## The SWAT Team Sprint

The 'SWAT Team Sprint' is a competition for teams of four dogs and handlers, run as a relay over a simple jumping course. It is designed as a sprint event with spectator appeal, accessible to all grades of handlers and all heights of dogs. There will be separate awards for each height of dog. There are qualifying heats throughout the country. The top two teams from each heat, qualify for the final held at the SWAT Early August show - August $3^{\text {rd }} 2024$. It is a requirement of this competition that the course contains no traps, and is of 'fast and flowing style'. A simple course such as a figure of eight, or a largely circular or helter-skelter style course is most appropriate.

1. The competition is classified under Kennel Club Regulations as Combined Grades 1 to 7 and Special and will be held under KC Rules and Show Regulations H \& H1 as in force at the date of the competition. Additional rules apply as described below. Competitors entering this Competition are deemed to have agreed to abide by these rules.
2. All teams must consist of four dogs of the same height classification, handled by four separate handlers. Conditions remain the same for all teams except that the height of equipment will be appropriate to the height of the team of dogs competing.
3. Additions or substitutions to teams (handlers or dogs) are permitted, provided that (i) the substitute(s) is/are already entered in the heat (as a team member or reserve) (ii) rule (4) is not breached and (iii) alterations to teams are made before the run.
4. Handlers may compete in more than one team in a heat, providing they handle a different dog in each team. Dogs may only compete in one team in any given heat.
5. The course must contain two changeover lines, clearly marked on the ground (Handler 1 may use a recall start).
6. The course each dog is required to negotiate shall contain no less than 14 and no more than 20 obstacles.
7. This is a relay event, and a suitable baton must be provided. All baton changes must be completed with the handlers and dogs between the two changeover lines. Failure to comply with this, or an incorrect baton change (i.e., throwing or dropping the baton at changeover) will incur a penalty of 50 points on each occasion. Stewards may be appointed by the judge to adjudicate changeovers if required.
8. For each dog an elimination on the course incurs a single penalty of 100 points, however the judge will continue to mark any further faults on the remainder of the course and the faults of any remaining dogs.
9. The team with the fastest time and the least faults, wins. The top two teams from each heat qualify for the final. Once qualified, dogs may compete in the remaining heats for that season but only as Not for Competition. (N.F.C.) i.e., a dog cannot be in any additional team (either competing or as a reserve) at the final.
10. Only the members of an original qualifying team (as specified on the scribe sheet at the time of the run) or the two original named reserves, will be allowed to compete in the final. Changes are at the organiser's discretion and only under exceptional circumstances.
11. In the event of a team being unavailable for the final, a reserve team will be called from the heat in which the qualifying team qualified.

Awards will be given to $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ placed teams consisting of Individual rosettes ( $4 \mathrm{x}: 1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ ). A letter of invitation to the final will be emailed out shortly after the event.

