules & Regulations L and licensed by The Kennel Club Limited)

At West Chiltington Village Hall, Mill Road, West Chiltington, West Sussex RH20 2PZ

On Saturday 11th November, 2023

Competition Opens 08.00 hours – Judging Commences 09.00 Hours
No access to the ring until at least 08.30 hours

The officers and committee members of the society / or the licensee holding the licence are deemed responsible for organising and conducting the competition safely and in accordance with the rules and regulations of The Kennel Club and agree to abide by and adopt any decision of the Board or any authority to whom the Board may delegate its powers subject to the conditions of Regulation L32. In so doing those appointed as officers and committee members, or the licensee, accept that they are jointly and severally responsible for the organisation of the competition and that this is a binding undertaking.

If in doubt about eligibility contact The Secretary on 01243-551966 or email patricia.oshea@btinternet.com

Rosettes and Prize Cards for the first 6 places in each class.

Plaques to all First Place winners.

ENTRY FEES: £13 per class per dog.

NOT FOR COMPETITION: Free

COMPETITION MANAGER: Barbara Bigg, 67 Rectory Farm Road, Sompting, Lancing BN15 0ED

COMPETITION ORGANISER: Tracey Slaughter, 6 Maytree Ave, Findon Valley, West Sussex BN14 OHJ

COMPETITION SECRETARY: Pat O'Shea, 20 Cobham Close, Yapton, ARUNDEL, West Sussex BN18 0LF

ENTRIES TO BE SENT TO: Miss Pat O'Shea, 20 Cobham Close, Yapton, Arundel, BN18 0LF
To Be Received By Saturday 7th October, 2023

Cheques Payable To: Findon Downs Dog Training Club

Running Orders will be sent by email unless an SAE is enclosed with entries.

Free Parking - Public catering will be available - Restricted crate areas available in Reception area.

VETERINARY SUPPORT: Arun Vets, Mill Stream, North St Library Car Park, Storrington, RH20 4DH Tel: 01903 746028

If a competitor, or anyone in their household, has Covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 they must follow Government advice and should consider whether it is appropriate that they attend the event.

CLASSIFICATION

Judges must be qualified in accordance with the Kennel Club Heelwork to Music Regulations (L)

CLASS

JUDGES

1. Intermediate Heelwork to Music	Alison Wilde, Ali Buck
2. Advanced Heelwork to Music	Diane Jones, Di Morgan
3. Starters Heelwork to Music	Martin Briggs, Sally Armstrong
4. Novice Heelwork to Music	Gina Pink, Caroline Garrett
5. Intermediate Freestyle	Martin Briggs, Gina Pink
6. Advanced Freestyle	Ali Buck, Di Morgan
7. Starter Freestyle	Ellis O'Grady, Jan Debnam
8. Novice Freestyle	Sally Armstrong Alison Wilde

RESERVE JUDGES: All judges listed above will act as Reserve Judges where necessary

ELIGIBILITY AND SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

- Heelwork to Music:** The principal element of the Heelwork to Music category will be a dog working off lead in the heel work position, on the left or right hand side of the handler, facing forward or backward, across the front or back of the handler, moving in any direction, at any pace. The dog's shoulder should be approximately level with, and reasonably close to, the handler's leg. All other positions are defined as Freestyle. A minimum of two thirds of the routine should consist of heel work.
- Freestyle:** A Freestyle routine will be the dog working off lead and contain movements in any position. Heelwork as described above is acceptable although such movements must not exceed one third of the routine.
- In the following definitions of classes all points must be gained in official classes only. To count towards class progression, a first place in starters or novice, or two first places in intermediate must have been won with an overall score of at least 60% (18 marks).
- The following points will be awarded in all Kennel Club standard classes:
First place - 10 points, Second place - 6 points, Third place - 4 points, Fourth place - 2 points.
On entrance to the next level of classes, the points will return to zero
- Official Classes.** For one dog and one handler only. When assessing eligibility to enter a competition, wins in one official category will not count for the other official category. At the discretion of the competition organisers, dogs may be entered in eligible classes in both categories, however a different routine must be worked.
The following class definitions apply to both Heelwork To Music and Freestyle Classes as applicable.
 - Starters:** Neither the dog nor the handler must have gained 14 points or more including a win, nor have elected to progress on points (20 points or more) in official starters classes at Kennel Club licensed Heelwork to Music competitions. Dogs or handlers must progress to Novice once 14 points or more including a win have been gained in Starters classes but may, at the handler's discretion, elect to progress on 20 points without a win. NB Handlers and dogs previously qualified out of Starters are not eligible for this class.
 - Novice:** The dog or the handler must have gained 14 points or more including a win, or have elected to progress on 20 points or more in official starters classes at Kennel Club licensed Heelwork to Music competitions. The dog must progress to Intermediate once 16 points or more including a win, or a total of 28 points or more have been gained in Novice classes.
 - Intermediate:** The dog must have gained 16 points or more including a win, or a total of 28 points or more, in official Novice classes at Kennel Club licensed Heelwork to Music competitions. The dog must progress to Advanced once two first places have been gained in Intermediate classes.
 - Advanced:** The dog must have gained at least two first places in official Intermediate classes at Kennel Club licensed Heelwork to Music competitions.
- A dog must only be entered in a class per day for which it is eligible in each category. A dog is only eligible for one level.
- HTM Competitions must include the organiser's choice of official categories and classes which must be specified in the schedule.

8. Once a dog has progressed to the next class it is entitled to use the previous class award after its name on entry forms and printed in catalogues. Only the highest award may be used. Separate awards should be indicated for Heelwork to Music and Freestyle as follow: HTM St., HTM N., HTM I. for different classes of Heelwork to Music. FS St., FS N., FS I, for the different classes in Freestyle. Once a dog has gained 24 points in advanced classes it will be entitled to have HTM.A or FS.A after its name as appropriate.
9. Excellent Qualifications. If a first place has been won in Starters or Novice, or two first places at Intermediate or Advanced, when the required level of points have been gained the dog will also be awarded an excellent qualification and can use the title "Ex" after its class title, such as : HTM St Ex.
10. All competitors must be in possession of a Kennel Club Heelwork to Music Record Book for each competing dog detailing the points gained and where each award was gained.
11. At all types of Heelwork to Music competitions societies may schedule classes other than those defined above, as "special" classes. The eligibility for special classes must be defined by the society and included in the schedule. The word "special" must be included in the title of the class.
12. Wins, places and points gained in special classes will not count towards class progression or excellent qualifications.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The competition will be limited to 90 routines.
2. In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including the seventh day (ie 30th September, 2023) before the closing date of entries shall be counted when entering any class.
3. No bitch in season is allowed to compete.
4. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition is forbidden.
5. Dogs may only wear a half-check collar or a smooth collar which may be decorated.
6. The committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
7. Not for competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged four calendar months and over. Details of each dog must be recorded on the entry form and must be Kennel Club registered.
8. In the event that the competition is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the society will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. If the competition processor has the provisions to do so, competitors will be refunded in the manner in which they had entered the competition, but in any event the society will refund fees within 3 months of the competition date to all those who had entered and requested a refund within 1 month of the competition date.
9. Should a judge be unable to fulfil their appointment the organiser reserves the right to appoint an alternative judge.
10. It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order.
11. Should circumstances so dictate the organiser, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes will be reported to The Kennel Club.
12. Only dogs of 12 calendar months and over are eligible to enter for competition. In Freestyle classes only dogs of 18 calendar months and over are eligible for competition.
13. **BOOKING IN:** Competitors must book in with the event organisers upon arrival at least 30 minutes before the anticipated start time of their earliest class.
14. **RING SIZE:** The ring area will be rectangular and approximately 8.8M x 14.3M. the working surface is full length carpeting. The judges will be positioned together on one of the shorter sides up on the stage. The competition and all other areas, such as booking in and changing rooms, will be inside the village hall.

15. **MUSIC:** The length of the routine is at the handler's discretion up to a maximum length as follows: Starters: 2 ½ Mins, Novice: 3 Mins, Intermediate: 3 ½ Mins, Advanced: 4 Mins. An overrun of 5% is permitted, but 2 marks will be deducted from the final score for any time taken in excess of this.
All music must be in CD format ONLY, clearly marked with the handler's details and class name. The handler is advised to provide a back up CD of the music. **Each CD must contain one track only.** It is the handler's responsibility to collect their music at the end of each class. If the music stops during the routine, the competitor will be given an opportunity to complete the routine, with the backup music, or alternative equipment if this was the reason for failure. The judges will continue marking from the point at which the music stopped. If the competitor chooses to withdraw, no marks will be awarded.
16. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of any dog at any time within the precincts of the competition.
17. No competitor shall impugn the decisions of the judge or judges.
18. For the duration of the competition and including those in the exercise area, all dogs must be on a lead except when competing or practising prior to competition.
19. Food or toys shall not be carried in the ring or given to the dog whilst in the ring.
20. The attention of competitors is drawn specifically to The Kennel Club Heelwork to Music Competition Regulations 12, 13, 17 and 19.
21. Props appropriate to the routine may be used and must remain in the ring and may not be intentionally removed until completion of the routine. No real or realistic imitation firearms may be used as props. Simulated gunshot may not be used.
22. A dog must not compete in the same class more than once.
23. Once a dog has entered the ring to compete, no further practice may be carried out.
24. A dog must, at the time of entry for the competition, be registered as required by Kennel Club rules and regulations in the owner's name (or registration or transfer applied for). In the case of joint registered owners the full name of every registered owner must be given.

Where an owner makes an entry on behalf of another joint registered owner(s) or where an agent enters on behalf of a single or joint registered owner(s) such person must have the authority and consent from the single or joint registered owner(s) to sign the entry form on their behalf thereby binding them all to Kennel Club rules and regulations. In the event of any dispute, evidence of such authority and consent will be required.

A dog acquired subsequent to entry having been made at a competition may compete as the new owner's property provided that an application for the transfer has been forwarded to The Kennel Club before the competition, and the new owner has undertaken to abide by the regulations and conditions of the original entry form (and in accordance with the conditions set out above).
25. Judges' discretion prevails and judges' decisions are final.
26. Dogs will be disqualified if proved to have been handled in the class by a scheduled judge's spouse or immediate family, or resident at the same address as a scheduled judge. This shall not apply to a judge appointed in an emergency.
27. Any activity that may be injurious to the dog or is not permitted by virtue of Regulation L10.i will result in immediate elimination from the ring.
28. **Welfare of Dogs**

An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this regulation may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under Kennel Club rules and regulations. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars, is not permitted at any Heelwork to Music event licensed by The Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue and within the precincts of the competition.
29. No modifications may be made to the schedule once published except by permission of the Board of The Kennel Club which must be followed by advertisement in the canine press if possible.
30. **PRIZE MONEY:** There is no prize money on offer at this competition.
31. **DOGS IN CARS ON HOT DAYS:** Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog. If your dog is found to be at risk, forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.
32. In the event of incorrect or dishonoured cheques being returned by the bank, a charge of £10 will be levied against the exhibitor per returned item. Failure to pay will be referred to The Kennel Club.

33. All routines will be timed by an official timekeeper, appointed by the competition organiser who will advise the judges of the duration of each routine. The routine starts when the music begins and ends when the music finishes.
34. Competitors will be notified by email of the judges for each class, the running order of classes and the number of entries in each class unless they have provided an SAE with their entries.
35. All dogs will be entered at this event at their owner's risk and while every care will be taken, the organisers will not accept responsibility for loss, damage or injury, however caused, to dogs, persons or property whilst at the event.
36. All dogs must be kept under control, and only the dog under test will be permitted in the hall.

DIRECTIONS TO THE VENUE

From the East (A24), come into Storrington on the A283, you come to a mini roundabout at the beginning of the shopping parade. Go straight over the roundabout and take the first turning on the right (Old Mill Drive), continue up past the garage and shopping precinct on the right hand side. Continue up the hill bearing left at the top into Fryern Road – continue straight on following the signs for West Chiltington. The Village Hall is on the left hand side, if you get as far as The Hollow – you have gone too far, turn round and come back!

From the West, come into Storrington on the A283 (Arundel, Portsmouth direction) come into the shopping area, past the shops on the left hand side through the shops but take the last turning on the left (Old Mill Drive) before the mini roundabout which will take you up past the garage and shopping precinct on your right hand side. Continue up the hill, bearing left at the top into Fryern Road – continue straight on following the signs to West Chiltington. The Village Hall is on the left hand side, if you get as far as The Hollow – you have gone too far, turn round and come back!