



Summary of Rule Changes

Rule	Previous Rule	New Rule	Reason For Change	Date and Version
6.3 (4)	6.3 (A,a)	6.3 (4,a)	Grammar error	04/01/2018 - V1.2
8.4, 8.5, 8.6	Appendix F	Appendix G	Had the wrong Appendix assigned to the rule	04/01/2018 - V1.2
2.14	The Accessibility Officer has a Primary function to ensure that the UKFL© is accomodating and makes provisions for less able members.	The Accessibility Officer has a Primary function to ensure that the UKFL© is accomodating and inclusive to all members.	Members expressed a distaste to the word less able.	04/01/2018 - V1.2
Appendix E	Appendix E - No Isle of man on the map	Appendix E - Isle of Man added	Isle of man was missing of the map	04/01/2018 - V1.2
9.10 (2)	Any bitch that is or might be be pregnant is not allowed to compete at Sanctioned UKFL© event and for at least 84 Day (8 weeks) after giving birth	Any bitch that is or might be be pregnant is not allowed to compete at Sanctioned UKFL© event and for at least 56 Day (8 weeks) after giving birth	The amount of days did not match the amount of weeks.	04/01/2018 - V1.2
9.4	N/A	Any dogs measured as borderline will awarded the lower measure for the benefit of the dog.	To clarify what happens when a dog is measured border line	04/01/2018 V1.2
9.4	When measuring the dogs foot must be bent not out straight.	When measuring the dogs foot must be bent at a 90 degree angle not out straight.	To clarify the angle of the dogs foot to stop inconsistencies.	04/01/2018 V1.2
10.2 (4)	Jump bases must not be any more than 5" high.	Jump bases must not be any more than 5" high, they must have slots to accommodate both 24" and 30" width allowing teams to choose their width. (picture below)	Member brought it to UKFL© that they had concern about the possibility of dogs colliding with the jump upright's when moving from a event using 30" to an event using 24", UKFL© took on board their concerns and came up with a solution that enable teams to pick the width of the jump. Diagram added to clarify how the baseboard show look.	04/01/2018 V1.2

10.2 (10)	Host clubs shall provide jump slats that will allow the jumps to be raised to a height of 12" with the top slat always being inclusive of a 6" jump height.	Host clubs shall provide jump slats for 30" and 24" width and that will allow the jumps to be raised to a height of 12" with the top slat always being inclusive of a 6" jump height.	To bring into line with 10.2 (4) to enable teams to race at their desired width.	04/01/2018 V1.2
10.6	The ETS sensors gates should be placed a minimum of 4ft when using 24" width jumps and a minimum of 5ft when using 30" width jumps.	The ETS sensors gates should be placed of 5ft.	To bring in line with 10.2 (4) and 10.2 (10)	04/01/2018 V1.2
Section 11 points	50,000	55,000	This should have been set at 55,000 to be in line	04/01/2018 V1.2
7.3 (4)	A declared time must be at least ½ second faster or ½ second slower than the team's League time	A declared must be at least 1 second slower and can be		12/01/2018 V1.3
G (1)	A team running ½ second faster than its declared time will be declared the loser of that heat.	NONE	Rule removed, No Team breakout.	12/01/2018 V1.3
Section 6	The dog cannot race more than 40 heats in any one weekend.	The dog cannot race more than a maximum of 42 heats over 2 days of consecutive racing and a maximum of 50 heats over anymore than 2 days consecutive racing.	To allow for 4 team DRR when racing over 2 days	12/01/2018 V1.3
8.9 (8)	No 8.9 (8)	If a team is late for racing they must not enter the ring till the heat has finished and the ring Judge gives the team permission.	Rule added for safety.	12/01/2018 V1.3
8.10 (L)	No team Timesheet example	Timesheet example added	Just to help clarification	12/01/2018 V1.3
6.5 (11)	No UKFL© points can be gained	No UKFL© points can be gained and all points award before declaring NFC removed	To Clarify what happens with the point when a team goes NFC half way through the day.	12/01/2018 V1.3
8.11 (M)	No 8.11 (M) 6	Added 6. When a team interferes with a team who has less than 4 dogs running.	Added to confirm what happens in that situation.	12/01/2018 V1.3
8.15	The whole section.	Nothing added	Just tidied up to make the rule flow correctly.	12/01/2018 V1.3

9.8	N/A	Added (D) A Team captain permits the dog to move to another team before the 90 days for exceptional circumstances however the committee must be informed and can refuse if they feel it's not valid.	To allow dogs to move for exceptional circumstances.	01/03/2018 V1.3
8.8 (3)	Dogs may be entered for racing in more than one type of team at any UKFL© sanctioned Event. Dogs may not run in 2 of your League teams. (EG. Dogs can run in a League and Tag team but not a League team in division 1 and League team in division 4 in the same sanctioned event)	Dogs may be entered for racing in more than one type of team at any UKFL© sanctioned Event but not on the same day. Dogs may not run in 2 of your League teams. (EG. Dogs can run in a League and Tag team but not a League team in division 1 and League team in division 4 in the same sanctioned event)	Added but not on the same day, to ensure this matches the other rules and doesn't leave it open for interpretation.	24/04/17 V1.4
7.4 `	Round Robin (3/3,4/4,5/5) - Teams will be awarded a single 'win' point for each heat won.	Round Robin (3/3,4/4,5/5) - Teams will be awarded a single 'win' point for each heat won apart from a Tie where the teams will be award ½ a point each.	Added what will happen in the event of a Tie situation.	24/04/17 V1.4
10.1 (6)		A dog recovering from a surgical procedure is required to abstain from competing at UKFL© events for a minimum recovery period of 14 days. Where a surgery penetrates a body cavity a minimum recovery period of 21 days is required. All surgical wounds must be completely healed. No dog suffering with an open wound will be permitted to race at any UKFL© event until fully healed. Injuries sustained during a UKFL event must be declared to a member of the Veterinary Team or to a Level 3 UKFL Judge for assessment. Following assessment a dog may be required to be withdrawn from racing	wording advised from the veterinary team.	24/04/17 V1.4
10.2 (8)	The 1" topslat are to be flexible / breakable and have rounded edges, and must not be made from any wood	The 1" topslat are to be 37" in length and must be flexible / breakable and have rounded edges, and must not be made from any wood	After trialling the longer slat for a few events, we have found this length stops the slat falling out excessively but still allows for movement.	24/04/17 V1.4

8.15 (4)	All teams will endeavour to run all 4 dogs, if the other team have completed and have clearly won and there is (for example) an old dog or one returning to racing from injury, the Judge may accept a non-completion	All teams will endeavour to run all 4 dogs, with the exception of a. If the other team have completed and have clearly won and there is (for example) an old dog or one returning to racing from injury, the Judge may accept a non-completion. b. Where a team has been drawn to run against another of their own teams ie. 2 secondary teams from the same primary team. They may choose to decline to race one of those teams if they do not have the necessary equipment/handlers. However in this case any points or heat wins are forfeited and will be declared a loss/loss, the times set will still be recorded.	Just to clarify a grey area when a team is racing against another of their secondary teams.	24/04/17 V1.4
8.11 (M)	N/A	When a team declines to run their own secondary teams against each other see rule 8.15 (4B)	Added for clarity	24/04/17 V1.4
7.1 (9)	Running orders must be sent to the (runningorders@UKflyball.org.uk) 14 days prior to the Event where it will then be reviewed. Any changes will be communicated and then sent back to the Event Host with final approval. Once approved the Event Host must then publish on the UKFL© website no less than 5 day prior to the Event along with any other relevant Event information.	Running orders must be sent to the (runningorders@UKflyball.org.uk) 14 days prior to the Event where it will then be reviewed. In order to ensure that the UKFL© Format Appendix is followed correctly the Event Host maybe advised to amend their running order. Event Host must then publish on the UKFL© official website and/or social media pages no less than 5 day prior to the Event along with any other relevant Event information.	Clarification	
All Types of teams.	Please note: A dog can compete in 2 different types teams in any one weekend. EG. League and Singles, League and Tag but must not be on the same day and cannot be more than 2. But a dog can not compete in 2 League teams at any sanctioned event. The dog cannot race more than a maximum of 42 heats over 2 days of consecutive racing and a maximum of 50 heats over anymore than 2 days consecutive racing.	All Types of teams: Please note: A dog can compete in different types of teams in any one weekend. EG. League and Singles, League, Tag multibreed but must not be on the same day. But a dog can not compete in 2 League teams at any sanctioned event. The dog cannot race more than a maximum of 42 heats over 2 days of consecutive racing and a maximum of 50 heats over anymore than 2 days consecutive racing.	To allow a dog to run in more than 2 types of teams for bank holiday weekends etc.	24/04/17 V1.4

8.7 (4)	N/A	Dogs may only be listed on one timesheet per day	Added into Number 4 to clarify a dog can only be listed on 1 team per day.	24/04/17 V1.4
6.5 (1)	Dogs must be a minimum of 15 Months	Dogs must be a minimum of 15 Months old in league racing and 12 Months in Little league.	Added little league minimum age because when a little league team consists of less than 4 dogs they are then classed as NFC as they are not competitive	24/04/17 V1.4
6.5 (3)	A minimum of four dogs and four handlers and a maximum of six dogs and six handlers may be listed.	A maximum of six dogs and six handlers may be listed.	Removed a Minimum of 4 as when a team becomes NFC they don't need to have to have 4 dogs a team may only have 2	24/04/17 V1.4
Appendix H	Junior award scheme	Junior award scheme (under 12)	Just to clarify age	01/05/2018 V1.5
7.2 (2)	N/A	Any Sanctioned event hosted by the UKFL© (ie the championships) may have an early entry before the 60 days, entry must still be available on thursday at 8pm as per 7.2 (1)	Rule added to cover UKFL© events	01/05/2018 V1.5
Appendix H	N/A	If fees are to increase or decrease the Committee are to inform the membership of the changes 60 days before.	Added to to make clear that we cannot just change fee without any prior notice	01/05/2018 V1.5
7.3	N/A	No declared times will be allowed for the UKFL© Championships unless in extenuating circumstances occur and a full written request must be sent to the Committee with an explanation/reason	Added for UKFL© Championships	01/05/2018 V1.5
7.3	The times are to be taken from the latest League table which is based on the fastest time recorded by a team during their last 3 sanctioned Events on the 21st day before the Event date.	The times are to be taken from the latest League table which is based on the fastest time recorded by a team during their last 3 sanctioned Events on the 21st day before the Event date expect for the UKFL© Championships which will be taken 28th day before.	Amended to allow us to take times early for the championship	01/05/2018

2.15	N/A	2.15 Press Officer - The Press Officer will be responsible for all our UKFL© News. They will be publishing newspaper/magazines, welcome packs and blogs for all UKFL© related events. They will work closely with our committee and other officers.	Added a role	01/05/2018 V1.5
6.9 (8)	Dogs entered in Pre-Cadet will be given three 7-minute periods.	Dogs entered in Pre-Cadet will be given three 6-minute periods.	Change to 6 mins to help save time across a racing day	01/05/2018 V1.5
Appendix - format	N/A	Changes to min and max of heats. Changes to 3,4 and 7 divisions heats	A number of changes have been made to this appendix, we have reduced the number of heats from a min of 20 to 18 and a max of 24 to 20. This is to help aid event hosts with earlier finishes.	01/05/2018 V1.5
3.3	<p>A UKFL© member may be found guilty of gross misconduct to include but not limited to the following circumstances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Any illegal activity at a sanctioned Event (drug use, theft, violence and crimes against a person) ● Deliberate damage to UKFL©, Event host or venue property. ● Falsifying of UKFL© official documentation. ● Criminal convictions outside of the UKFL© relevant to the welfare and safety of UKFL© members and dogs. 	<p>A UKFL© member may be found guilty of gross misconduct to include but not limited to the following circumstances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Any illegal activity at a sanctioned Event (drug use, theft, violence and crimes against a person) ● Deliberate damage to UKFL©, Event host or venue property. ● Falsifying of UKFL© official documentation. ● Criminal convictions outside of the UKFL© relevant to the welfare and safety of UKFL© members and dogs. ● A deliberate blatant act in opposition of UKFL Rules ● Threatening, abusive or aggressive behaviour towards another UKFL member (both verbal and physical) <p>Any member found guilty of Gross Misconduct may be subject to but not limited to any of the following consequences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Revoking points or wins from the team 	To cover more scenarios and ensure the process is water tight.	

		<p>or member in question.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A temporary suspension/racing ban for up to 12 months. ● 1 or 2 conduct strikes (Conduct strikes are recorded and remain valid for 2 years. Any member who receives 3 conduct strikes may be banned from UKFL on receipt of the 3rd strike) ● Where the member is an official of UKFL, removal from their official role ● Supervision ● Expulsion from UKFL 		
7.2	<p>7.2 Entries 1. All sanctioned Events will be available for teams to enter either on the UKFL© website or via email. Event entries will open on the closest Thursday evening at 8pm, 60 days prior to the Event, unless rule 7.1 (5) comes into effect then the entry may be released closer to the Event date.</p> <p>Any Sanctioned event hosted by the UKFL© (ie the championships) may have an early entry before the 60 days, entry must still be available on thursday at 8pm as per 7.2 (1) 3. All entries are accepted for the event in order they are received. 4. As soon as the Event is full all further entries may be placed on a reserve list and the host team must advise all Teams of the status of their entry. 5. If hosts are over subscribed they may extended their show by either adding divisions/an extra ring or extra day racing but they must inform the committee. (Rule 7.2- 13 must still be adhere to) 6. All entries are to be taken strictly on the time/date of receipt. 7. The closing date for entries of a UKFL© Event must be at least 30 days before the date of the Event unless rule 7.1(5) comes into effect. An entry must have an accepted payment to enable a team to compete. This payment must be received by the Event hosts prior to the commencement of the event. Payment terms may, in</p>	<p>7.2 Entries</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All sanctioned Events will be available for teams to enter either on the UKFL© website or via email. Event entries will open on the closest Thursday evening at 8pm, 60 days prior to the Event, unless rule 7.1 (5) comes into effect then the entry may be released closer to the Event date. 2. Any Sanctioned event hosted by the UKFL© (ie the championships) may have an early entry before the 60 days, entry must still be available on thursday at 8pm as per 7.2 (1) 3. All entries are accepted for the event in order they are received 4. The Event host team shall gain automatic entry to their own Event. 5. A team may only enter one format per day 6. As soon as the Event is full all further entries may be placed on a reserve list and the host team must advise all Teams of the status of their entry. 7. If hosts are over subscribed they may extended their show by either adding divisions/an extra ring or extra day racing but they must inform the committee. (Rule 7.2- 13 must still be 	Rule tidied up and number 11,12,13 added to aid host teams with the collection of team payments.	

	<p>special circumstances, be extended at the discretion of the Event Host (or where an event is co-hosted, with the mutual agreement of both hosts) but this is entirely at their own risk. An Event host has the right to refuse entry to any team from whom they have not received payment prior to the commencement of the event. The Event host team shall gain automatic entry to their own Event. A team may only enter one format per day</p>	<p>adhere to)</p> <p>8. All entries are to be taken strictly on the time/date of receipt.</p> <p>9. The closing date for entries of a UKFL© Event must be at least 30 days before the date of the Event unless rule 7.1(5) comes into effect.</p> <p>10. An entry must have an accepted payment to enable a team to compete. This payment must be received by the Event hosts prior to the commencement of the event.</p> <p>11. Payment must be made in full no later than 21 days before the event. Payment terms may, in special circumstances, be extended at the discretion of the Event Host (or where an event is co-hosted, with the mutual agreement of both hosts) but this is entirely at their own risk.</p> <p>12. A Team May pull/cancel their entry to an event up to 21 days before the event without incurring any fees.</p> <p>13. If a team pulls/cancels less than 21 days before the date of the event then all fees MUST be settled if not already paid and the host is not obliged to issue any refunds of any monies already received,</p> <p>Note: Any Refunds or waiving of fees is entirely at the host's discretion. Failure to honour the payment of your entry in accordance with the rule may be treated as misconduct.</p> <p>An Event host has the right to refuse entry to any team from whom they have not received payment prior to the commencement of the event.</p>		
8.10.3	<p>3. 1 minute will be given from the second box from the previous race being lifted to allow boxes to be swapped and then the warm up time will start.</p>	<p>3. 1 minute will be given from the second box from the previous race being lifted to allow boxes to be swapped and then the warm up time will start. If the next boxes for the next race are in</p>	<p>To clarify that the full 1 minute does not need to be used.</p>	<p>V2.0</p>

		place before the 1 minute has finished you may start the 2 minutes as soon as the boxes are in. the full 1 minute does not need to be used.		
Section 2	<u>2.11 PR and Social Media Officer</u> - The PR and Social Media Officer will be responsible for the proactive promotion of UKFL©, its online presence within the available social media platforms and liaison with media sources and potential sponsors as appropriate. They will work closely with the Secretary and other Officials on announcements/PR/Social media publications and the distribution of UKFL© content.	Removed	Role removed, the Board feels this role is no longer needed, any aspect of PR will be covered by the Committee and Board.	19/02/2021 - V2.2
Section 2	All roles plus the other 3 Committee members must abide by a contract and job description. Roles within the Committee will be appointed at the end of the Annual Conference by the Committee in conjunction with the Board	All roles plus the other 3 Committee members must abide by a contract and job description. Roles within the Committee will be appointed at the end of the Annual Conference by the Board in conjunction with the Committee	The wording of the last sentence was incorrect, The Board lead the role within the Committee and do this in conjunction with the Committee to ensure they are happy with the roles allocated to them.	19/02/2021 V2.2
Section 2	No Role	<u>2.9 Technology Support Team</u> - The Technology Support team are there to help and support the Technology Officer in basic maintenance of the website, updating member profiles and any appropriate tasks that may be set. They will also help to answer and aid any member's queries.	Technology Team added into the rules.	19/02/2021 V2.2
Section 2	No Role	<u>2.13 Equipment Officer</u> - The Equipment officer will be responsible for ensuring all UKFL equipment owned by UKFL is available to Officials and is kept in good condition. They will ensure equipment is checked on a yearly basis.	Added as we appointed a member to ensure all UKFL equipment was looked after as we are increasing what equipment we own.	19/02/2021 V2.2
	2. To be declared on the paperwork as soon as the team decides to go NFC.	2. To be declared on the timesheet as soon as the team decides to go NFC.	Changed paperwork to timesheet so its in line with the wording in the rest of the rules	19/02/2021 V2.2

9.7	16. If the record cannot be validated for any reason the time will convert to a NT on the UKFL© Official Record Form and UKFL© Event Paperwork	16. If the record cannot be validated for any reason the time will convert to a NT on the UKFL© Official Record Form and UKFL© Timesheet.	Changed Event paperwork to the timesheet so its in line with wording in the rest of the rules	19/02/2021 V2.2
8.11L	No time = NT; In the case of interference for the offending team= NT INT, For the non-offending team = AVG INT Where AVG is recorded (for whatever reason) the number of dogs that ran to complete should be shown (e.g. 4 dogs or 5 dogs etc.) If a team breaks out, BO should be circled.	W = Win L = Loss T = Tie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the event of a tie, both teams are awarded a Win and half a point each is awarded to that heat. (circle both the W and T) CR = Clear run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all 4 dogs have completely without a fault NT = No time INT = Interference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the case of interference for the offending team= NT INT For the non-offending team = AVG INT AVG = Average Where AVG is recorded (for whatever reason) the number of dogs that ran to complete should be shown (e.g. 4 dogs AVG4 or 5 dogs AVG5 etc.) BO = Breakout <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where a team runs faster than their breakout time which is shown on the timesheet, then BO must be circled. 	Tied up and added what each of the abbreviations on the timesheet mean.	
Sections 12	N/A	Added to the junior liaison points table. "Challenge set by the Junior Liaison Officer" to the list of what juniors can gain points for.	Due to covid junior are unable to collected points and the junior liaison is providing them with online challenges.	19/02/2021 V2.2
Section 2	No Role	<u>2.13 Equipment Officer</u> - The Equipment officer will be responsible for ensuring all UKFL equipment owned by UKFL is available to Officials and is kept in good condition. They will ensure equipment is checked on a yearly basis.	Added a new role that we need to ensure all UKFL equipment.	19/02/2021 V2.2

		(2.12 and 2.13 will work together within their roles)		
10.6 (2)	The ETS sensor gates should be placed of 5ft.	The ETS sensor gates should be placed 5ft apart	Clearing up the wording so it made sense.	
10.5 (1)	Each side shall be approximately 8' in length.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each side (left and right) shall be approximately 8' in length but can be 2 x 4" boards (see diagram.) The back panel must be either 4" or 8" in length, this will change depending on the width of the centres in the lanes (see diagram) 	To bring into line with what event hosts are using. Clearing up a grey area (diagram has also been added)	19/02/19 V2.2
Section 2	2.7 Administrative Officer - The Administrative Officer will be a general liaison point of contact for other officials within the UKFL©. They will be an overflow and job share officer to offer input and spread the workload of individual officials where needed. They will also be able to cover any short term sickness/unavailability of other roles (not including the Committee and Board) for consistency and continuity within the association.	2.7 Administrative Officer - The Administrative Officer will work with the Board and Committee and support them with any admin duties that may be required. This may include assisting with tasks such as proof reading, liaising with teams or other UKFL Officials, Compiling Points gained at the events, assisting at the champs and any other tasks that may be deemed suitable.	The role description has changed.	
H	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The timesheet will declared NT INT for the interfering team and AVG INT for the opposing team. Interference can be in the racing lane or in all bound areas and in the areas where dogs are waiting to run Interference can be in the racing lane or in all bound areas and in the areas where dogs are waiting to run 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The timesheet will declared NT INT for the interfering team and AVG INT for the opposing team. Interference can be in the racing lane or in all bound areas and in the areas where dogs are waiting to run 	Deleted the sentence that was repeated in point 2.	19/02/21 V2.2
	No rule	10. In the event that the ETS is knocked down for any reason, the ring judge if not level 2 or 3 must call for a level 2 or 3 to ensure that the ETS is positioned in the correct place on the line.	Added into the rule to ensure that if the ETS sensors are knocked down they are set back up or checked by a qualified judge, to ensure they are in the correct place.	19/02/19 V2.2

Section 5	N/A	The Board maintains the power to add, change or temporarily amend any rules at their discretion. This will always be done in the best interest of UKFL and only in extenuating circumstances. The membership will be notified of any such changes and be kept apprised of any and all developments. (If the change is going to temporary it does not need to be changed in the rule book but must be publish for all members to see)	Added into section 5, due to covid it has made The Board realise that we may need to temporarily make changes for the best interest of the league.	19/02/21 V2.2
10.6	UKFL© Approved Electronic Timing Systems (ETS) may only be used at any UKFL© Event, they will display three amber lights and be set at a one second sequence. Any new lights must be approved with the UKFL© Committee.	UKFL© Approved Electronic Timing Systems (ETS) may only be used at any UKFL© Event, The Start sequence is indicated by 4 lights, not including the 1st light they are set at a one second sequence. Any new lights must be approved with the UKFL© Committee.	Removed the word amber as the colour of the light is irrelevant and including the first light which indicates the light are ready there are 4 light for the start,	19/02/21 V2.2
6.9	New point so no changes	12. The Judge will only display the last 2 minutes of the 6-minute period on the ETS display.	Added in a new point to 6.9, this will help the pre cadet in the ring know they have 2 minutes reminding, also to help the team on standby know how long till they are due in.	19/02/21 V2.2
10.2	Logos and/or lettering shall be permitted but limited to 4" x 20" with a minimum 2" border.	7. Logos and/or lettering shall be permitted but limited to 4" x 20" with a minimum 2" Border on the side and minimum of a ½" top and bottom.	Wording changed as the original didnt work on a 5" base board.	
8.14, 1	1. Rules of racing must be followed as per section 8.1 - 8.11 with the exception that the team can choose their desired UKFL© jump height.	1. Rules of racing must be followed as per section 8.1 - 8.11 with the exception of 8.5 and also the team can choose their desired UKFL© jump height.	Just to ensure there is no grey area as you don't need a box judge in little league.	