

# UK Flyball League

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# **UK Flyball League Rules**

## **Purpose**

UK Flyball League (UKFL©) was founded in 2017 for the purpose of promoting flyball and its objective shall be to further the sport of UK and European flyball. The UKFL© aims to promote cooperation and good sportsmanship within the sport through its Board, Committee, Rules, Policies, Events and other activities. The UKFL© will ensure fair and equal treatment for all competitors and will aim to make a diverse flyball league in every aspect. The UKFL© aims to set the standard in providing a league that promotes safety, fairness and competitiveness for both dogs and handlers. UKFL© is a non-profit organisation.

## **Section 1**

### **Code of Conduct**

The UKFL© code of conduct has been produced to set expectations of all members in attendance of UKFL© Events and in relation to UKFL© communications and matters (including a guideline on the use of social media Appendix C).

#### **1.1 Intentions of the code -**

The code is for the protection of the UKFL© and its members against unnecessary and unfounded scrutiny which can sometimes be apparent in performance dog sports. It is not there as a means to punish, but instead to support the relevant parties should these examples occur. The UKFL© aims to provide a sport that is free from bullying, harassment and discrimination whilst inclusive to all who wish to participate.

#### **1.2 Expectations of members -**

In line with other national sports and organisation's the UKFL© expects all members to promote cooperation and good sportsmanship in all activities relating to flyball such as training, demonstrations and competing. Members should always be respectful and polite to anyone in attendance at any UKFL© Event. This will include Judges, members, event staff or members of the public.

Examples of expectations to include but not limited to:

**A. Animal Care** - Members will comply with the Animal Welfare Act 2006 whilst at a UKFL© Event. This applies to all dogs in attendance at the Event both registered and non-registered. Owners have a duty of care for their pets and an obligation to look after all animals, their welfare and to ensure that no unnecessary suffering occurs. Physical harm such as kicking, hitting or rough treatment/harsh handling will not be tolerated at any UKFL© event and in everyday life.

**B. Members Behaviour** - UKFL© members are expected to act in a responsible manner, be co-operative, polite and friendly during UKFL© Events. Members should show respect to anyone attending the Event in any capacity. Good sportsmanship should be displayed at all times and in all UKFL© related communications. Members are not expected to make any defamatory/abusive remarks about others, swear or show any form of aggression. Behaviour as outlined here will not be tolerated and could result in removal from the Event and further disciplinary action.

**C. Substances** - Smoking (Tobacco and Electronic Cigarettes) and Alcohol are prohibited within 20 ft of the competition ring whilst racing is in progress, UKFL© officials may request the removal of a member should they feel they are under the influence of illegal drugs or intoxicated. It is possible that they may be excused from the Event and further disciplinary action taken.

**D. Children (Appendix A)** - Any members with children in attendance under the age of 16 should ensure that at all times they are responsibly cared for, aware of their location and that they are safe within the ring.

**E. Dogs** - Aggressive dogs should be carefully managed and controlled so as to not put members or other dogs at risk. Any dog that bites/attacks unprovoked resulting in physical injury or is a threat to dogs/members will be immediately removed from the Event and may be subject to investigation. The UKFL© may be required to take subsequent action after a full investigation to prevent any future incidents. Any occurrences such as those outlined will be required to be submitted on a UKFL© Incident Report Form.

**F. Judges (Appendix B)** - Judges will be expected to be fair, consistent and impartial in their conduct and decision making. They should be polite, courteous and approachable as an official of racing. Judges should act in accordance with the rules and mediate as appropriate with the support of the Level 3 Judge if required. Judges should not show distaste and all members should feel they have received fair and consistent treatment.

**G. Social Media (Appendix C)** - Members are encouraged to be aware of their activity and impact on UKFL© by postings or comments made online. Anything that is seen to be bringing the UKFL© into question or would portray it in a negative light may lead to disciplinary proceedings. A guide to acceptable practices can be found in appendix C.

## **Section 2**

### **UKFL© Roles and Responsibilities (Organisation Structure Appendix D)**

**2.0 Board and Committee members** – All Board and Committee members must be fully paid up UKFL members.

**2.1 Board** - Donna Culley, Joe Lamont and Vicki Dawe were the founding body of UKFL© in 2017. The purpose of the Board is to oversee and take responsibility for the League, its rules, processes and officials. The Board will not be involved in the everyday running of UKFL© however will act as a support function and will be available for the Committee to consult. The Board will organise the Annual Conference and the administration of the Committee changes. The Board will remain static unless any founding members wish to be relieved from their post, and if this is to happen the remaining board will decide who/how and if the position is to be filled. If any changes are made to the board they will be announced and the board members will be on the UKFL website.

**2.2 Committee** - The Committee will consist of 5 members. All Committee members will be unrelated by team and family and must not be the spouse/partner of a Board member. Each Committee member must be actively involved within UKFL© in some capacity. Each Committee member must have been a member of UKFL© and in good standing for a least 4 years. A committee member must not be registered with any other UK flyball organisation (this does not include the Kennel club). If a Committee of 5 cannot be formed then the vacant position/s will be filled by member/s of the Board until the vacancy can be filled at its earliest convenience. The Board will find a suitable candidate to fill the position. That position, when filled will match the term and rotation of the departing member. A Committee member will sit in post for 2 years before facing re-election. The cycle of the Committee, to ensure consistency, will be annually 2 seats and then 3 seats for re-election. A Committee member can only re-stand once, totaling a 4-year maximum term in post before taking a mandatory 2-year break. Any member wishing to stand for a Committee position may nominate themselves using the online UKFL© Official Nomination form from 60 days before the form

will then close 40 days in advance of the Annual Conference. In the lead up to the Annual Conference members will be invited to vote for their preferred Committee nominee. Voting will open 30 days in advance of the Annual Conference and close 7 days before. The results of the Committee voting will be announced at the Annual Conference.

A Committee members role will include but is not limited to the following;

1. Responsible for effective and timely enforcement of rules and policies relating to the League.
2. Application and constant reviewing of rules and possible changes to rules in conjunction with the Board.
3. Open and transparent communication and updates to the membership at regular and relevant intervals throughout the year.
4. Adherence to the Committee job description and contract.
5. Agreement in full by all Committee members on any decision is to be made. If a unanimous decision can't be reached then a compromise will be required with full support and agreement by all committee members.

### **Roles held by Committee Members:**

**2.3 Chair** - The Chair will be the leading role within the Committee. The Chair's position is a key role ensuring that the Committee functions effectively and that all matters are discussed fully then dealt with accordingly. The Chair will also be responsible for making sure any Committee decisions that are made are executed correctly, in a timely manner and in accordance with the rules. Diplomacy and impartiality will be paramount within this role.

**2.4 Secretary** - The Secretary will perform an administrative role within the Committee. The Secretary will be a general point of contact for members and tasked with announcements, briefings, be it alone or in conjunction with the PR and Social Media Officer and official correspondence. The Secretary will uphold relevant and where appropriate legal documents pertinent to the UKFL©. The Secretary will ensure meetings all have minutes taken, documents are available and will offer clarification on precedents set and previous examples of similar Occurrences.

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.

### **Other roles held in UKFL©**

**2.5 Junior Liaison Officer** - The Junior Liaison Officer will act as a function to support junior members up to the age of 16 and their parents/carer/guardian. The Junior Liaison Officer will act as a link between the children and the Committee, they will be suitably positioned to ensure that the junior members are represented and safeguarded as per the Child Safeguarding Policy.

**2.6 Treasurer** - The Treasurer will be responsible for the management of the UKFL© bank account. They will be responsible for all aspects of financial management and work closely with the Committee/Board to safeguard the UKFL© finances. They will work with the Board and Committee to report and forecast as appropriate to offer the membership transparency and financial updates/forecasting.

**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.

**2.8 Technology Officer** - The Technology Officer will be responsible for the upkeep of the UKFL© domain, website and any other applications critical to the operation of the UKFL©. They will strive for maximum uptime so that members and the Committee/Board have access to the required areas. They will work with the Committee on technological advances and developments that will improve the interaction with the UKFL© and its members.

**2.9 Technology Support Team** - 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.

Within the team there will be a position of Membership Official - The Membership Official will be the first point of contact for UKFL members in respect of queries relating to membership payments, renewals and cancellations.

**2.10 Regional Head Mentor** - The Regional Head Mentor is the liaison point between the Regional Mentors and the UKFL© Committee. The role requires regular communication with the Committee to ensure the most up to date information is communicated throughout the membership. The Head Mentor will also have regular communication with Regional Mentors.

**2.11 Regional Mentors (Map of areas Appendix E)** - The Regional Mentors are a first contact point for new members, new teams and existing teams with issues or concerns that need a quick response. They can function as a link between members and the Committee. The Regional Mentors are expected to be proactive and will be responsible for having regular contact with teams based in their allocated region to offer support, guidance, training, new applications and other developments within UKFL©.

**2.12 Electronic Timing System Officer (ETS)** - The ETS officer will be responsible for the upkeep, calibration and logistics of ensuring the ETS is available for each Event sanctioned by the UKFL©. They will be a point of contact for the Event hosts to ensure the Event is appropriately equipped. The ETS Officer ensures they have a network of ETS owners who may be competing or able to offer their ETS at the Event in question.

**2.13 Equipment Officer** - 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.

**(2.12 and 2.13 will work together within their roles).**

**2.14 Veterinary Consultation Team** - The Veterinary Consultation Team will consist of a qualified Veterinary Surgeon, Veterinary Nurse and Physiotherapist. They will be available to assist the Committee in areas requiring medical advice where only a qualified person is suitable. The Team will advise and mediate on concerns raised around health implications of racing dogs, injuries and other flyball related concerns. They may also be required to attend an Event.

**2.15 Accessibility Officer** - The Accessibility Officer has a primary function to ensure that the UKFL© is accommodating and inclusive for all members. They will consult with members within the league and work closely with the Committee to ensure that the Accessibility policy is adhered to and monitored.

**2.16 Judges Consultant** - The Judges Consultant will work with the Board in ensuring consistency throughout our judging members, be a point of call for all judges, support our judges in all aspects, be



responsible for log books, tests and overseeing the judging process.

**2.17 Safeguarding Lead Officer** – The Safeguarding Lead Officer will work with the Board/committee and Junior Liaison Officer to ensure UKFL© Juniors are safeguarded at all times. They will be responsible for communicating with outside organisations if necessary. They will maintain and update the safeguarding policy when needed.

**Please note - All officials will need to sign a Confidentiality agreement.**

### **Section 3**

#### **Disciplinary**

##### **3.1 Objective**

The UKFL© aims to provide a flyball environment that allows all members to feel included within the sport. All members upon joining the UKFL© are expected to have read and appreciated the rules of the League. This will ensure all members are in complete knowledge of their expectations as a member relevant to the Code of Conduct. The UKFL© rules including the code of conduct are applicable at all times whilst within the grounds of a sanctioned event and any UKFL© communication.

The Committee are responsible for ensuring the disciplinary process is followed as set out below. To oversee that it is conducted fairly, impartially, in the strictest of confidence and within the best interests of the League.

##### **3.2 Misconduct:**

A UKFL© member may be found guilty of misconduct to include but not limited to the following behaviour:

- a. An act opposing the UKFL© Rules.
- b. Deceptive or manipulating behaviour to gain an unfair advantage.
- c. Any behaviour that might lead anyone in attendance of a UKFL© Event to have a detrimental opinion of the UKFL© and its members.
- d. Bringing the name of the UKFL© into disrepute.

A misconduct consequence may also be applied to a member as a result of a submitted Incident Report Form. This consequence will not follow the complaints procedure (Rule 3.5) but instead will be enforced by the Committee and may be based around behaviour recommendations or a warning. The Committee may decide to take further action if there are multiple incident reports of a similar nature or the Committee deem the incident report sufficient to follow the process as outlined in rule 3.5.

##### **3.3 Gross Misconduct.**

A UKFL© member may be found guilty of gross misconduct to include but not limited to the following circumstances.

- a. Any illegal activity at a sanctioned Event (drug use, theft, violence and crimes against a person).
- b. Deliberate damage to UKFL©, Event host or venue property.
- c. Falsifying of UKFL© official documentation.
- d. Criminal convictions outside of the UKFL© relevant to the welfare and safety of UKFL© members and dogs.
- e. A deliberate blatant act in opposition of UKFL© Rules and Code of Conduct.
- f. Threatening, abusive or aggressive behaviour towards another UKFL© member (both

verbal and physical).

Any member found guilty of Gross Misconduct may be subject to but not limited to any of the following consequences:

- g. Revoking points or wins from the team or member in question.
- h. A temporary suspension/racing ban for up to 12 months.
- i. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> strike).
- j. Where the member is an official of UKFL©, removal from their official role.
- k. Supervision.
- l. Expulsion from UKFL©.

### **3.4 Lodging an Official Complaint with UKFL©**

Any UKFL© member may report another UKFL© member or group of members if they feel the UKFL© rules and/or code of conduct have been breached.

Complaints should be lodged on the online UKFL© Official Complaints form within 7 days of the incident and be accompanied with the fee of £100, if the complaint is upheld the complainant will have £50 returned to them. The Committee will follow the same process for lodging a complaint (within 7 days of the incident) however associated fees will be waived.

Any member who reports an official complaint must ensure confidentiality is adhered to and must only discuss the breach with the IDP and any of their witnesses.

### **3.5 Complaints Procedure**

Every complaint lodged with the UKFL© will be required to be dealt with in a consistent manner. This will be achieved by following the procedure outlined below. UKFL© members will have a fair and transparent process leaving nothing to individual interpretation.

1. The UKFL© Secretary receives the Official Complaint Form.
2. The Secretary will inform the Committee of the complaint.
3. The Committee will within 5 days following the submission of the complaint, appoint an impartial IDP (Investigating Disciplinary Panel) and inform the subject of the complaint.
4. Once the IDP has been appointed the Secretary will inform the complainant of an established IDP.
5. The IDP will then contact the complainant within 5 days of the Secretary's formal notice to gain a thorough understanding of the complaint and give the complainant the opportunity to submit any witnesses/witness statements relevant to the case. Whilst referencing the original lodged Official Complaint Form, any witness statements must be in direct relation to the complaint raised in the Official Complaints Form. Any further submissions from the complainant will need to be submitted within 7 days of the IDPs formal notice.
6. The IDP will also contact the subject/s of complaint to inform them of the complaint received and its nature. The IDP will initially gain the subject/s account of events and request any written statement and witnesses they wish to submit regarding the complaint. Any submissions from the defendant will need to be submitted within 7 days of the IDP formal notice.
7. The IDP at this stage will make every effort to secure statements from all witnesses cited by both parties. The IDP requests a statement detailing their version of events wherever possible. The IDP will not disclose the nature of the complaint but will instead reference the 'incident' that they have been cited as witness to. Any submissions from the witnesses will need to be submitted within 7 days of the IDP contact.
8. Following consultation with the complainant/subject and all witnesses, discussions within the

IDP will then ascertain whether a breach of the rules has occurred. This decision will be made within 7 days of the expiration of the witness information stage point 7.

- a. If no rule is found to have been breached the complainant and subject will be made aware that the complaint has not been upheld. No further investigation will be conducted and the complaint closed.
  - b. If the IDP finds that a rule has been breached they will continue to point 9.
9. If the IDP has found a rule to have been breached the IDP will contact the subject in writing with their findings and reasoning for their conclusion. The IDP will inform the defendant of the case now progressing to the disciplinary stage. The IDP will also inform the Committee of their findings and decision.
10. For consistency the IDP will remain in place for the disciplinary stage.
11. The IDP will then discuss and decide on a suitable consequence. They will inform the subject of the consequence within 7 days.

Examples of consequences will include but shall not be limited to -

- a. Mediation
- b. Warning
- c. Supervision
- d. Suspension
- e. Expulsion

12. The IDP will communicate the decision of the consequence to the complainant, subject and Committee, with supporting written explanation and required next steps on how the charge will be applied. In addition to this the IDP will also advise the defendant of the right to appeal.

Please note - The allocated time period noted in the brackets above start the day after the communication ends at 11.59pm on the final day. EG - Rules 3.5 - 3 Complaint received on the 1st January, time for committee to appoint IPD starts on the 2nd January and expires at 11.59pm on the 6th January. Where days are stated, this means working days.

### **3.6 Appeal Procedure**

1. A subject's right to appeal shall be submitted in writing to the IDP within 7 days of the consequence being issued.
  - a. The submission should outline reasons for the appeal, intentions of the appeal and supporting statement. An example of an appeal basis may be extenuating circumstances not disclosed previously to the IDP.
2. The IDP will acknowledge the subjects appeal which will then be reviewed and a final decision made based on the merit of the appeal and information supplied.
3. Only 1 appeal will be permitted by a subject.
4. The IDP will then make a decision on the appeal within 7 days of receipt, the IDPs decision of the submitted appeal will be final.

### **3.7 Investigating Disciplinary Panel. (IDP)**

1. The IDP will consist of a minimum of 3 members. These members will remain anonymous to all parties, other than the committee.
2. The following criteria shall be met where possible when forming an IDP.
  - a. Must be impartial and independent of the current Committee, Complainant and Subject. All IDP must not be linked by Team (including ex members), family or perceived friendship.
  - b. Where possible they hold relevant qualifications, which would help them form their case and reach a fair conclusion. i.e. Judge or Vet.
  - c. The IDP will never consist of Board or Committee Members.

3. The IDP will remain in place for the disciplinary process for consistency wherever possible. The IDP will make decisions based on all the evidence presented and witnesses contacted.
4. Failure to comply with any reasonable request or information from the IDP within the specific time frame will not be accepted later as grounds for appeal. The IDP will only refer to the information gathered when reaching their decision on the matter under review.
5. The IDP consequence may only be changed through a successful appeal, if changed during the appeal the new consequence will supersede the original.
6. In order to reach a decision, the IDP may refer to anonymised case studies of previous complaints procedures these case studies may inform the investigating IDP of useful precedents that may inform their decision making process.

### **3.8 Complaints against Committee Members**

In the event that a UKFL© member feels a Committee Member has breached the rules, they must submit the Committee Complaint Form along with accompanying fee of £100 within 7 days of the incident.

Complaints against Committee Members will be processed by the Board, the Board have every right to suspend the member from their Committee role pending the investigation and consequence. An IDP will be formed and 3.5 complaint procedures adhered to. If necessary the IDP will consist of external independent people who will be contacted and asked to investigate the complaint as an impartial body.

### **3.9 Complaints against a member of the Board**

In the event that a UKFL© member feels a Board Member has breached the Rules they will submit the Board Complaint Form along with accompanying fee of £100 within 7 days of the incident.

Complaints against Board Members will be processed by the Committee, the Committee are to inform the other Board Members. 3.5 complaint procedures adhered to. If necessary the IDP will consist of external independent people who will be contacted and asked to investigate the complaint as an impartial body.

Please note – All parties/individuals involved in the complaint procedure must sign and agree to the confidentiality agreement to protect the validity of the investigation.

## **Section 4**

### **Annual Conference**

The UKFL© will hold an Annual Conference as near as possible to the start of the new calendar year within the period between 1st January and 28th February. At least 120 days notice will be provided prior to the conference.

The UKFL© will aim to educate, inform and offer a very transparent dissection of the previous year and a forecast and statement of intentions for the coming year.

The Annual Conference will include items such as:

- Financial analysis of the previous year.
- Financial forecast for the coming year.
- Committee review of previous year.
- Committee strategy statement of coming year.
- Exit Committee members.
- Welcome Committee members.
- Voting will open 30 days in advance of the Annual Conference and close 7 days before. The results of the Committee voting will be announced at the Annual Conference.
- Voting numbers will be made public.

- Awards presentation.
- Officer reports/presentations.
- Member points of clarification (to be submitted in advance).
- Guest speakers/Sponsors.

The conference and its presentations where appropriate will be made available to the whole membership within 10 days of the conference.

Any agenda items members wish to be considered for the Annual Conference must be submitted to the Board via the website 30 days prior to the event.

## **Section 5**

### **Rule Changes**

The UKFL© aims to keep the rules of the League consistent, inclusive and fair for all competitors. The UKFL© will allow for rule changes/amendments to be introduced at any time by the Board/Committee/Judges Consultant. This means that important and relevant changes can be introduced without delay, for the benefit of the sport and the welfare of the dogs/members. Members can put forward suggested rule changes/amendments at any time as outlined in the guidelines below. New rules and amendments will not be put to a member vote but will follow the predefined process for implementation shown below.

The Board/Committee will accept observations from members outside of the change/amendment process where clarification and/or errors/conflicts are highlighted, this is required to be submitted via the online form on the UKFL© and will not incur the change/amendment administration fee.

Any rule amendments and additions from a UKFL© Member will only be considered by the Committee if submitted via the online form on the UKFL© website and with an accompanying £20 administration fee paid by transfer to the UKFL©.

1. Membership number of proposers.
2. Intentions of the rule.
3. Suggested wording.
4. Proposed location within the current rules.
5. Written statement to support rule change.
6. Supporting evidence/research.

Once submitted the suggested rule change/amendment will follow these stages and associated timings where possible (from Secretary handover to full Board) as given:

1. The Board will discuss the submitted e-mail (7 days where possible).
2. If the Board deem the submission to be of value to the UKFL©, a working party will be formed. If no value is seen in the submission the Committee will contact the proposer and explain why this is not suitable.
3. The Board will evaluate the relevance/importance of the submission and prepare an accompanying statement for the working party (7 days where possible).
4. Suggested rule/amendment will be referred to a working party of 3 people. This will be made of independent individuals and where possible will include an individual relevant to the submission (i.e Vet, Chiropractor, Data Analyst). Any individual as part of the working party, who is not a member shall only fill one place. The other two places are to be taken by UKFL© members. Where required the working party may consult with the member submitting the proposed change for points of clarification.
5. The working party will evaluate the impact and feasibility and report back to the Board on their recommendations of acceptance or refusal to the rule change/amendment and their supporting reasons and evidence. With justification, if in receipt of a major rule change, the working party can request an extension to be agreed by the Board and communicated to the member submitting the

change (25 Days).

6. Upon receipt of the working party report and recommendations the Board will then re-evaluate the submission and its suitability using all evidence presented and details from the working party. Where appropriate the Board may use this time to gauge feedback/input and discussion from the membership (7 days).
7. The UKFL© Board will then make a final decision on the submission's entry to the UKFL© rule book and the timing of its implementation. (7 days where possible).
8. The UKFL© Board will communicate to the membership the rule change/amendment to the membership and release a statement with the decision and justification for that decision.

Please note – where days are states, this means working days.

At all stages during the rule change/amendment process the Board's decision will be final. The Board will retain overall responsibility for the rule book and its contents and can overrule the Committee where needed. All rule changes/amendments will be tracked, lodged and updated, a summary will be available on the UKFL© website in date order.

## **Section 6**

### **Types of Teams - Requirements:**

All dogs running in any type of team must be registered with the UKFL©.

#### **6.1 League Teams**

1. Dogs must be a minimum of 15 Months old.
2. A minimum of four dogs and four handlers and a maximum of six dogs and six handlers may be listed.
3. Dogs can be any breed.
4. A Box Loader.
5. Teams may have other members of their team in the ring to help them for jobs such as ball collecting, video of the line etc. At no time may these extra members interfere with the Judges or the opposing team. If they do the Judge has every right to ask them to leave the ring.
6. League Teams will be eligible for UKFL© points, placings and League Records at UKFL© Events and will be on the UKFL© League list.
7. All League teams' fastest time of the Event will be recorded on the UKFL© League List.
8. No UKFL© Multibreed record can be gained in League sanctioned racing.
9. A UKFL© League time will remain on the League list for a period of 6 months. If after the 6 months no new times have been gained by the team, that team name will be removed from the League list until they achieve a new League time.

#### **6.2 Multi-breed Teams**

1. Dogs must be a minimum of 15 Months old
2. Registered Multi Breed teams can only be entered in a Multi-breed sanctioned Event.
3. A minimum of four dogs and four handlers and a maximum of six dogs and six handlers may be listed.
4. A Box Loader.
5. Teams may have other members of their team in the ring to help them with jobs such as ball collecting, video of the line etc. At no time may these extra members interfere with the Judges or the opposing team. If they do the Judge has every right to ask them to leave the ring.
6. Dogs can be from different teams, they do not have to belong to the team name entered.
7. Four different breeds need to be used for each heat, i.e. 1 Border Collie, 1 Jack Russell, 1 Cocker Spaniel and 1 Crossbreed. You cannot use 2 of the same breeds in the heat but can list 2 of the same breeds on the UKFL© Official Timesheet.

8. Multi Breed teams will be eligible for UKFL© points, placings and Multibreed records at a UKFL© Multibreed event.
9. All Multi breed teams fastest time of the Event will be recorded on the UKFL© Multibreed League List.
10. No UKFL© League Record can be gained in Multibreed sanctioned racing.
11. A UKFL© Multi Breed League time will remain on the League list for a period of 12 months. If after the 12 months no new times have been gained by the team, that team name will be removed from the League list until they achieve a new Multi Breed League time.

### **6.3 Tag Teams**

1. Dogs must be a minimum of 15 Months old
2. Tag teams are created after racing starts when League or Sync Teams have had a loss of one or more of their team dogs that prevents them from competing further in the Event.
3. Should a League or Sync Team lose a dog during an Event they may replace the dog with another dog from any team that is not running on that day to finish the Event.
4. Once a League Team becomes a Tag Team:
  - a. All heats raced as a Tag Team will be converted to losses.
  - b. They cannot set a UKFL© Record, nor their time be ranked in the UKFL© League list.
  - c. Races against the Tag Teams will be raced as if the Tag team were a League team.
  - d. Once the race is over, all heats for the Tag team will be converted to losses and the League team, will be awarded the win of the race by the Scribe.
  - e. All wins of the League Team prior to becoming a Tag Team shall still be valid for placements, records and rankings.
  - f. All dogs competing with the Tag Team are eligible to earn UKFL© points for clean runs and breakouts only.
5. All rules of racing continue to apply.
6. The Tag dogs will be added by listing that dog's name, number and jump height in the 7th and 8th row of the timesheet.
7. A maximum of 2 dogs can be added.

### **6.4 Sync Teams**

1. Dogs must be a minimum of 15 Months old.
2. A Sync team is entered on the timesheet before racing starts.
3. A minimum of four dogs and four handlers and a maximum of six dogs and six handlers may be listed.
4. At least one of the dogs that runs must be from a different club or have no club and must run in at least one heat.
5. A Box Loader.
6. Teams may have a line caller and other members of their team in the ring to help them. At no time may these extra members interfere with the Judges or the opposing team.
8. Any dog from any team may compete with another team as a Sync Team. Dogs need not be from the same team nor do they need to belong to a team.
9. Dogs and participants must be UKFL© members.
10. Sync teams can convert to an NFC Team during racing should it become necessary.
11. Sync teams are eligible to earn UKFL© points. Races against Sync Teams will be played out as if the Sync team was a League Team.
12. Sync teams can race for placement in the Event, but cannot set UKFL© records. Sync teams can win heats but will not be ranked in the UKFL© Database.

### **6.5 Not for Competition (NFC)**

1. Dogs must be a minimum of 15 Months old in league racing and 15 Months in Little league.
2. To be declared on the timesheet as soon as the team decides to go NFC.
3. A maximum of six dogs and six handlers may be listed.
4. A Box loader.
5. Teams may have other members of their team in the ring to help them for jobs such a ball collecting, video of the line etc. At no time may these extra members interfere with the Judges or the opposing team. If they do, the Judge has every right to ask them to leave the ring.
6. A team can use training aids (e.g. jump wings) during the course of a heat.
7. Team members may be allowed in the racing lane to assist with training aids or become static training aids, however the opposing racing team can object to the Judge if they consider this to be too much of a distraction.
8. NFC team members can run or walk up and down the racing lane during a race as long as this does not affect the League team in the other lane as they take priority.
9. The NFC team will continue to run but all their races will be recorded as a loss.
10. All earlier races for that team will be recorded as losses and wins will be recorded for their opponents.
11. No UKFL© points can be gained and all points awarded before declaring NFC will be removed. NFC teams are not eligible for false starts.

### **6.6 Singles Dog**

1. Dogs must be a Minimum of 15 Months old.
2. One dog and one handler.
3. A Box Loader.
4. Teams may have other members of their team in the ring to help them with jobs such ball collecting, video of the line etc. At no time may these extra members interfere with the Judges or the opposing team. If they do, the Judge has every right to ask them to leave the ring.
5. Dogs do not have to be in a team to enter.
6. Single dogs may only enter a singles competition. They may not enter pairs or run in a League team racing the same day but may be used as a Tag team dog.
7. The best time per dog will be recorded and put in the UKFL© singles League list.
8. The winner of the division will be awarded to the dog who completes the most amount of clean heats without reruns.
9. If you chose to rerun this will be marked at a NT loss.
10. If there is more than one dog on the same amount of heats, the placing will then go in order of fastest time to slowest time.
11. If the dog in the opposite lane is NFC then you will not be awarded a win unless it is a clean heat.
12. Singles dogs will be eligible for UKFL© points and placings at UKFL© Events and will be on the UKFL© Singles League list.

### **6.7 Junior Singles**

1. All of 6.6 (1 - 12 ) will apply plus the following additional points
2. Juniors must be aged between 4 and 18 years on the day of racing
3. The Junior may be assisted in the ring (lining up, catching the dog etc) and where possible encouraged to release the dog at the start as independently as they can.
4. In the event that two dogs handled by the same junior are in the same division and required to race each other, one of the dogs may be raced by a different junior for that race but the handler should remain consistent throughout that race. Juniors may not swap dogs during the course of one race.
5. Junior fledgling points will be awarded as normal.



## **6.8 Little League Singles**

1. Dogs must be a minimum of 15 months old
2. One dog and one handler
3. One box loader
4. Teams may have other members of their team in the ring to help with ball collecting, line calling etc.
5. The jump height is set according to the discretion of the team racing rather than according to the height of the dog.
6. Training aids are permitted such as jump boards at the box, jump wings, trainers at the box and trainers running alongside the lane.
7. Event hosts should provide wings which may be used on each jump. Centre netting is permitted in both the racing lane and run back area.
8. Dogs competing in Little League Singles are not required to trigger a box and can instead retrieve an item from the floor.
9. Training chutes are not permitted
10. Any item chosen by the handler may be used as the retrieve article.
11. Dogs do not have to be in a Team to enter.
12. Little League Singles dogs may only enter a Little League Singles competition. They may not enter Little League Pairs or run in a Little League Team on the same day.
13. Little League Singles should be 2 races of 4 heats.
14. Dogs entered into Little League Singles tend to fall into the following categories:
  - a. Dogs that are not yet sufficiently familiar with events and the intensity of the racing atmosphere.
  - b. Young dogs that are progressing well in training but are not quite ready for League events.
  - c. Dogs returning to flyball after an extended break
  - d. Dogs that need additional support due to a loss of confidence
  - e. Older dogs that have been retired from racing but still need the mental stimulation that flyball provides.
15. The winner of Little League Singles will be determined by the number of completed heats as opposed to fastest time.
16. If there is more than one dog on the same amount of heats, the placing will then go in order of fastest time to slowest time.

It is not considered good sportsmanship to run an experienced dog in Little League Events. No UKFL points can be gained and no times will be recorded on the UKFL website.

## **6.9 Pairs Teams**

1. Dogs must be a Minimum of 15 months old.
2. Two dogs and two handlers.
3. A Box Loader
4. Teams may have other members of their team in the ring to help them for jobs such as ball collecting, video of the line etc. At no time may these extra members interfere with the Judges or the opposing team. If they do, the Judge has every right to ask them to leave the ring.
5. Dogs do not have to be from the same team or have to be registered with a team to enter.
6. Pair dogs may only enter pairs competition. They may not enter singles and cannot run in League racing the same day but may be used as a Tag team dog.
7. The pairs team's best time will be recorded on the UKFL© pairs League list.
8. The winner of the division will be the pair who complete the most amount of clean runs without any rerun.
9. If you rerun this will be award as a NT loss
10. If there is more than one pair on the same amount of heats, the placing will then go in order of fastest time to slowest time.

11. If the pair in the opposite lane is NFC then you will not be award a win unless it is a clean heat.
12. Pairs teams will be eligible for UKFL© points at UKFL© Events.

### **6.10 Little League Pairs:**

1. Dogs must be a minimum of 15 months old
  2. Two dogs and two handlers
  3. One box loader
  4. Teams may have other members of their team in the ring to help with ball collecting, line calling etc.
  5. Dogs do not have to be from the same team or have to be registered with a team to enter.
  6. The jump height is set according to the discretion of the team racing rather than according to the height of the dog.
  7. Training aids are permitted such as jump boards at the box, jump wings, trainers at the box and trainers running alongside the lane.
  8. Event hosts should provide wings which may be used on each jump. Centre netting is permitted in both the racing lane and run back area.
  9. Dogs competing in Little League Pairs are not required to trigger a box and can instead retrieve an item from the floor.
  10. Training chutes are not permitted
  11. Any item chosen by the handler may be used as the retrieve article.
  12. Little League Pairs dogs may only enter a Little League Pairs competition. They may not enter Little League Singles or run in a Little League Team on the same day.
  13. Little League Pairs should be 2 races of 4 heats.
  14. Dogs entered into Little League Pairs tend to fall into the following categories:
  15. Dogs that are not yet sufficiently familiar with events and the intensity of the racing atmosphere.
  16. Young dogs that are progressing well in training but are not quite ready for League events.
  17. Dogs returning to flyball after an extended break
  18. Dogs that need additional support due to a loss of confidence
  19. Older dogs that have been retired from racing but still need the mental stimulation that flyball provides.
  20. The winner of Little League Pairs will be determined by the number of completed heats as opposed to fastest time.
  21. If there is more than one dog on the same amount of heats, the placing will then go in order of fastest time to slowest time.
  22. If the pair is in the opposite lane is NFC you will not be award a win unless it is a clean heat.
- It is not considered good sportsmanship to run an experienced dog in Little League Events. No UKFL points can be gained and no times will be recorded on the UKFL website.

### **6.11 Little League Teams.**

1. Dogs must be a Minimum of 15 months old.
2. A minimum of four dogs and four handlers and a maximum of six dogs and six handlers may be listed.
3. The jump heights are set according to the discretion of the team racing, rather than according to the height of the smallest dog.
4. Training aids are permitted – such as jump-boards at the box, jump wings, trainers at the box, trainers or handlers running alongside the lane.
5. Event hosts should provide wings which may be used on each jump. Fully netted lanes are permitted.
6. Dogs competing in Little League are not required to trigger the box, they may instead retrieve an item from the floor. Training Chutes are not permitted for use.
7. Any item chosen by the handler may be used as the retrieved article.

8. Teams competing may comprise of dogs from different Teams.
9. The number of races and heats will be determined by the Event Host.
10. Where the Little League is run alongside a Sanctioned Event, Little League dogs may compete in both events over the two days, but only one team per day.
11. Sanctioned racing must be given precedence over Little League racing.
12. Dogs that are entered for Little League Teams tend to fall into 5 categories:
  - a. Dogs that are not yet sufficiently familiar with Events and the intensity of the racing atmosphere.
  - b. Young dogs that are progressing well in training, but are not yet old enough to run in League or other Types of Teams.
  - c. Dogs returning to Flyball after an extended break – perhaps after having recovered from surgery.
  - d. Dogs that need additional attention, perhaps having lost confidence during racing or training.
  - e. Older dogs that have been retired from racing, but still need the mental stimulation that Flyball provides.
13. It is not considered good sportsmanship to run an experienced Flyball dog in a Little League team.
14. No UKFL© points can be gained and no times will be recorded on the UKFL Website.

### **6.12 Pre-Cadet Dogs**

1. Dogs must be a Minimum of 12 months old.
2. Dogs entered in Pre-cadet cannot be entered in any other team.
3. Teams may enter a maximum of 6 dogs as a Pre-Cadet team.
4. The jump height is set according to the discretion of the team racing, rather than according to the height of the smallest dog.
5. Training aids are permitted – such as jump-boards at the box, jump wings, trainers at the box, trainers or handlers running alongside the lane.
6. Chutes or “hit boards” may be used at the team's discretion but must be constructed with the comfort and wellbeing of the dog in mind. The board must provide full stability for the dogs and equally be safe to use by UKFL© members. Sharp edges must be avoided and adequate padding and protection should be used. The Events UKFL© Level 3 judges have the right to refuse the use of any chute or “hit board” they deem to be unfit to use. \*The UKFL© advises that chutes and “hit boards” are not best used in conjunction with full runs\*.
7. Pre-Cadets is intended for dogs that are not quite ready for League racing.
8. The dog entered in the Pre-Cadet is not required to run against/with another dog. However, the team has the option of allowing an additional dog/handler in the ring to race against/with.
9. A judge must be in the ring supervising all Pre-Cadet activities.
10. Ring Party members are not required.
11. Dogs entered in Pre-Cadet will be given three 6-minute periods.
12. No warm up period will be given.
13. Pre-Cadet teams may use the time to work on whatever aspect of flyball they wish.
14. Teams can use one or both lanes.
15. There will be no UKFL© points awarded, and no times will be recorded.

### **6.13 Mini/Maxi Pairs**

1. Dogs must be a Minimum of 15 months old.
2. Two dogs and two handlers.
3. A Box Loader
4. Teams may have other members of their team in the ring to help them for jobs such as ball collecting, video of the line etc. At no time may these extra members interfere with the Judges or

- the opposing team. If they do, the Judge has every right to ask them to leave the ring.
5. Dogs do not have to be from the same team or have to be registered with a team to enter.
  6. Teams must consist of one Mini dog with an official measure at 6", 7" or 8" and one Maxi dog measuring 9" plus.
  7. Mini/Maxi pairs may only be run at official UKFL© hosted events.
  8. Mini/Maxi Pair Dogs may only enter Mini/Maxi Pairs competition. They may not enter singles and cannot run in League racing the same day but may be used as a Tag team dog.
  9. Pairs teams will be eligible for UKFL© points at UKFL© Events.

### **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, multi breed but must not be on the same day, with the exception of a dog which has been excluded from racing that day, it may, where appropriate, become a tag dog in an available Pre-cadet slot.

A dog cannot compete in 2 League teams at any sanctioned event. The dog cannot race more than a maximum of 40 heats over 2 days of consecutive racing and a maximum of 50 heats over any more than 2 days consecutive racing.

## **Section 7**

### **Hosting a UKFL© Sanctioned Event**

#### **7.1 Requirements:**

1. A UKFL© sanctioned Event can only be hosted by a UKFL© member or a UKFL© registered team. The registered team applying must be in good standing with the UKFL©.
2. The host team must follow all of the UKFL© rules.
3. The host team must apply on the UKFL© website a minimum of 90 days before the Event date. The Committee will receive the application and make a decision as appropriate. The UKFL© reserve the right to deny an Event Sanction if it is thought to not be in the best interests of UKFL©.
4. The host team must declare the amount of each team type that they wish to include at their event.
5. Each late application will be judged on its own merit but must be sent in writing to the UKFL© Committee.
6. Applications less than 90 days may be approved if deemed in the best interest of the sport.
7. All teams hosting a UKFL© Event must have Liability Insurance and a copy of the certificate sent to the UKFL© Secretary at least 15 days before the Event start date.
8. Notification of the Event will be listed on the UKFL© Diary.
9. The Event sanctioned by the UKFL© must use a UKFL© approved level 3 Judge or acting level 3 Judge. The level 3 where possible must not be a member of the host team.
10. Event hosts must contact the UKFL© Judges Consultant if they do not have a suitable level 3 judge attending their event. The Judges Consultant will then assist the Event host to find a level 3 judge or acting level 3 judge.
11. New Event Hosts should send their running order to [board@ukflyball.org.uk](mailto:board@ukflyball.org.uk) 7 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 may be advised to amend their running order.
12. Event hosts must allocate the following to their events, from the official UKFL© judges/ring party list and in line with rule 8.2.
  - a. Level 3.
  - b. Measuring Judge.
  - c. Box checkers.
  - d. Divisional judges.
  - e. Ring party.
13. Event Host must then publish the running order on the UKFL© official website and/or social media

pages no less than 7 days prior to the Event along with any other relevant Event information.

Information must include:

- a. Level 3 judge.
  - b. Time racing is to start.
  - c. Time of dog measuring and Judges names.
  - d. Time for box checking and Judges names.
14. All Events hosts must provide a race order for both block and staggered formats, this must be published on the hub and if possible also be displayed on the judges stand. The race order must include the following (example in appendix):
- a. Race number.
  - b. Division.
  - c. Heats.
  - d. Red/Right Lane.
  - e. Left/Blue Lane.
  - f. Judge.
  - g. Ring Party.

### Example Below

Race	Division	Format	Left Lane	Right Lane	Judge	Ring Party
1	2	DRR (2/5)	Team Name	Team Name		
2	1	DRR (2/5)	Team Name	Team Name		
3	3	DRR (3/3)	Team Name	Team Name		
4	4	SRR (4/5)	Team Name	Team Name		
5	3	DRR (3/3)	Team Name	Team Name		

15. An emailed version can be sent if requested by attending team captains.
16. Events hosts must appoint a local vet on call and ensure that the details are visible at the event.
17. Event hosts who cancel an Event once entries are received are required to offer a full refund minus any expenses incurred.
18. The Event host is responsible for the overall planning (toilets, layout, waste disposal etc), communication (entry enquiries, team questions etc), prizes (rosettes and trophies) and execution of the Event. They will liaise with the Committee and officials where appropriate.
19. All relevant Event results and height forms must be sent to the UKFL© Admin Officer for processing within 3 days of the event, these can be email or upload to our online portal. Failing to meet these deadlines may affect the host holding future sanctioned Events and incurring a fine.
20. The Event host will not accept any more than 30 teams per ring per day, including Little League divisions, Singles/Pairs and Pre-Cadet slots.
21. 1 Single/pair entry is classed as half a team. E.g. a 30 team limit on a singles/pairs event would allow an event host to take 60 entries.
22. If the Event is not full then the host team can consider adding Singles, Pairs, Little league and Pre-Cadets team to their Event if the host is not already offering them.
23. The Event must be sanctioned by the UKFL© for teams to be able to gain UKFL© points and a League time.
24. The host team must get written approval from the UKFL© Committee for any and all special or unusual requests i.e. live streaming and or filming.
25. Event hosts are obliged to inform any members attending on the possibility of live streaming. Any objections should be respected and adhered to.
26. The setup and layout of the ring/s must meet the requirement in Rule 10.1.
27. Event hosts are required to release a list of successful entries no more than 72 hours after the closing date. This must be released on the official UKFL© website or social media pages.

## **7.2 Entries**

1. All sanctioned Events will be available for teams to enter on the UKFL© website. 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© (i.e. 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 up to the maximum per each team type as set by the host team. In the event that the maximum limit is not reached for a particular team type then the event host is permitted to increase entry for a different team type by the same amount.
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 oversubscribed they may extend 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 adhered to).
8. All entries are to be taken strictly on the time/date of receipt.
9. The closing date for entries of a UKFL© Event will be 72 hours after the date of entries opening unless rule 7.1(5) comes into effect.
10. An entry must have an accepted payment to enable a team to compete.
11. Payment must be made in full no later than 14 days after successful entries are confirmed on the hub or UKFL website. 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.
12. A Team May pull/cancel their entry to an event up to 21 days before the event without incurring any fees.
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.

**Note:** Any Refunds or waiving of fees is entirely at the host's discretion. Failure to honor the payment of your entry in accordance with the rule may be treated as misconduct.

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.

## **7.3 League/Singles Times for an Event**

1. All times will be taken from the UKFL© League tables available from the UKFL© website.
2. The times are to be taken from the latest League tables which is based on the fastest time recorded by a team/dog during their last 3 sanctioned Events on the 21st day before the Event date except for the UKFL© Championships which will be taken 28th day before.
3. A declared time - to be used for the Event for teams/Dogs without a current League time or wishing to declare slower or faster is required **to be amended on the UKFL app** or submitted via email to the Event host within the same timings as a League table time (21 days prior).
4. A declared time must be at least 1 second slower and any time faster than the team's League time. Failing to declare a time will result in the team being placed at the bottom of the slowest division for the Event.
5. Times used must be shown with declared times clearly marked.
6. 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.

7. All teams will be subject to the division break out which is ½ second faster than the top League time in that division EXCLUDING DIVISION 1.
8. Once all League times and declared times are collected the host will divide the entries into divisions. When doing this the host needs to take into consideration the format to be used and the number of heats given to each team.
9. A division is to have a minimum of 3 teams and a maximum of 7 teams.
10. As entries allow, divisions should be set up to provide fair and competitive racing.

#### **7.4 Formats**

The racing format must be submitted on the Event application by the host team and will be advertised on the Event information on the UKFL© website. Formats permitted are listed below:

1. Round Robin (single or double) - Block and Staggered (3/3, 4/4, 2/5-2/4).
2. Speed Trials with Double Elimination or Round Robin (3/3,4/4,2/5-2/4).
3. In the event of Little League racing, a division of 2 teams will be permissible when ONLY two little league teams have entered to prevent complete cancellation of the format at an event.
4. Teams will be awarded a single 'win' point for each heat won apart from a Tie where the teams will be awarded ½ a point each. These points will go towards a teams final placing at the end of the Event. All heats are raced according to the chosen format (e.g. 3/3 - 3 Races 3 Heats). The Judge will not award a win of the race but instead award heats to the quantity outlined in the division format.

An example of format, division and race order with explaining notes can be found in appendix F. For Round Robin this will be the only permitted format.

#### **7.5 UKFL© Championships**

Committee/Board may change the way the formats work to showcase the best racing in our league. IE Round Robin/ Heat Trials/ Double Elimination/ Number of Heats. Affected team captains will be informed of the change prior to the event if the changes weren't released on event entry.

### **Section 8**

#### **Rules of Racing at a UKFL© Sanctioned Event**

##### **8.1 Object**

Flyball is a race in which there are 4 dogs that jump over a set of four jumps. The dogs must each trigger the pedal on the Flyball box, which then releases a ball. The dog is to retrieve the ball and return over all four jumps in a row, with the ball in its mouth, carrying it completely over the Start/Finish line. Only when the first dog has returned to the Start/Finish line, with any part of its body, may the second dog reach the Start/Finish line with any part of its body, then the other 3 dogs must do the same until all dogs, including any dogs that must re-run due to faults, have completed. The first team to successfully complete the course is declared the winner of the heat.

Six judges shall officiate when two teams are running. (Rules 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5).

##### **8.2 The Events Judges/Measuring Judge**

**Events must have a Level 3 appointed to oversee all of the below**

(Only Judges who are listed on the UKFL© approved list on the website can be a level 3 Judge for a sanctioned Event, (please see rule 7.1 - 8).

1. At the start of each day the following is to be carried out by the allocated official UKFL © Judge/s stated on the Event hosts Divisional order as per rule 7.2.
  - a. Ensure the ring meets Rule 10.1 and racing lanes are correctly measured to 51ft. (Only the level 3 appointed for the day).
  - b. Jumps meet size and placement regulations. (Only the level 3 appointed for the day).

- c. Measuring of the dogs on the day (Measuring Judge and a scribe, this may be another measuring judge or a level 2/3 judge).
  - d. Flyball boxes meet regulations. (Any judge).
  - e. Check the ETS is in the correct place and working correctly. (Any Level 3/2 Judge).
2. Throughout the day the Level 3 Judge is to:
- a. Where appropriate, in consultation with the Event host reduce, delay or suspend racing due to inclement weather conditions (i.e. excessive heat, cold, rain, etc).
  - b. Reduce warm ups due to time delays.
  - c. Oversee and have final authority on all activities within the racing day with the exception:
    - i. You are a member of the team in the ring racing, an impartial level 3 is to called as per rule 8.3 (10).

### **8.3 The Ring Judge**

1. Must be either a Provisional Judge or Level 1, 2, or 3 Judge. (Appendix B).
2. Must be positioned between the racing lanes where they have a clear view of both lanes. The Judges stand must be placed in front of the light tree, between the start gates where possible, if the light tree can not be seen then the judges can be placed at 25ft in the run back.
3. Prior to any warm up commencing in the ring, the ring judge will indicate to both the line judge and teams when the warm up can begin by sounding their whistle
4. Must remain in the ring during warm up time.
5. If it is necessary to stop a heat for any reason, the Ring Judge shall use a whistle.
6. Determine the outcome of each heat by awarding a win, loss, No time, Tie etc....
7. The Judge must indicate when a fault occurs by raising their arm but it does not have to stay raised.
8. The Judge may consult with the Line Judges and the Box Judges before determining a winner if necessary.
9. All Judges must abide by the Code of Conduct.
10. The ring Judges decision is final and they may consult the Events Level 3 Judge to assist in making the final decision.
11. 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.
12. If the Level 3 of the event is a member of one of the racing teams in the ring then an impartial level 3 should be consulted. (If there isn't another level 3 available then a level 2 can be consulted). If no suitable judge is available in person then this consultation may be via a telephone call to another level 3 judge.
13. From time to time during racing, a team may wish to discuss an incident or query with the judge before a final decision is made. The Ring Judges are expected to listen to any contribution fairly and without bias but with due consideration to timescales of racing.
14. Any contribution to discussions surrounding a judge's decision may only be undertaken by the **Team captain** of the racing team. If the registered captain is not at the event, then the "Acting Captain" for the event may contribute. Any contribution to discussions must be conducted respectfully and politely. As per the UKFL© code of conduct, if this is not followed then it may result in the removal of the member from the ring. The judge's decision, once finalised, is the standing decision and should be accepted as such.
15. If a team has 2 teams in the same division and are racing against each other, the team captain is to appoint an acting team captain for one of the team and inform the ring judge as they enter the ring, the acting team captain will represent the team if a query is brought to the ring judges attention. The team captain must not contribute for the team who has an acting team captain.
16. Ring judges must wear their judges' lanyards at all times whilst judging.
17. Ring judges at UKFL© hosted events must wear their supplied, official UKFL© Judges tops.



18. Ring judges are to use electronic whistles only. These will be supplied by UKFL©.

Note: It is the responsibility of the Board to provide highly trained Judges who are consistent with each other in interpreting the rules and will present themselves professionally. Those interested in becoming a Judge please see Appendix B.

#### **8.4 Line Judge**

1. Must be qualified in ring party. (Appendix G).
2. Must be fair and impartial.
3. One Line Judge must be positioned at each Team's starting line, facing each other.
4. They should have an unobstructed view of the Start/finish line.
5. Must remain stationary during each heat.
6. Must watch for any faults in the racing lane to which they are assigned to and indicate the corresponding light to the dog on the ETS.
7. To keep checking the Box Judge for the raising of their flag.
8. Must start the warm up timer on the ETS once the ring judge instructs you to do so
9. Must be 18 years or above if unaccompanied
10. Junior Members aged 16 / 17 years may perform the role of line judge but MUST be accompanied by a qualified member

#### **8.5 Box Judges**

1. Must be qualified in ring party. (Appendix G).
2. Must be fair and impartial.
3. One Box Judge must be positioned at the box end on each side lane.
4. Must have a good view of the box loader but must not hinder access to and from the ring.
5. Must remain stationary during each heat.
6. Must observe for any faults and indicate to the Line Judge by raising their flag (provide by the host team).
7. Examples of faults are below to include but not be limited to:
  - a. Dropped balls.
  - b. Missed jumps.
  - c. Not triggering the box.
  - d. Observe the box and box loader for infringements.
  - e. Check placement of the box.
  - f. Non-verbal encouragement (excluding for any deaf dog).
  - g. Observe dogs, boxloader and spectators for interference.
8. Must be 14 Years or above if unaccompanied.
9. Junior members aged between 10 - 14 can box judge but MUST be accompanied by a qualified member.

#### **8.6 Scribe**

1. Must be qualified in ring party. (Appendix G).
2. One Scribe to cover both lanes must be positioned in line with the judge at 25ft.
3. Check jump heights and widths are correctly set for the dogs running.
4. Record for each heat which dogs participate, the team's time and whether they won, lost or tied.
5. Notify the ring Judge when an NFC/ Sync or Tag Team is running.
6. Notify the ring Judge of any breakouts.
7. Notify the Judge of any dog that has been marked for interference.
8. Notify Judge of racing format.
9. Must be 14 Years or above if unaccompanied.
10. Junior members aged between 10 - 14 can scribe but MUST be accompanied by a qualified member.

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### **8.7 Timesheets**

1. At an Event each team shall consist of a minimum of 4 dogs and a maximum of 6 dogs; a UKFL© member is responsible for each dog.
2. Any Box Loader must be a UKFL© member and declared on the timesheet.
3. The dogs and handlers shall be declared on the timesheet and the timesheet handed into the host team prior to the start of racing.
4. Dogs may only be listed on one team per day with the exception of excluded dogs, who may be permitted to be added to a pre-cadet sheet.
5. The Timesheet will record team name, type of team, team captain name and number, dogs name and number, breed and jump height. It will also record the relevant 'break out times' (if applicable).
6. When a team reports for racing only those dogs declared on the timesheet shall enter the ring, each accompanied by a UKFL© member to hand.
7. Forfeiting teams may be declared NFC or be excluded from the Event by the Level 3 or acting level 3 Judge/Event host and must be made clear on the timesheet.
8. Dogs can only be added to a timesheet after racing has started for a Tag Team only (maximum of 2), where going forward all heats will be recorded as a loss.

### **8.8 Teams**

1. The Team Captain must be a current UKFL© member and will submit the Team name (and Secondary names if applicable) onto the UKFL© Website. The UKFL© will approve the name and if acceptable this name will be registered with the UKFL© and no other Team will be permitted to use it.
2. A UKFL© Registered team must comprise of only UKFL© Registered dogs, and all handlers of these dogs must be current members of the UKFL©.
3. Dogs may be entered for racing in more than one type of team at any UKFL© sanctioned Event but not on the same day, with the exception of excluded dogs who may be permitted to be added to pre-cadets following exclusion. Dogs may not run in 2 League teams. (e.g. 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).
4. Dogs are permitted to run on 2 consecutive days in 2 different league teams if the Events are separate sanctioned Events.
5. For each heat, the team must indicate to the Scribe which dogs will be running. Once the heat has begun, alternate dogs may not be substituted until the heat is over.
6. Please also see Section 6 for Types of Teams.

### **8.9 Reporting for Racing**

1. When a Team reports for racing only those dogs declared on the timesheet shall enter the ring.
2. Teams are expected to report for racing on time. Delays will be excused when a team has a conflict e.g. back to back races, or clubs running teams simultaneously in two rings. Teams that foresee this type of delay should notify the Level 3 Judge/ring Judge or Event host as soon as possible.
3. When a team fails to provide just cause and reports for a race more than five minutes late including the warm up period, they may be assigned losses for heats in that race by the ring Judge.
4. Teams that win by forfeit must run all heats but not necessarily complete to allow the team to advance in the Events placings. If the other team is not available to compete, the team shall race without an opponent.
5. A Team may forfeit a race, or any remaining heats in a race upon providing sufficient reason to

the Level 3 Judge.

6. Teams that forfeit during the Event may be subject to the removal of UKFL© points and/or placings and/or League times at the Level 3 Judges discretion.
7. Teams that do not report for racing on time without cause will forfeit their warm-up time.
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.
9. Teams must run in the correct lanes as shown on the race order.

### **8.10 Warm-Ups**

**Judges are to be in the ring at all times during warm ups and are responsible for the timing as per below:**

1. Prior to the start of each race, a warm-up period shall be provided.
2. Warm up time is a maximum of 2 minutes for League, Multibreed and Little League but this may be reduced to a minimum of 1 minute by the level 3 if required due to delays to ensure the event is finished by a reasonable time.
3. Warm up time is a maximum of 1 minute for Singles/Pairs and Mini/Maxi
4. 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 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.
5. If a team is delayed due to a racing conflict, the warm-up period will not begin until both teams have reported to the racing ring. (Please see 8.9 -2).
6. Teams that do not report for racing on time, without cause, will forfeit their warm-up time.
7. Only dogs listed on the team's timesheet are allowed to warm-up with their team during the designated warm-up period.
8. Training props may be used only during a team's warm-up period unless you are declared NFC, in which case they can continue to be used in the heats.
9. All training props must be removed from the ring once the warm up period is over unless declared NFC.

### **8.11 The Heat**

#### **A. Start/False starts**

1. Dogs may start from a stationary or running start.
2. The flyball heat will commence when the Line Judge begins the start sequence.
3. The first dog shall not cross the Start/Finish line between the ETS Sensors with any part of its body before the start sequence has been completed.
4. A false start occurs when any part of the first dog's body passes the Start/Finish line between the ETS Sensors before the start sequence has been completed. The Judge shall stop the heat and begin the start sequence again.
5. If a second false start is called against the same team in the same race a fault shall be indicated, and the dog will be required to run again at the end of the line-up.
6. If a second false start occurs concurrent with the opposing team's first false start, the opposing team's first false start supersedes the team's second false start. The heat shall be stopped, and the start sequence shall be restarted.
7. Teams are only allowed one false start per race.
8. When electronic starting lights are used, any part of the dogs' or handler's body breaking the beam will cause an infringement to be called by the Line or Division Judge.
9. All remaining dogs, after the first dog, shall not cross the Start/Finish line between the ETS Sensors with any part of their bodies, until the returning dog crosses the Start/Finish line between the ETS Sensors with any part of its body.
10. No handler/UKFL© member shall cross the Start/Finish line with any part of their body, or with

any object, such as a toy, at any time during the heat, except to reposition a knocked jump or retrieve a loose ball.

### **B. The Run**

1. Each running dog must jump the four jumps in succession from the Start/Finish line between the ETS Sensors to the flyball box and return over all four jumps to the Start/Finish between the ETS Sensors line.
2. The dog must trigger the flyball box before collecting the ball that is ejected from the box, and carry the ball in mouth completely over each jump and completely across the Start/Finish line between the ETS Sensors.
3. During the return run a dog may collect a dropped ball without penalty (even if this means jumping more than four jumps on the return run).
4. Only when the first dog has reached the start/finish line with any part of its body may the second dog reach that line with any part of its body, (generally this is a nose to nose pass at the start/finish line between the ETS Sensors) and so on for all four dogs, as well as dogs that must run again.
5. Once the dog crosses the Start/Finish line with any part of its body, its turn has ended.
6. Any dog that crosses the start/finish line and has not completed the course will be required to rerun at the end of the lineup in order.
7. A dog has until it returns over the start/finish line between the ETS Sensors to correct any errors it has made.

### **C. Faults**

1. Any Fault will be signaled by the Judge and/or Line Judge and/or Box Judge when a dog or handler/member infringes any of the rules of racing.
2. Early passes will be indicated by the Judge and the Line Judge who will turn on the corresponding light on the ETS and the dog will be required to run again after the other dogs have run.
3. Dogs that are faulted for any reason must be re-run in the order that they were faulted.
4. A Fault, whether caused by the actions of the dog, participant, or box loader, requires that the dog re-run the course in the order in which the fault was received and after all dogs have completed their first run,
5. Only one fault will be accumulated per attempted run.
6. An attempted run begins when the outgoing dog crosses the start finish line with any part of its body.
7. Teams do not have to re-run faults.

### **D. Examples of a fault**

Where a dog may need to re-run (included but not limited to):

1. The first dog (start dog) receives another false start in the same heat/race.
2. If a dog reaches the start/finish line before the preceding dog has reached the start/finish line.
3. Dog does not take every jump in order or goes around any jumps.
4. Dog does not trigger the box and takes the ball from the cup.
5. Dog does not return with the ball over the start/finish line.
6. Dog does not carry the ball over each jump.
7. If any part of the handler's body or associated objects (such as a toy) crosses the start/finish line during his/her dog's run the dog must run again.
8. When electronic changeover lights are used any part of the outgoing dog's body breaking the beam before any part of the returning dog's body.
9. The box loader provides anything other than verbal assistance to the dog. (With the exception of a deaf dog).

### **E. The Box Loader**

1. Once they have loaded each ball, they are required to return to an upright position. The Box Loader's hands should remain either stationary at his/her side or behind his/her back.
2. The Box Loader is allowed to provide verbal encouragement to each dog.
3. The Box Loader must stay positioned on the box, except to get a fresh supply of balls for that heat, retrieve a loose ball, or reposition a knocked jump, until the Judge declares the winner of the heat.
4. For deaf dog's hand signals may be used as long as it does not distract the opposing team's dogs.
5. If the judge rules that the Box Loader has violated these rules then the team may forfeit the heat.
6. Containers of balls must remain behind the backboards and out of sight at all times.

### **F. The Finish**

1. The first team to have all four dogs successfully complete a run wins the heat.
2. After all dogs on the team have completed the sequence and all dogs who received infractions have rerun if the team chooses to, or the Judge declares the heat over, the heat will be declared complete.
3. A heat may be won by default by the opposing team according to the rules of racing.
4. The team who completes the heat with the fastest time will be declared the winner of the heat. If the winning team is NFC, Tag Team, or a team with less than 4 dogs, the heat will be recorded as a loss and the other team will be recorded as a win regardless of times.
5. Teams unable or unwilling to re-run faults shall be awarded a "No Time" (NT).

### **G. Breakouts**

In the interest of keeping racing in divisions as competitive as possible, a half second divisional breakout will apply to all divisions with the exception of Division 1.

1. The breakout for each division will be ½ a second faster than the seed time of the top seeded team in that division.
2. If any team in a division runs faster than the divisional breakout time, the team will receive a loss for that heat, the time will not be recognised as a UKFL© record time.
3. A team's fastest time even if it's a breakout time will be listed on the UKFL© League List.
4. If a team breaks out 3 times the team will still be eligible to receive UKFL© points for all races, but all remaining heats will be scored as losses.
5. When both racing team's breakout, both teams will receive a loss for that heat. When one team breaks out and the other does not finish, both teams will receive a loss for that heat.
6. If a breakout is missed and the race is over, the Scribe shall change the Events record to indicate the breakout and the affected team will be notified.
7. BO times will not be used for team placings in the event of a tie. In the event of 3 breakouts, all earlier races for that team will be recorded as losses and wins will be recorded for their opponents.

### **H. Interference**

Interference is defined as obstructing the other team's dog from running/completing its race.

1. If a dog or any team member interferes with the opposing team during a heat and prevents them from completing their heat the Judge will stop the heat, and the team causing the interference will forfeit the heat.
2. The timesheet will declare NT INT for the interfering team and AVG INT for the opposing team.
3. Interference can be in the racing lane or in all bound areas and in the areas where dogs are waiting to run.
4. A dog chasing a loose ball into the other team's area is not necessarily interference however the whistle will be blown to stop the race for safety and the race restarted.

5. Interference in the racing lane will be classed as any dog passing through what would be a centre line between the 2 jumps from the backboards to the back of the runback if marked.
6. A dog who interferes with opposing teams from the start of warm up and in each heat intentionally will be marked on the timesheet. If the dog gains 2 marks against its name across all the heats, the dog will then be disqualified and not permitted to run again that day, the ring Judge must inform the Level 3 judge. The team is allowed to use a reserve dog if one is recorded on their timesheet, or the team may convert to a Tag team (as per Section 6).
7. Any dog that is disqualified must be logged with UKFL© via the online incident report form by the judge who disqualified the dog.
8. A handler that has had a dog disqualified from racing and reported via the UKFL© official interference report form, at a minimum of 3 events within a 1-year period, may be contacted by the committee to discuss progressive actions to resolve the highlighted issues.
9. If a dog is deemed as unsafe and requires further training the committee has the right to suspend it from league racing. The committee will work with the handler to support the dog's progression in resolving said issues. Each dog will be judged on the severity of the disqualification and dealt with on a case by case basis. Once all parties are satisfied the dog is safe it will be allowed to return to league racing.
10. A dog which has been excluded from racing, may where appropriate, become a tag dog on an available Pre-cadet slot.

### **I. Knocked Over and Broken Jumps**

1. Dogs will not be penalised for knocking jump.
2. The Judge will stop the heat for any knocked down jump or slat that falls into an unsafe position for safety reasons, a team member or helper may return the jump into its upright position and then the judge will restart the race. The heat will be stopped for any broken part of a jump, the host team is to replace the broken part and the Judge will then restart the race.

### **J. Unsafe behaviour/distractions during racing**

Although these may not directly interfere with the opposing team, unsafe behaviours are actions taken by a member or racing dog that may negatively impact other members, dogs, officials and even spectators.

Actions such as, but not limited to:

1. Throwing a ball, toy, or other objects in the runback area shall be considered an "Unsafe behaviour." The Judge shall first make a warning regarding the behaviour. Should the behaviour continue, at the Judge's discretion, the offending team may be required to forfeit the next heat, or in the case of the last heat of the race will forfeit that heat.
2. Teams must pick up any loose balls.
3. Any inanimate/hazardous object that distracts a dog:
  - a. Opposite lanes the ball rolls over (their dog doesn't chase it) but the ball distracts the dog, meaning the dog cannot complete.
  - b. Judge will stop the race for safety and restart the race.

Unsafe behaviour/distractions may receive a warning then any second offence or any offence thereafter during the race will result in the loss of the heat.

### **K. Flyball Box Malfunction**

1. The box loader shall indicate by crossing their arms into an "X" above their head when a box malfunction occurs.
2. The Judge shall stop the heat and confirm the malfunction, no one is to tamper with the box until the Judge has confirmed the malfunction.
3. If the Judge confirms the box did malfunction, the team can switch to an alternate flyball box or repair the malfunctioning box so long as the repair can be made in a reasonable amount of time in

the opinion of the Judge.

- If the box is found to be working the heat shall be forfeited. If the box malfunctions a second time (or the spare box malfunctions) in the same race, the heat and all the remaining heats in that race shall be forfeited.

### **L. Recording the results**

1. The first team to have all of its dogs successfully complete, including re-running any faults, will be declared the winner of the heat.
2. The Scribe will record the outcome of the heat by circling the correct outcome on the timesheet in the Result column.
3. Any record time must be marked on the timesheet and all appropriate forms filled in.
4. The host team may display the results either on the UKFL© paperwork or UKFL© app.

Below is an example of terms that may be used on the timesheet and an example of our paper and electronic timesheet:

Race 4		Team Racing:		INSERT TEAM NAME 3														
Heat	Dogs								Time	Results						Dog No INT		
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		W	L	T	CR	NT	B/O	INT		
2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		W	L	T	CR	NT	B/O	INT		
3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		W	L	T	CR	NT	B/O	INT		
					Fastest Time													

**W = Win**

**L = Loss**

**T = Tie:**

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:**

All 4 dogs have completely without fault.

**NT = No time.**

**INT = Interference:**

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:**

Where a team runs faster than their breakout time which is shown on the timesheet, then BO must be circled.

### **M. Reason for a LOSS/LOSS**

A loss for both teams shall be recorded in the following circumstances:

1. An NFC/Tag team running against a team presenting with less than 4 dogs.
2. A team that has already broken out 3 times racing against an NFC/Tag team.
3. A team that breaks out (single heat) racing against an NFC/Tag team.
4. When both teams break out.
5. When both teams choose not to rerun a dog in order to finish the race.

6. When a team interferes with a team who has less than 4 dogs running.
7. When a team declines to run their own secondary teams against each other see rule 8.15 (4B).
8. When a league team dog interferes with a NFC/Tag team or a team that has broken out 3 times.

### **8.12 Single Racing**

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.
2. Dogs will be entered into divisions using times taken from the singles league list. Declared times are only permitted when the dog does not already have a time on the league list.
3. Each dog will be given two races with four heats to set their best possible time.
4. Dogs will be ranked by fastest time.
5. The start time of the handler will be included in the dog's time.
6. In the event of a dog been withdrawn, the dog can be changed on the timesheet but is still subject to the break out rule. If the dog is changed after a race has been completed the dog can still be changed but it will be entered as a tag dog on the timesheet, the dog can gain points for any clean run but the dogs time will not be recorded on the league list.
7. Faults will result in a "No Time" (NT) with no recorded time.
8. The heat is not awarded a Win, Loss or Tie, only the time is recorded on the timesheet.
9. The fastest time of the dog for that Event will be recorded by UKFL© and will be available via the UKFL© website.
10. If a dog is deemed not race ready by the Level 3 Judge, at the Judge's discretion they will be asked to stop racing.
11. Breakout rules will apply to singles as per rule 8.11(G)
12. If a dog is having to be held back then this dog is automatically converted to NFC, they will lose any record time and points
13. League/Little League singles will run a format of 2 races 4 heats

### **8.13 Pairs Racing**

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.
2. Wherever possible, Pairs Teams shall race other teams of similar speeds.
3. Each team will be given two races with four heats to set their best possible time.
4. Pairs Teams will be ranked by fastest time.
5. The start time of the handler will be included in the team's time.
6. In the event of a dog or dogs been withdrawn, the dog/dogs can be changed on the timesheet but is still subject to the break out rule. If the dog/dogs is changed after a race has been completed the dog can still be changed but it will be entered as a tag dog/dogs on the timesheet, the dog/dogs can gain points for any clean run but the dogs time will not be recorded on the league list.
7. In the event of a team pulling from the race the competing pairs team may supply an additional pair to race against. This pair can be from any team but it is the responsibility of the competing team to source the dogs.
8. The additional dogs will be entered as a tag dog on the timesheet, the dog can gain points for any clean run but the dogs time will not be recorded on the league list.
9. Faults will result in a "No Time" (NT) with no recorded time.
10. The heat is not awarded a Win, Loss or Tie, only the time is recorded on the Timesheet.
11. The fastest time of the Pairs Team for that event will be recorded by UKFL©
12. If a dog is deemed not race ready by the Level 3 Judge, at the Judge's discretion they will be asked to stop racing.
13. Breakout rules will apply to pairs as per rule 8.11(G)



14. If a dog within the pair is having to be held back then the pair of dogs are automatically converted to NFC, , they will lose any record time and points
15. League/Little League pairs will run a format of 2 races 4 heats

#### **8.14 Mini/Maxi Pairs Racing**

1. Rules of racing must be followed as per section 8.1-8.11.
2. Wherever possible, Mini/Maxi Pairs Teams shall race other teams of similar speeds.
3. Each team will be given two races with four heats to set their best possible time.
4. Teams will be ranked by fastest time.
5. The start time of the handler will be included in the team's time.
6. In the event of a team pulling from the race the competing pairs team may supply an additional pair to race against. This pair can be from any team but it is the responsibility of the competing team to source the dogs.
7. The additional dogs will be entered as a tag dog on the timesheet, the dog can gain points for any clean run but the dogs time will not be recorded on the league list
8. Faults will result in a "No Time" (NT) with no recorded time.
9. The heat is not awarded a Win, Loss or Tie, only the time is recorded on the Timesheet.
10. 10.The fastest time of the Mini/Maxi Pairs Team for that event will be recorded by UKFL© and will be available via the UKFL© website.
11. If a dog is deemed not race ready by the Level 3 Judge, at the Judge's discretion they will be asked to stop racing.
12. Breakout rules will apply to pairs as per rule 8.11(G)

#### **8.15 Little League Racing**

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.
2. A team completing a full run in the fastest time, with all four dogs. Each dog going over all four jumps in the correct sequence, picking up an article, carrying it back across all four jumps and across the start finish line.
3. In the event that both competing teams do not have sufficient dogs that are able to complete a full run, the judge will award the win based on the team who came closest to completing.
4. In the event that both competing teams have no dogs who are able to complete a full run; the judge may award the win at their own discretion.
5. Team captains should make the ring Judge and opposing team captain aware of any dogs that may need to be run without a dog in the opposing lane.
6. Priority of these classes must always be that the dogs be successful and have a positive experience.

#### **8.16 Conduct of racing**

1. Flyball is a sport of racing where good sportsmanship is paramount. Where good sportsmanship (as per our code of conduct) is not shown the team may be warned by the ring Judge, who will also inform the Level 3 Judge. If the behaviour continues the Level 3 Judge may disqualify the member from the event and further action may be taken.
2. Holding Back - It is unsporting for a team to deliberately hold back (either on starts or crossovers) in order to gain points or placing.
  - a. When a team is seen by the Judge or his/her ring party to be holding back, they may consider whether the team would have broken out if they had not held back. If so the Judge will first warn the team and inform the Level 3 Judge.
  - b. If the team continues to hold back after their warning they may be disqualified by the Level 3 Judge.
3. Any team who has a legitimate reason for late starts, or large crossovers must inform the ring

Judge upon entering of the ring. Examples below to include but not limited to:

- a. Novice Dogs.
  - b. New Handlers.
  - c. Nervous dogs.
  - d. Young Handlers.
4. All team will endeavour to run all 4 dogs, with the exception of:
    - a. If the other team has completed and has 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.
  5. Dogs may wear a collar and/or fitted harness.
  6. No Hanging parts will be allowed. The Judge may ask for them to be removed.
  7. Whenever possible dogs must have all 4 feet on the floor.
  8. At no time should they be dragged around.

## **Section 9**

### **Rules of an Event**

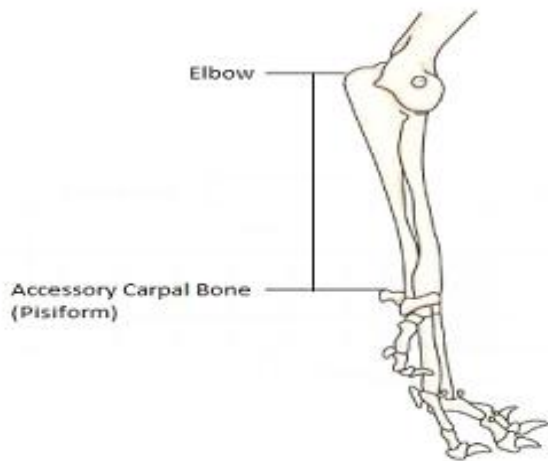
#### **9.1 Dog Measuring and Jump heights**

1. For a dog to be used in a sanctioned Event as a height dog in a team (excluding Singles, Pairs, Pre-Cadet and Little League) the dog will have to either hold an official measure or have gained an official measure that day. Failure to comply will result in the dog's height being marked on the timesheet as full height (12").
2. If the dog doesn't hold an official measure and there is only 1 Measuring judge and no scribe available at an event the dog must obtain a height measure for that day, but then must be measured again at the next event.

#### **9.2 Jumps Heights**

1. 6" Minimum.
2. 12" Maximum.
3. Dogs height is determined by the measuring of the Ulna (from the Elbow to the Accessory Carpal Bone). As per the picture below. Diagram 1.
4. The dog with the lowest recorded jump height will determine the minimum jump height for the entire team during each heat.
5. All dogs are to jump 12" unless they have an official height.

Diagram 1



### **9.3 Official Height Requirements.**

All dogs required to be the height dog in a team jumping less than 12" must have an official measure as per the requirements below:

1. The dog must be at least 15 Months old to gain an official measure.
2. Measures must be carried out by 1 UKFL© Measuring judge and a scribe (this may be another measure or level 2/3 judge).
3. One Measuring Judge is required to carry out the measure and one scribe will fill in the UKFL© Official Height Form (UKFL© OHF) whilst witnessing the measure.
4. A measure cannot be conducted by the dog's owner, if the dog requiring a measure is registered to the Measuring Judge the measure can be used for that day's racing but cannot be submitted as the Dog's official measure.
5. The measure must be carried out at a UKFL© sanctioned Event.
6. Measuring must be done in an area accessible by all attending UKFL© members.
7. The measure will be recorded on the UKFL© Official Height Form (UKFL© OHF) and available to view upon request.
8. Once an Official Measure has taken place, the registered handler for the dog will be required to accept and sign for the measure given. If the registered handler of the dog being measured is in dispute of the measure given please follow rule 9.5.
9. If the registered handler refuses to sign as per 9.5, 1 of the measurers is required to fill out an incident report form.
10. To gain an official measure the dog is only required to attend one measuring session.
  - a. Each ulna, from the point of the Elbow to the Carpal Bone as shown in diagram 1, must be measured twice in the same measuring session and the lowest measure taken will be submitted as the dog's official height.
11. Once the official measure has been recorded on the UKFL© Official Height Form
12. (UKFL© OHF) the height of the dog will be shown within the dog's profile on the UKFL© website and will be the dog's height for life.

### **9.4 Measuring Environment**

1. All measures shall be carried out using only the UKFL© authorised equipment.
2. Only one handler per dog shall normally be allowed in the measuring area unless the Measuring Judge chooses to allow otherwise.
3. A dog deemed 'NOT MEASURABLE' by the Measuring Judge will jump at the height of the smallest height dog in its team (running, not standing by).
4. Aggression during measuring will not be tolerated and may cause the dog to be excused from the Event.
5. Dogs will be measured from the point of the Elbow to the Accessory Carpal Bone (Pisiform), the

bony protrusion just above the stop or carpal pad, when measuring the dogs foot must be bent at a 90 degree angle not out straight. The following chart will determine the jump height:

<b>Elbow to Accessory Carpal Bone Measurement</b>	<b>Jump Height</b>
Up to 4"	6"
Over 4" up to 4.5"	7"
Over 4.5" up to 5"	8"
Over 5" up to 5.5"	9"
Over 5.5" up to 6"	10"
Over 6" up to 6.5"	11"
Over 6.5"	12"

Any dogs measured as borderline will be awarded the lower measure for the benefit of the dog.

### **9.5 Height Appeals**

If for any reason an owner feels their dog's measurement is incorrect they can refuse to sign the Official Height form and then must begin a process of appeal by filling in the Official online form on the UKFL© Website. Any owner wishing to appeal must do so within 7 days of the measure. The owner must confirm the following:

1. Dogs information.
2. The measuring date.
3. The Officials who carried out the measure.
4. Venue.
5. Reason they believe the measurement is incorrect.

The Committee will then look into the appeal and follow up accordingly. Firstly, by contacting the measuring officials involved and any other investigation they may need to carry out. The Committee will then decide if the dog requires a re-measure. This re-measure, if agreed, will be conducted at no additional cost.

If an owner feels that their dog's measurement is incorrect but the 7 day appeal timeframe has passed, the owner can make an appeal direct to the Board with a full explanation as to why they feel the original measure was incorrect. The Board will assess the request and can approve a re-measure but there will be a fee of £25 incurred by the owner which must be paid to UKFL prior to any re-measure taking place.

Official heights once recorded on the UKFL© Official Form on the day of measure cannot be contested by anyone but the dog's owner and the height will be for the dog's life.

### **9.6 Racing at the wrong height.**

If the Ring judge or Level 3 Judge determines that the team is jumping below the proper height, the team will forfeit any races won at the incorrect jump height. Times recorded will not stand or count towards a League time nor will any points be gained for the heats run at the incorrect height.

### **9.7 UKFL© Record.**

UKFL© recognises UKFL© Records for both Open and Multi-breed Classes at sanctioned Events. No Sync team time will stand or be recorded as they are not eligible.

If a record time is run then all racing must stop and for a record to stand the following criteria must be met and verified on the UKFL© Official Record Form immediately after the heat and prior to any other heat beginning by the Level 3 Judge. If the Level 3 Judge is part of the team to break the record an alternative Level 2/3 Judge or the Event Hosts should be called for. No adjustments to the listed criteria can be made until they have all been verified.

1. The time must be faster than the current UKFL© Record Time.
2. An approved Electronic Timing System was used during the heat.
3. Verify no Faults have occurred.
4. Lane Length (51ft minimum) – lane may be longer, up to a maximum of 51ft 1”.
5. Jump Height set to the Height Dog competing within that heat.
6. Jump Placement (allow a 2-inch tolerance either side of the jump set line).
7. Box Placement must be at least 51ft from the start finish line.
8. Box loader must stay in place on the box till the Level 2/3 judge tells them they can leave.
9. Box Function (firing 2ft).
10. Box Dimensions.
11. Balls used meet UKFL© regulations.
12. Electronic Timing System Placement.
13. Dogs height - Which can be found on the dog’s profile or on the UKFL© Official Height Form.
14. Verify each dog from the run has a valid UKFL© number.
15. Time from the Electronic Timing System recorded on the UKFL© Official Record Form.
16. The Level 2/3 Judge or Event Host is to complete the UKFL© Official Record Form (ORF) ; this can be either completed on paper and must then be submitted online at the earliest convenience or submitted directly via the Official Record Form found on the UKFL© website.
17. 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.

### **9.8 Changing Team.**

If a dog has earned points with a UKFL© League Team in a UKFL© sanctioned Event the dog may not be listed on a timesheet for any other League team for a period of 90 days after the date of the first points earned under the previous UKFL© League team. Failure to comply with this will result in all dogs on the timesheet non-eligible for points, placings and records.

The only exceptions are:

- a. Multiple entries of the same Team Registration.
- b. A dog prohibited from competing with an existing team.
- c. The handler/dog has moved to another area and their previous team accepts the transfer.
- 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.
- e. Their previous team has dissolved, and the UKFL© has been informed.
- f. If a new team is formed and dogs are transferred to this team.
- g. A dog that has only ran in a Little League, Sync or Tag Team.

Multi-breed will be treated in the same way as League Teams, however members are free to race multi-breed under a different UKFL© registered team to their League Team. Members are then bound for multi-breed by the conditions outlined above.

### **9.9 Dog Welfare.**

1. All dogs must be registered with the UKFL© to compete in any Event.
2. All dogs competing at a UKFL© sanctioned event must be in a good state of health.

3. Dogs must be at least twelve (12) months of age to participate in Pre-Cadets.
4. Dogs must be at least fifteen (15) months of age to participate in a Little League Team.
5. Dogs must be at least fifteen (15) months to participate in a League Team.
6. All dogs must have a UKFL© Membership number issued by UKFL© prior to competing in any UKFL© Sanctioned Event.

#### **9.10 Lamé Dogs, Bitches in Season or Pregnant, Dogs Recovering from Surgery.**

1. Bitches in season are not permitted in or around the ring at any UKFL© Event.
2. Any bitch that is potentially or confirmed to be pregnant may not compete at a UKFL© Sanctioned Event for a minimum of 12 weeks after giving birth.
3. Any bitch due to whelp within 7 days of a UKFL© Sanctioned Event is not permitted to attend the Event.
4. The mating of dogs at a UKFL© Sanctioned Event is not permitted.
5. Dogs that are lame must not take part or continue to take part in any Event.
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.
7. No dog suffering with an open wound will be permitted to race at any UKFL© Event.
8. 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 withdrawn from racing.
9. Any dog with a deformity or condition that prevents it from performing the sport safely and in a manner that is in the best interest, health and welfare of the dog is ineligible for entry in any UKFL© Event. Any dog competing at a UKFL© Sanctioned Event may be subject to assessment by the Veterinary Team or the Level 3 Judge on this basis.
10. Any dog that the Level 3 Judge or Veterinary Team determines is not physically able, or under enough control to compete in a safe manner will be excused from the Event. Dogs entered in any UKFL© Sanctioned Event must be able to safely perform the behaviours required of the competition.
11. At the discretion of the Level 3 Judge, any dogs deemed not ready for competition, with the exception of dogs entered in Little League divisions will be dismissed from the remainder of the heats in that division for the remainder of the Event.
12. UKFL© accepts registration of most dogs. Dogs will be registered as their breed, if two or more breeds, they will be registered as a crossbreed. In the absence of a specific breed on the UKFL© database, a UKFL© official online form should be completed. The Committee will consider the application and the UKFL© database will be updated if the breed is proven to be widely recognised.
13. Due to new legislation introduced on 31st December 2023 any dog meeting the Government criteria for an XL Bully will not be able to compete under UKFL© .

#### **9.11 Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease (CIRD).**

##### **A. Dogs showing clinical signs of CIRD:**

Dogs showing clinical signs of CIRD are not permitted to attend any UKFL© Events for a minimum of 14 days following the END of all clinical signs. This will significantly reduce the likelihood of transmission.

##### **B. Dogs showing clinical signs of CIRD within 10 days of attending a UKFL© Event.**

The registered owner of any dog showing clinical signs of CIRD within 10 days of attending a UKFL© Event is responsible for notifying the Committee within 24 hours of first symptoms and following Rule 9.11A thereafter. The committee will then notify the captains of all teams in attendance at the UKFL© Event where potential transmission may have taken place.

### **C. 'In-contact' dogs/possible exposure:**

1. Dogs within the same household of a dog showing clinical signs of CIRDC must follow rule 9.11A.
2. All 'in-contact' dogs must not race for a minimum period of 10 days following potential exposure to CIRDC. 'In-contact' in this case is defined as knowingly being in direct dog to dog contact, or indirect contact, which includes racing in the same division as the symptomatic dog, sharing a water bowl, bed, tennis balls or other items that could potentially be contaminated.
3. Potential exposure is not limited to UKFL© Events. Rule 9.11A applies to any dog that has been in contact with a dog exhibiting clinical signs of CIRDC outside of a UKFL© Event.

### **D. Clinical signs of CIRDC:**

Clinical signs and symptoms of CIRDC include some or all of the following: coughing, retching or repeated sneezing, sometimes accompanied with dyspnoea, ocular discharge, nasal discharge, pyrexia, lethargy, inappetence, (and in severe cases collapse). Most cases show only mild, self-limiting upper respiratory tract symptoms, although some cases can become more serious and involve infection of the lower respiratory tract.

### **E. CIRDC Vaccination:**

Vaccination against 'kennel cough' is not compulsory. Vaccinated dogs must not attend a UKFL© Event for 14 days following vaccination. The vaccine reduces but does not eliminate the risk of a dog contracting CIRDC, however clinical signs are likely to be milder.

### **F. DHPPi L4 (Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza and Leptospirosis):**

Any UKFL© dog diagnosed or suspected by a Veterinary Surgeon of carrying one of the named diseases (DHPPi L4) must be declared to the Committee within 48 hours. This dog must then be cleared (in writing, including signature and practice stamp) by the diagnosing Veterinary Surgeon as safe to mix with other dogs and well enough to return to racing before the dog in question will be allowed to attend further UKFL© Events. All medical information is strictly confidential and will remain between the owner of the dog, the UKFL© Committee and the relevant party of the UKFL© Veterinary Team (unless the owner of the dog wishes to share such information publicly).

This rule is to safeguard our members, the public, and our healthy population of dogs; disease transmission can be easily accelerated where many dogs from different areas come together in a confined space. Failure of an owner to notify the UKFL© Committee of a known infectious disease will result in an immediate suspension from racing. If a contaminated dog is found to have been at a UKFL© Event, the UKFL© Board and Committee will consult the Veterinary Team and may deem it necessary to cease racing Events for 14 days.

## **Section 10**

### **Layout of the ring and Equipment**

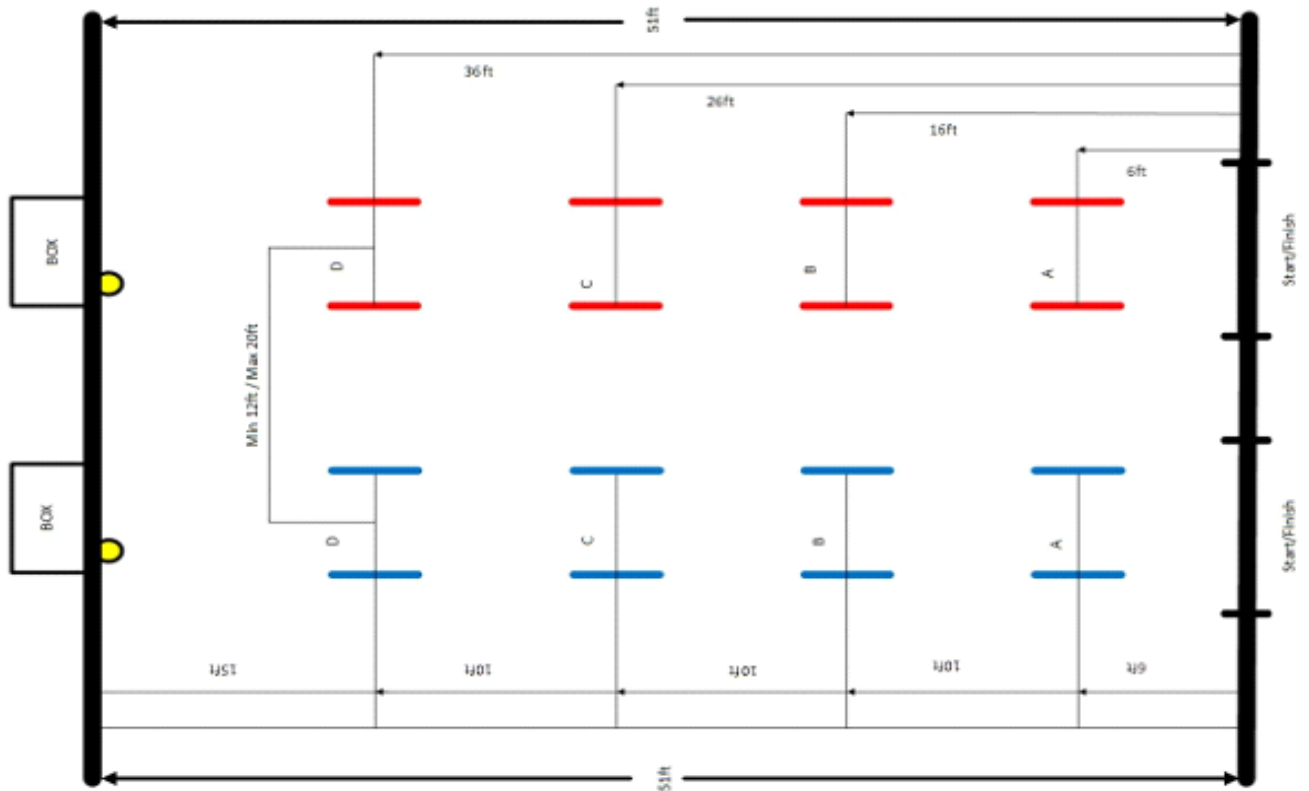
#### **10.1 Layout (Diagram 1)**

1. The minimum area recommended for a flyball arena is 30' x 120' where the space allows. Any deviations in this should be stated in the Event details on the UKFL© website.
2. There must be a distance of 6' from the start/finish line to the first jump, 10' between each jump (4 in total) and 15' from the last jump to the front edge of the Flyball box.
3. Jumps placement must be marked clearly in the racing lane so that a jump can easily be put back in the correct place if knocked out of position.
4. The start/finish line must also be clearly marked and always be a contrasting colour against the running surface.

5. The distance between the box line and the start/finish line must not be less than 51 feet and not more than 51 feet 1 inch. (Note the illustration here does not show the 1" tolerance).
6. There shall be two racing lanes set not less than 12' and not more than 20' apart from centre line to centre line.
7. The ring must have clear physical boundaries for safety reasons, eg. netting or similar around the ring.
8. The entire length of the racing lane must be matted at an indoor Event; each side of the racing lane must also be matted to jump D from the back boards and from the start/finish line to jump A. Only Tuff spun or matting with properties similar is to be used in the racing lane. Any matting other than Tuff Spun is to be approved by the UKFL© Committee.
9. Indoor Events are requested to ensure that where a slippery surface is beneath the matting, all racing areas are adequately covered to ensure dog safety.
10. The Back boards shall be placed no less than 4 feet behind the box line.
11. Event hosts must endeavor that a flat ground is sourced where possible. Where a slight incline is present racing should be uphill and never downhill to the box.
12. At outdoor events only flexible stakes can be used to hold up netting at the end of the run back area.
13. When an Event is hosted outdoors the host must ensure the entire racing ring is free from contaminants, is reasonably level and is free from holes, ruts and obstacles.
14. When an Event has more than one ring every effort must be made to keep the rings as much the same as each other as possible in appearance, to provide consistent racing conditions in all rings.
15. Marking of the rings:
  - a. When racing indoors a tape measure will be placed and securely taped in each racing lane on the right-hand side from the start/finish line to the end of the runback. (Tape must indicate feet and inches).
  - b. When racing outdoors on grass, markers must be used to indicate feet from the start/finish line, starting at 5ft to at least 50ft. The host team is to make sure these are clearly visible at all times.
16. If Event hosts want to change what has been the normal layout of the Flyball ring, these changes must be put in writing to the UKFL© secretary in advance for their approval before implementing these changes.

## **Diagram 2**





## 10.2 Jumps

1. The host team shall provide two sets of identical Flyball jumps for the duration of the event.
2. Teams are asked to co-operate by lending equipment if needed.
3. The jumps shall be solid, white and may have an inside width of a minimum of 24" but must have a maximum of 30", with posts no more than 36" high or less than 24" high.
4. Jump bases must not be any more than 5" high, they must have slots to accommodate 30" width, they may also have 24" width slots. (Picture below).
5. All 8 jumps within the ring must be of the same size (width and height).
6. The outside of the uprights may be painted any colour, but the edges must be white.
7. Logos and/or lettering shall be permitted but limited to 4" x 20" with a minimum 2" border.
8. The 1" top slat is to be 37" in length and must be flexible / breakable and have rounded edges, and must not be made from any wood.
9. The jump upright must be marked with an UKFL© approved inch measure sticker.
10. Host clubs shall provide jump slats for 30" width and provide the correct calculation of slats to allow the jumps to be raised to a height of 12" with the top slat always being 1" inclusive of a 6" jump heights.
11. For each heat, jump heights shall be set at no lower than the jump height of the smallest dog (competing in that heat), as recorded on the team's timesheet for competing dogs with a minimum of 6" and a maximum of 12".
12. A ¼" tolerance is allowed for jump heights.
13. UKFL© recommends that Host Teams have a supply of spare 2" and 1" slats and at least one spare jump base should they become damaged during competition.

## Diagram of Jump



### **10.3 Flyball Boxes**

1. Each team is responsible for providing its own Flyball box, which should be safe and fit for purpose.
2. The Flyball box must meet the following specifications:
  - a. All Boxes are to have a pressure pedal to mechanically release the trigger/launcher system.
  - b. Boxes may be decorated and/or painted any colour. Logos and/or lettering are permitted.
  - c. When triggered, the Flyball box must eject the ball. The ball must be able to travel at least 24" from all points of release toward the Start/Finish line.
  - d. The box cannot exceed 30" in width, nor exceed 20" in height.
  - e. Mats or grabbing devices to hold the box in place cannot raise the box more than ½" higher than the maximum allowed height.
  - f. The body of the box cannot exceed 30" in depth, excluding the base upon which the box loader stands.
  - g. The box shall not exceed these dimensions at any time during racing, excluding carrying handles and stakeholders.

**NOTE:** Boxes should be constructed with the comfort and wellbeing of the dog in mind. Sharp edges must be avoided and adequate padding and protection should be used. The Events UKFL© Level 3 judge has the right to refuse the use of any flyball box they deem to be unfit for use and teams cannot use any external modification that could be classed as training aids; they will be asked to remove them before they can carry on racing.

### **10.4 Balls.**

Each club shall provide its own supply of balls. Approved balls may be of any size, colour or design and must bounce and roll. Balls should not contain a noise maker e.g. squeakers or bells. The ball must be able to travel 24" when released by the box.

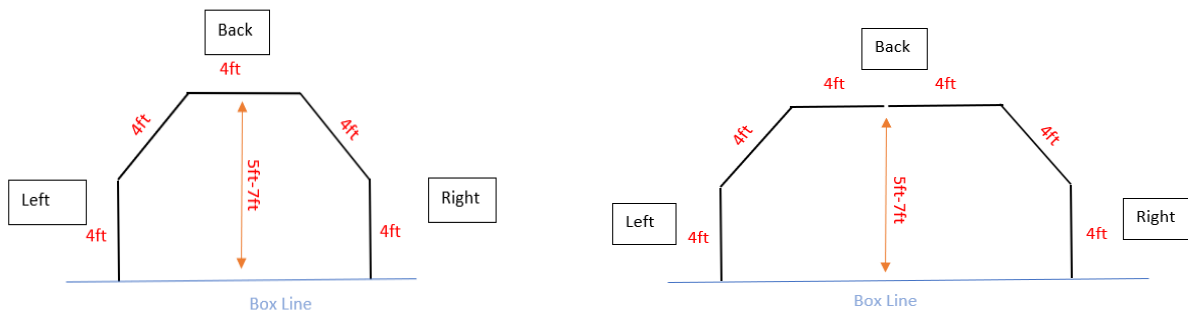
### **10.5 Backboards.**

The Event host shall provide a backstop at the box end of each racing lane. The purpose of the backstop is to prevent missed balls from rolling too far out of play.

1. A backstop shall consist of three sides and must meet the following specifications:
  - a. The minimum panel side height is 24", with a maximum height of 36".
  - b. Each side shall be a minimum of 4ft and a max of 8ft in length.
  - c. Backboards must be 7ft - 4ft where space is limited from the front edge of the box line, in a horseshoe shape (see diagram).
  - d. Maximum length of the Backboards should be 24ft and minimum of 20ft, they can be in sections for ease of transport and carrying.
  - e. Backboards can have logos and may be any colour.
  - f. Material should be suitable for preventing balls from rolling too far out of play.

Ideal for 12" - 16" Centres

Ideal for 16" - 20" Centres



### **10.6 UKFL© Lights (ETS).**

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.

1. The ETS sensor gates must be placed so that the entering sensors on the gates are directly on the start/finish line with the exit sensors on the gate being placed closest to the box line.
2. The ETS sensor gates should be placed 5ft apart.

### **10.7 ETS Failure.**

In the event that the ETS cannot be used for any reason then hand timing is to be used or non UKFL© approved light. The following must be adhered to:

1. It must be recorded on the Timesheet(s) heat by heat that a hand timer has been used.
2. When calculating a team's fastest times and therefore League time these times cannot be used.
3. Racing Procedure:
  - a. The Judge will be positioned between the racing lanes.
  - b. The judge should maintain a consistent position to start the race and indicate the start with a whistle.
  - c. Timing of the heat begins when the whistle is blown.
  - d. The judge will indicate the following;
    - i. When a dog is to run again (early pass, missing a jump, crossing the start/finish line without the ball).
    - ii. If the handler crosses the start/finish line during the heat (other than to set up a knocked down jump or retrieve a loose ball).
    - iii. Other rule violations for which a dog must run again.
    - iv. It is the handler's responsibility to note the signal and rerun his/her dog.
    - v. The Line Judges decision shall be unanimous with respect to determining winners of close heats based on their view of the Start/finish Line not on the clocks. If they are not in agreement the ring Judge shall consult with them and either declare a winner or declare the heat to be a tie.
4. No record times can be recorded.

### **10.8 Collars**

1. All members of UKFL© teams at UKFL© Events are forbidden to use the following on the Event grounds. The Event grounds include racing rings, spectator, parking and camping areas:
  - a. Electronic collars.
  - b. Dummy electronic collars.
  - c. Pinch Collars.
  - d. Pressure or prong collars.
  - e. Choke chains.
2. Any Team/Member found to be in contravention of any of the above will be disqualified from the

competition with the loss of all points and placing in that division and may be subject to further action.

3. All leashes and leash tabs, regardless of length, must be removed prior to the dog running the course, including warm-ups. Dangling tags may be deemed unsafe. Any tags deemed as unsafe must be removed or secured tightly to the collar.

## **Section 11.**

### **UKFL© Points and awards**

#### **From the 1st January 2018:**

1. All dogs and owners must be a member of the UKFL© to gain any points.
2. Dogs will receive UKFL© points towards individual UKFL© Titles based on the teams.
3. Each time a team races in a UKFL© sanctioned Event with a recorded time of 30 seconds and under each dog racing in that heat will gain 20 points but the run must be a clean run.
4. Each time a team wins a heat all 4 dogs in that heat will gain an extra 10 points each.
5. No points will be awarded for a heat in which the teams received a fault, No time, Interference or a Break out.
6. No points are awarded to a Little League Team or Pre-Cadet dogs.
7. If a team goes Not for competition (NFC) during racing they will forfeit all points and Placing.
8. Singles, Pairs, Mini/Maxi teams will be awarded 5 points per dog for each completed, clean heat.

<b>Pin Badges</b>		<b>Milestone Awards</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Points</b>
Cadet	300		
Cadet Advanced	1000		
Cadet Superior	5000		
		<b>Pilot Officer</b>	<b>10,000</b>
Flying Officer	13,000		
Flying Officer Advanced	15,000		
Flying Officer Superior	17,000		
		<b>Pilot Officer</b>	<b>20,000</b>
Squadron Leader	23,000		
Squadron Leader Advanced	25,000		
Squadron Leader Superior	27,000		
		<b>Wing Commander</b>	<b>30,000</b>
Group Captain	33,000		
Group Captain Advanced	35,000		
Group Captain Superior	37,000		
		<b>Air Commander</b>	<b>40,000</b>
Air Vice Marshall	43,000		

Air Marshall	45,000		
Air Chief Marshall	47,000		
		<b>Marshall of the UKFL</b>	<b>50,000</b>

All awards will be handed out on the day of racing. Any question regarding points should be sent to the UKFL© Secretary.

#### Other UKFL Awards –

1. Retirement award – A team captain or owner can inform the committee of the official retirement of a dog. The dog will then be presented with a retirement badge at an event they are attending. This award is to recognise the dogs flyball career on behalf of UKFL.

#### Section 12 - Titles

The UKFL will recognise championship divisional winners and record holders, these titles are added to each record holding or divisional winning dogs profile, on the UKFL website as outlined below:

A dog who has won their UKFL Championship division will be displayed as per the example below;  
UKFLD1

UKFL – UK flyball league

D – Division

1 – Number of the division the dog won

A dog who has won the UKFL Championship Cup division will be displayed as per the example below;

UKFLGC

UKFL – UK Flyball league

GC – Initial of the cup the dog as won.

A dog who has won their UKFL multibreed Championship division will be displayed as per the example below:

UKFLMBD1

UKFL – UK Flyball league

MB – Multibreed

1 – Number of the division the dog won

A dog who has been part of a record-breaking team will be displayed as per example below:

UKFLR1

UKFL – UK Flyball league

R – record

1 – the number of times the dog has broken a record

A dog who has been part of a Multibreed record-breaking team will be displayed as per example below:

UKFLMR1

UKFL – UK Flyball league  
 MR – Multibreed record  
 1 – the number of times the dog has broken a record

### **Section 13**

Junior Members Scheme and Awards.

<b>Awards</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Awards</b>	<b>Points</b>
Fledging	200	Little Owl	12,000
Wren	600	Scops Owl	14,000
Bluetit	1000	Tawny Owl	16,000
Robin	2000	Red Owl	18,000
Wagtail	3000	Barn Owl	20,000
Swallow	4000	Short-Eared owl	22,000
Magpie	5000	Long-Eared owl	24,000
Raven	6000	Spotted Owl	26,000
Kestrel	7000	Snowy Owl	28,000
Kite	8000	Eurasian Eagle Owl	30,000
Eagle	9000	Great horned owl	32,000
Ostrich	10,000	Great Gray owl	34,000

UKFL© Junior Membership Scheme, is where our young members can earn points and gain awards through various aspects of the sport, we are proud to recognise and reward their efforts through the scheme.

There is a £5 per year fee to join the scheme, young member will need to registered to join the scheme online, once registered you can download the points collection sheet which the Junior will fill in at every Event you attend.

In order to participate in the UKFL© Junior Membership Scheme, members must meet the following criteria:

1. Registered member of UKFL©.
2. Aged 0-16 years old.
3. Young Members are expected to abide by the rules as set out by UKFL©.

For all queries regarding the Scheme, be that via an adult UKFL© Member or a Junior UKFL© Member, please contact Juniorliaison@ukflyball.org.uk.

There are various ways in which our Juniors can earn points within the JMS. They are outlined below:

Once you have filled in your points form please send to the Junior Liaison Officer at the email address above (scan or a picture) so your awards can be calculated.

Within a event or a fun day a host may choose to host a divisions of singles or pairs just for juniors handlers, this will be advertised on entry and will be run under the rules 6.6 and 6.8

## **Section 14**

### **Event Awards**

The recipients of these awards will be chosen by the Level 3 judge at each tournament. The Level 3

<b>Duty</b>	<b>Block/Staggered</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Points</b>
Scribe with a Qualified Adult	Both	½ Division -10 Races	50
Box Judge with a Qualified Adult	Both	½ Division - 10 Races	50
Dog Handling	Both	Per dog, per division	50
Box Loading	Both	Per division	50
Ball Collecting	Both	Per division	30
Changing Jump Heights	Both	Per division	10
Judges Discretionary Award	—	—	25
Junior Camp	—	All day	100
Challenges set by Junior Liaison Officer	—	Per challenge	Allocated by the JLO

will also present them on the day.

#### **14.1 The Quinn Award - Most improved**

This should be awarded to the dog that the Level 3 believes has most improved, either throughout the day or since they last saw them race.

#### **14.2 The Shadow Award - Teacher Dog**

This should be awarded to the dog that the Level 3 believes was the best teacher, or stooge dog, of the tournament.

#### **14.3 - The Inca Award - Biggest Character**

This should be awarded to the dog at the tournament that the Level 3 feels has the biggest character.

## **Section 15**

**Annual Awards.** These awards will be presented at the Annual Conference. (Section 4).

### **15.1 Judge of the Year**

This award is to recognise any level UKFL© Judge who has shown to be honest, fair, approachable and actively contributing to UKFL© throughout the year. The Judge should have shown

excellent knowledge of the rules and always show good sportsmanship.

This award will be about that one judge that always goes one step further to help Event host, members and even non UKFL© members start their flyballing journey.

### **15.2 Official of the Year**

This award is to recognise a UKFL© Official who has given outstanding contribution and commitment to their role. The official that has gone above and beyond their role to help members and support the UKFL© Committee/Board.

### **15.3 Member of the Year**

This award is to recognise a UKFL© member who is always willing to support other teams. The member must show they are willing to be active at UKFL© Events, lending a hand at regional training days etc. This award is about that one member who is supportive and always goes that extra mile.

### **15.4 Team of the Year**

This award is to recognise a UKFL© Team who has given outstanding contribution to UKFL© by attending ring party training days, helping fellow teams with training or racing. A team that is willing to host/co-host or are supporting host teams throughout the year. This award is dedicated to the one team who goes all out to be friendly, polite and sporting, that team that never fails to clap and thank their opponents.

### **15.5 Dog of the Year**

This award is to recognise a UKFL© dog who has stood out to you, for its reliable times, incredibly fast times or because they overcome the odds and have shown how outstanding they are, be that recovering from a major injury and returning to racing or a dog that has been the hardest of all to train and is now racing. This award is about that dog that steals your heart.

### **15.6 Junior handler of the Year**

This award is to recognise our Junior handler of the year. The junior who is always willing to help other teams, other junior members. They will have shown enthusiasm to keep learning and attended Junior training days.

### **15.7 Fastest League Team**

This award is to recognise the Fastest League team who has recorded the fastest League time of the racing year.

### **15.8 Fastest Multi-breed Team.**

This award is to recognise the Fastest Multi-breed Team who has recorded the fastest Multi-Breed time of the racing year.

### **15.9 Fastest Single dogs.**

These awards are to recognise the Fastest dog of their breed on the singles list. There will 1 award per breed.

### **15.10 Poppy Award.**

This award is in Memory of Poppy to recognise the work done by Des Christon for Iscribe. It will be award to a dog who is no longer with us or is no longer racing. The membership will vote for the that touch their heart the most.

### **15.11 Nominations.**



1. Nomination for 13.1 - 13.6 can be submitted 60 Days before the UKFL© Annual Conference and will be open for 30 days.
2. Only 1 nomination per award per racing year is permitted.
3. Each member can only nominate 1 person per Award and cannot be from that member's current team.
4. All nominees must be in good standing and fit the criteria of each award.
5. Nominees cannot be nominated if they have won the award in the previous 3 years.

#### **15.12 Awards Panel.**

The Board shall appoint an impartial panel of 3 members, the panel will review the nominations and ensure they meet criteria, then unanimously select the recipient of the award

## **Appendix A**

### **UKFL© Child safeguarding Policy**

UKFL© acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

UKFL© has a duty of care to safeguard all children involved in its activity. All children have the right to protection.

#### **Introduction**

- The welfare of the child is paramount.
- All children whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, race, religion, beliefs or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse.
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- Board, Committee or Officials are NOT trained to deal with situations of abuse or to decide if abuse has occurred, however all have a responsibility to report concerns.

#### **Aim**

The aim to this policy is to ensure that UKFL© is;

- Providing children and young people with appropriate safety and protection.
- Allowing members to make informed, confident responses to child protection issues.

#### **Good Practise Guidelines**

All members are encouraged to demonstrate exemplary behaviour in order to promote the welfare of children and protect themselves, reducing the likelihood of allegations being made.

- Always work in an open environment. Avoid unobserved situations and encourage open communication.
- Treat children and young people with respect and dignity.
- Always put the welfare of children and young people first.
- Build balanced relationships and empower young children to share in the decision making process.
- Make events fun, enjoyable and promote fair play.
- Give enthusiastic and constructive feedback.
- Recognise the developmental needs of the child or young person; avoid excessive training or competition.

At any UKFL© event or activity children and young people are to be the responsibility of a parent, carer or guardian. Should a general concern be raised about the welfare or safety of a child or young person at the event it will be addressed where appropriate by the Level 3 Judge or attending committee member in an informal manner.

UKFL© will keep a chronological record of any concerns raised and the action taken. If concerns begin to re-occur it is the responsibility of the committee to escalate the concern following the responding to an allegation procedure.

#### **Responding to an allegation**

It is not the responsibility of UKFL© to decide whether or not child abuse has taken place.

However, there is a duty of care to act on any concerns by reporting to the appropriate authorities.

- UKFL© will refer any allegations of abuse to the relevant social services or children's safeguarding board. They may involve the police.
- The parents/carers of the child will be contacted at the earliest point following advice from the

above authorities.

Every effort will be made to ensure that confidentiality is maintained for all parties and disseminated on a need to know basis. This may include;

- The parents/carers of the child.
- The person bringing the allegation.
- The social services or local safeguarding board.
- The event Host.

Information should be stored in a secure place with limited access in line with data protection laws. UKFL© Committee/Board may make an immediate decision to suspend any member pending investigation where an allegation has been made. UKFL© will follow procedures set out above and report the matter. This is because other children may be at risk from this person. UKFL© will keep a chronological log of any concerns brought to it and details of action taken.

To report any concerns regarding a child please go to the UKFL© website and fill in the online form.

## **Appendix B**

### **Appendix B UKFL© Judges and Judging process**

#### **UKFL© Judges, Measuring Judges and Judging process**

Anyone wishing to apply to be a judge must fill in the Official UKFL© judges application form on the UKFL© website.

To become a judge/Measuring Judge, you must be able to comply with the following criteria:

1. Be in good standing with the UKFL© for a minimum of 2 years.
2. Be able to remain impartial, firm but most of all fair at all times.
3. Have a good understanding of the UKFL© rules
4. As a UKFL© representative you should act as such.
5. Not act in a way that would leave a member or spectator feeling that the judging was unfair nor biased.
6. Do not engage in any arguments with any member, allF matters should be discussed in a calm and sensible manner.
7. Must be a minimum of 16 years of age to become a provisional
8. Must be at a minimum of 18 years of age to progress to Level 1/2/3
9. Must show good sportsmanship in all aspects of flyball
10. Must be qualified at ring party
11. All judges must attend a judges meeting, (face to face or online) once a year to be apply to keep their judging status.

All Judges should report causes for concern that take place at any event via the UKFL© websites online form.

There are 4 levels of UKFL© Judging.

- Provisional ● Level 1 ● Level 2 ● Level 3

**Note - You do not need to start at Provisional level this is for under 18-year old to be able to start their judging journey, you may remain at provisional status for as long as you feel necessary.**

#### **Provisional Judge**

1. You must 16 years old or above
2. You may only judge Singles, Pairs and PC team types.
3. You will be supervised at all times whilst you are the ring judge by a Level 2/3 judge.
4. The level 2/3 judge may ask you question as you are judging to ensure you have a good understanding of the rules.
5. You must complete 3 observation appointments before you can ring judge

If you wish to progress onto level 1 when you turn 18 you will need to have completed the following:

1. Box judge 5 times (minimum 5 races)
2. Line judge 5 times (minimum 5 races)
3. Scribe races 5 times (minimum 5 races)
4. 5 judging appointments with satisfactory feedback

#### **Level 1 Judge:**

1. You must be 18 years old or above
2. You can ring judge any team type
3. You are not to ring judge until you have completed steps 1 and 2 of Stage 1
4. You will be supervised at all times whilst you are the ring judge by a Level 2/3 Judge.
5. You are not permitted to supervise a provisional judge unless working toward your level 2.

6. You will have competent knowledge in the rules of racing and able to manage all aspects of ring party
7. To carry out your role in line with the UKFL rules, particularly rule 8.3 – The ring judge
8. You must work towards your level 2 (stage 2) once you have completed stage 1
9. A level 1 must become a Level 2 this is not optional and you must pass stage 1 and 2 and provide evidence of the learning objectives.

### **Level 1 Judge Requirements**

**Stage 1 (This is to be completed over a year and you will not be signed off to move to stage 2 until one year has passed)**

1. 5 observed appointments with a level 3.
2. Written exam
3. 7 judging appointments with Supervision in the ring (you are not limited to 7 you can complete more)
4. 5 Judging appointment with supervision from outside the ring (you are not limited to 5 you can complete more)

All of the above must be completed with satisfactory feedback alongside clear progression and growth in your ability as a judge.

Stage 1 must be completed in order

**Stage 2 (after 1 year you must progress to level 2 if stage 1 is complete)**

1. 3 observed appointments with a level 2/3
2. Oral exam
3. 5 Judging appointments
4. 5 supervised appointments of a provisional overseen by a level 2/3

All of the above must be completed with Satisfactory feedback

Stage 2 does not have to be completed in order

**Learning Objectives (these will need to be ticked off on your application form)**

1. Understand the process of filling out the feedback form on the UKFL© website
2. Understand how to record a new UKFL© record
3. Understand the process of supervising and mentoring provisional judges
4. Understand how to leave feedback for other judges when supervising
5. Learn how to box check

### **Level 2 Judge:**

1. You must be 18 years old or above
2. You must have completed Level 1
3. You can ring judge any team type
4. You are permitted to judge unsupervised
5. You are permitted to supervise a provisional/Level 1 judges
6. You are permitted to act as a level 3 if required but you must have been a level 2 for at least a year.
7. You are permitted to act as a scribe for the Measuring judge
8. You must have competent knowledge in the rules of racing and able to manage all aspects of ring party
9. You must be ring party qualified
10. To carry out the roles appointed to you in Rule 8.2 – The Events judges
11. You may work towards your level 3 after 1 year of being a level 2 by completing Stage 1 and 2 and providing evidence of learning Objectives
12. Moving on to Level 3 is optional.

**Stage 1 (to be completed to be able to move to level 3)**

1. 5 observed appointments with a level 3.

2. 10 judging appointments supervised by a level 3 and completed to a high standard
3. Oral exam

### **Stage 2 (if stage 1 is completed with satisfactory feedback)**

1. 3 appointments of shadowing a level 3 for the day
2. 5 appointment as acting as level 3 with the support of a level 3
3. Written Exam

### **Learning objective;**

1. Learning to setup ETS equipment
2. Understand the basic upkeep of the ETS system
3. Understand the process of filling out the feedback form on the UKFL website
4. Understand how to record a new UKFL© record
5. Know the process of supervising and mentoring provisional judges
6. Understand how to leave feedback for other judges when supervising
7. Full knowledge and understanding of Section 10
8. Be confident in the decision you make a level 3 judge
9. Understand what is required of you as level 3 judge
10. Full knowledge and understanding of Section 10

### **Level 3 Judge.**

1. To carry out the roles appointed to you as level 3 in rule 8.2 – The events judges
2. To carry out your role as per the UKFL© rules
3. If you are the level 3 of an event ensure you are supporting the host and all ring judges.
4. Ring Judge for any team type
5. Supervising judges to Provisional, L1 and L2 Judges
6. Provide feedback to L1 and L2, supervise L1 and L2 exams
7. Able to set up rings
8. Able to set up ETS systems
9. Full understanding in UKFL© forms on direct communication
10. Able to honestly but fairly give judges feedback
11. Remain fair and approachable, at all times, to all members

After you have completed each stage in the Level you are required to send a copy of your progression book to [Judges@ukflyball.org.uk](mailto:Judges@ukflyball.org.uk) where it will be review by the Judges consultant or a board member. They will then inform you if you can move to the next stage, or if you have pass that level. If they feel from the feedback you need a more support they may request that you repeat some aspect of the stage.

### **Measuring Judge.**

The measuring of dogs in flyball is vital to ensure the dogs to jump the height that is correct to them. The measure needs to be carried out with precision, sensitivity, understanding of the dogs and impartially.

1 measuring judge is required to carry out the measure. A Level 2 or 3 may scribe for the measuring judge.

Anyone wishing to become a measuring judge must fill in the Official UKFL© judges application form on the UKFL© website.

### **Stage 1**

1. Attended 2 measuring session with one of the official measuring judge trainers.
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> session – The trainer will discuss with you the process of measuring, the UKFL approved device, the environment, the correct leg position, the administration, and the rules relating to measuring. You will not carry out any measures, you will just observe.

- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> session – You will assist the trainer in the measuring of the dogs. You will need to show that you understand the process and understand the points from your first session. The trainer will be asking you some questions as you measure and observing how you handle the dogs.
- c. Pass an oral test, this is to ensure you have read and understand the rules on measuring as well as showing that you have the knowledge needed to become a dog measurer.

### **Stage 2**

Carry out 2 dog measuring session. Total number of dogs that need measuring is 15.

- a. This maybe done over more than 2 session if needed to achieve the require number of dogs.
- b. You must carry out this session completely independently. The measuring trainer will check the dog's measures to ensure you have given the correct measure. The trainer will write their observations on the feedback form attached to your application.

### **Learning Objectives**

1. To be able to show and a good understanding of a dog body language
2. To be able to know when a dog is unmeasurable
3. To be able to show empathy and patience with nervous dogs
4. To demonstrate confidence in handling a number of different breeds

Once you have completed the process and had stages 1 and 2 signed off by an official measuring trainer you then need to send the complete form to the [board@ukflyball.org.uk](mailto:board@ukflyball.org.uk)

Your Dog measure application book will be reviewed by the Judges consultant or Board. They will then inform you if you have passed the application. If they feel from the feedback you need a more support they may request that you repeat some aspect of the application.

**The Official Dog measurer trainers are the Board members.**

## **Appendix C**

### **Social Media Guide**

The UKFL© believes in a strong and community based ethos in flyball events and surrounding worldwide communications relating to the sport. It is apparent that with a hobby so much diversity and inclusivity that differences of opinion and strong beliefs will exist. This is unavoidable but the UKFL© do want their members to remain respectful and factual. Any use of the UKFL© name in a negative light could result in disciplinary action.

The UKFL© will not become involved in personal disputes online however below are some guidelines as to how the online posts can be received and taken by others.

#### Discussions

Discussions undertaken on social media can have a much wider impact than a user may realise. Careless throw away remarks are damaging to a member, judge or dog's reputation. These can often cause hurt and distress to those involved and should be seriously considered and avoided.

Comments and opinions in a constructive and respectful manner can lead to very important and educational discussions within social media. However, the UKFL© would encourage Judges and Officials to be very careful in controversial discussions that could lead to criticism or assumptions of their opinion or that of the UKFL©. Opinions should be open for debate and not so strong that it would leave people to feel that this would impact future events or the Code of Conduct.

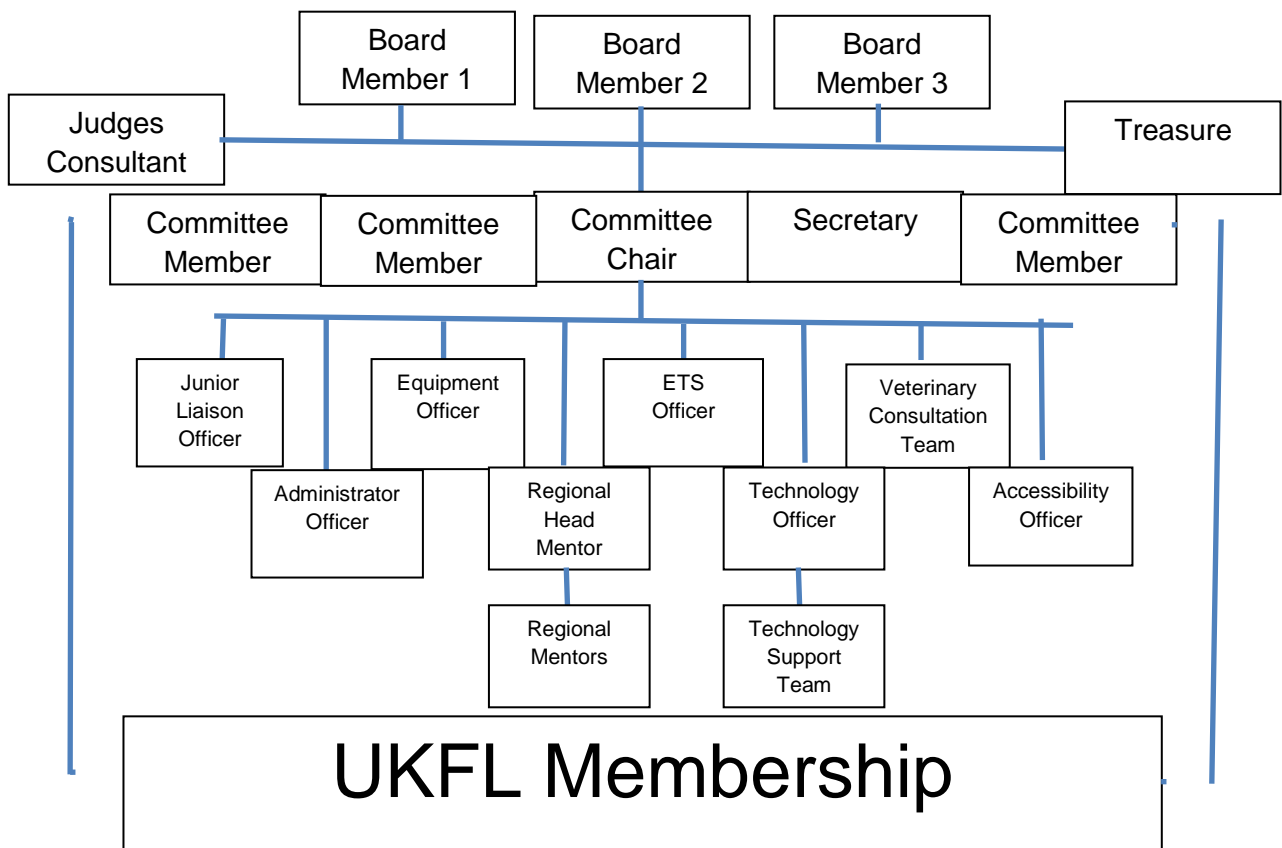
Anyone feeling that they are under threat or have been treated in a way that would require police involvement should contact the police.

The Crown Prosecution Service has produced details on cases where there has been a social media involvement - [www.cps.gov.uk/legal/a\\_to\\_c/communications\\_sent\\_via\\_social\\_media/](http://www.cps.gov.uk/legal/a_to_c/communications_sent_via_social_media/).

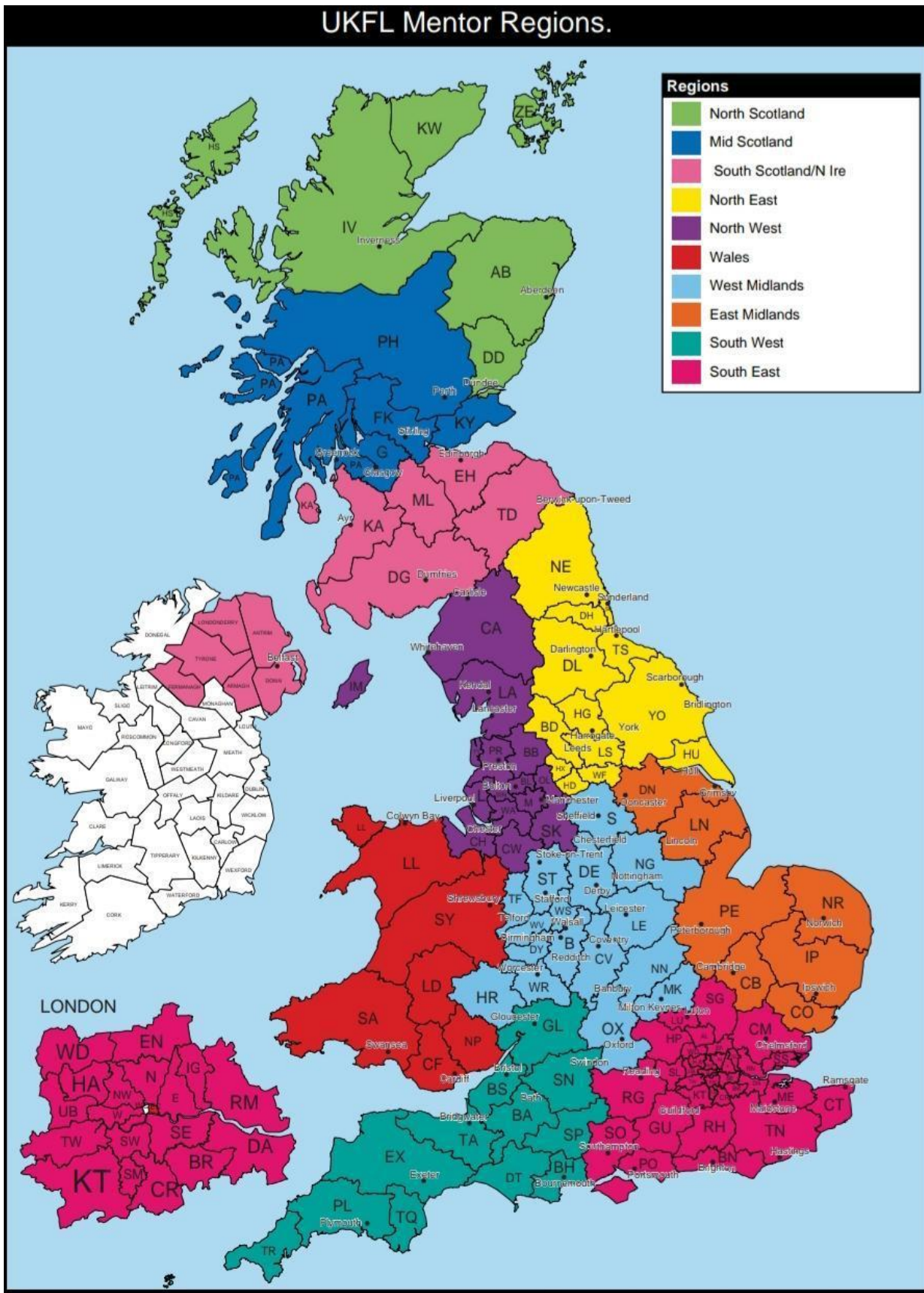
The UKFL© would encourage members to discuss issues face to face and if relating to UKFL© business possibly suggest that if it holds the potential to be inflammatory or bring the UKFL© into a negative light that the committee are approached to mediate.



**Appendix D**  
**UKFL Structure**



Appendix E  
Regional Area



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## **Appendix F**

### **Formats**

The UKFL© will be using a round robin format that gives more control to the Event Host (EH) and ensures for a more fair and consistent opportunity to race for all teams no matter the preference of racing style. With the Round Robin format teams will be awarded 1 point per heat won. Teams do not win races but individual heats. The points won will be totaled up and will be used to determine where you are placed in the division.

The key points of the system are:

- The ability across a running order to have divisions of 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 teams even if the total entry could be split into team divisions of equal numbers.
- The option for an event host to split divisions making them more equal on times and avoid having a large gap in time between seed 3 and 4 for example.
- A total of 18-20 heats for every team across the day, equal opportunities to race.
- Consistency in the amount a dog will race.
- Less impact on losing a race (5 heats and won 2, still earns 2 heat win points).
- Less predictability on who has won the division.
- No best race scenario so bobbles at the box don't determine your ability to gain a 'win'.

The UKFL© believes that this approach will ensure a better experience for competitors and more consistency in their racing day and value for money.

Round Robin - Every team races each other:

Block - Teams total races are split into 2 halves where you run the 2nd half later in the day. So for example: 3 races and then 2 races. Each race within that half is split up by 1-4 races between your own race.

Staggered - Teams races are split across the day and allows a break of 7+ races between your races.

### **Examples of divisions:**

3 team division

Team A

Team B

Team C

This would be run as a double round robin (RR) with 4 races, run all 5 or 4 heats per race. This would give each team 18 heats during the racing day as shown below. This would be shown on the running order as 2/5 2/4

RR 1 (2 Races) RR 2 (2 Races)

A v B (5 heats) A v B (4 heats)

B v C (5 heats) B v C (4 heats)

C v A (5 heats) C v A (4 heats)

4 team division

Team A

Team B

Team C

Team D

Double round robin -  $3/3 \ 3/3 = 18$  heats

A v B (3 heats) A v B (3 heats)  
B v C (3 heats) B v C (3 heats)  
C v D (3 heats) C v D (3 heats)  
D v A (3 heats) D v A (3 heats)  
B v D (3 heats) B v D (3 heats)  
A v C (3 heats) A v C (3 heats)

5 team division

Team A  
Team B  
Team C  
Team D  
Team E

Single round robin -  $4/5 = 20$  Heats

6 team division

Team A  
Team B  
Team C  
Team D  
Team E  
Team F

Single Round Robin  $5/4 = 20$  Heats

7 Team Division

Team A  
Team B  
Team C  
Team D  
Team E  
Team F  
Team G

A 7 team division can only run Single Round Robin and can only run  $6/3 = 18$  Heats.

### **Placing within a division.**

Teams will earn 1 win point per heat that they complete before the opposing team as per the rules of racing.

At the end of the day the teams win points will be totaled to decide division placings.

Below is an example results and placing at the end of the day for a 3 team DRR  $2/5 \ 2/4$  division:

### **Ties**

In the event of a tied number of win points between 2 teams, a "who beat who" format will be used to determine the divisional placing.

I.e. 3 Team division, run as  $2/5, 2/4$ . Races 1 - 3 there are 5 heats available per race for win points.

Races 4- 6 there are 4 heats available per race for win points.

Team A and Team B both have a total of 11 win points, bringing the result to a tie.

In this scenario, we look at the heat win points available per race on a "who beat who basis". Race 1 there were 5 heats available, Team A took 3 points out of 5, Team B took 2 points out of 5. Race 4 there were 4 heats available, Team A took 1 point out of 4, Team B took 3 points out of 4. The races where Team A and Team B were against each other there were a total of 9 points to take, Team A took 4 points, Team B took 5 points, giving Team B the divisional win.

In the event of a 3-way tie, the fastest time will be used to determine the divisional placing.

## **Appendix G**

### **Ring Party Qualification**

To ensure ring party is carried out to a high standard and consistent all members wishing to carry out ring party duties as per rule 8.4,8.5, and 8.6 must be qualified.

Members wishing to gain qualification must be a minimum of 16 years and must attend a ring party training day which will be hosted in all regions by UKFL© through its Board, Committee and mentors. Details of these training days can be found on the UKFL© website or Official UKFL© social media. You may also gain the qualification through the UKFL© Online ring party training programme.

Junior members under 16 may accompany a qualified member as Box judge or Scribe only to gain junior scheme points but children under 16 are not permitted to accompany a line judge.

Members are expected to attend a training day every 3 years in order to retain their qualifications and ensuring your knowledge is current with UKFL© Rules.

Ring party roles:

Box Judge.

Line Judge.

Scribe.

All members who attend the training days or complete the online exam will be trained to carry out all 3 roles, their responsibilities can be found in Section 8, rules 8.4, 8.5, 8.6.

As a ring party official, we ask that you are:

- Alert, ready for each heat.
- Be fair/impartial/honest.
- Good communication skills.
- Be open and approachable.
- Be firm yet polite.
- Be courteous, help where you can to keep racing moving.

## Appendix H - Fees

Below is a table of all applicable fees.

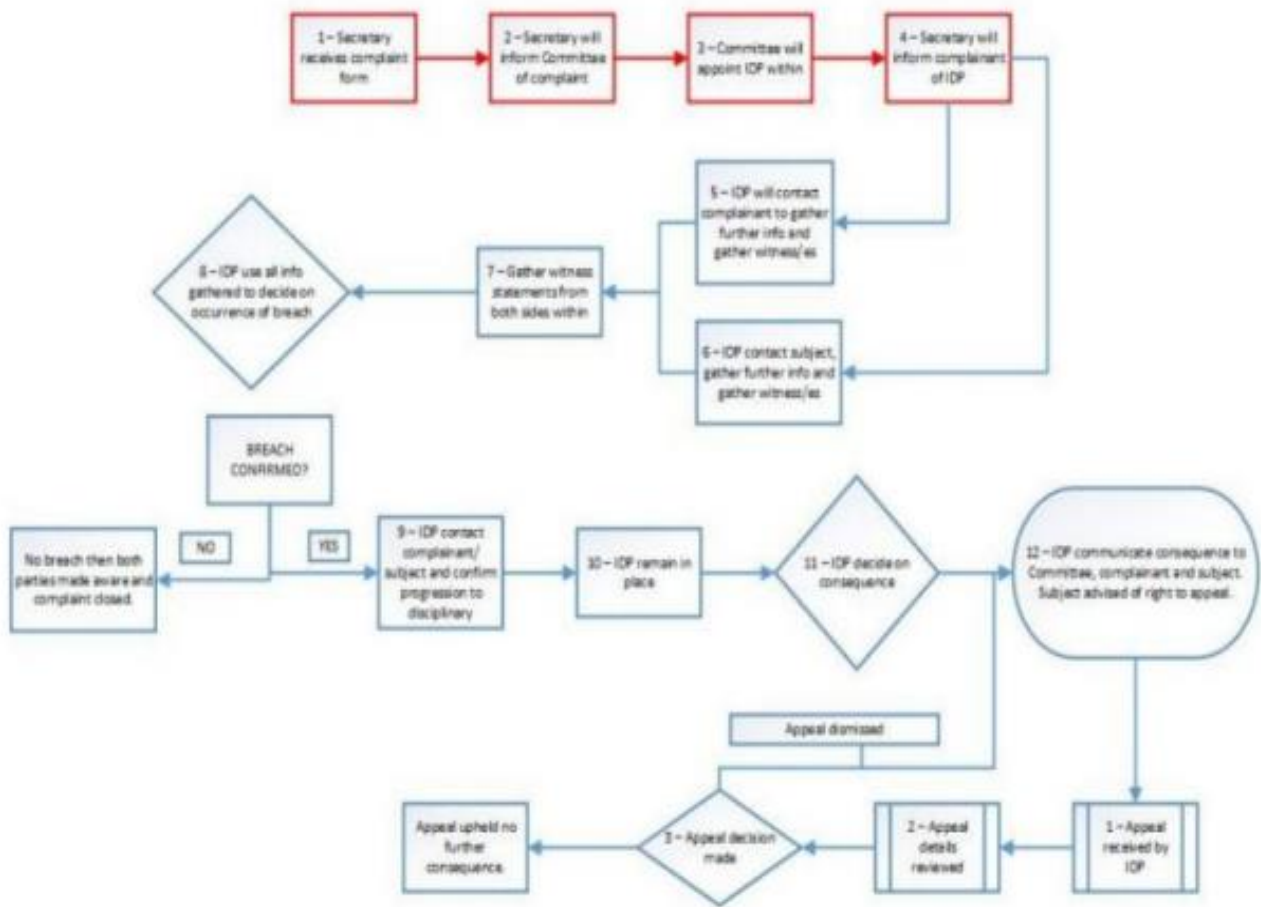
All fees are payable in £ Sterling and are non refundable unless stated otherwise.

Membership runs yearly from your date of registration with the UKFL©.

If fees are to increase or decrease the Committee is to inform the membership of the changes 60 days before.

Description	Fee	Term
Member	£10	Per year
Joint Member	£18	Per year
Junior member 12-16 Years (award scheme included)	£5	Per year
Under 12	Free	Per year
Junior award scheme (under 12)	£5	Per year
Dog Registration	£2.50	Per year
Primary Team Name	£25	Per Year
Secondary Team Names	Free	Per Year
Event Entry	£20	Per Event
Rule Change	£20	Per Proposal
Complaint Fee	£100	Per Complaint
Lights Hire	£50	Per Set Per Day
Replacement Pin Badge	£5	Per Badge
Late Paperwork fee	£20	Per Incident
Judges T-Shirt	£25	Per Top
UKFL© T- Shirt	£25	Per Top

# Appendix I





## **Glossary**

**Attack** - Act against (someone or something) aggressively in an attempt to injure or kill.

**Agenda** - A list of items to be discussed at a meeting.

**Aggression** - feelings of anger or antipathy resulting in hostile or violent behaviour; readiness to attack or confront.

**Annually** - Every Year.

**Bite** - inflicted upon a person, a group of persons or another animal by a dog. One or more successive bites are often considered a dog attack.

**Breach** - An infringement or a failure to abide by or uphold rules or agreement.

**Breakout** - When a team runs faster than the time for the division they are in or if on a declared time faster than the allowed time.

**CIRD** - Respiratory disease in dogs can be a serious condition, and Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease (CIRD) is one of the most prevalent upper respiratory conditions in dogs. CIRD, also referred to as Kennel Cough, is highly contagious and can cause numerous respiratory problems in your pet.

**Conduct** - How a person is expected to behave.

**Conference** - A formal meeting of people with a shared interest.

**Consistent** - Acting or done in the same way over time, especially so as to be fair or accurate.

**Days** - When referring to a time limited number of days, this will be inclusive of the first and last day.

**Deadline** - The latest time or date by which something should be completed.

**Declared time** - A time submitted by the team captain of the team that you think 4 dogs can run in a competition so a host can put you in a division with teams of similar time.

**Division** - A bracket in which teams are placed according to their ranking within the League list for each Event.

**ETS** - Electronic Timing System. This is used between the racing lanes to record times, early passes and indicates faults.

**Event** - Where teams can compete using UKFL Rules.

**Forecast** - A statement of what is likely to happen in the future.

**Forfeiting** - Lose or give up.

**Format** - The particular style of racing at hosted events.

Handler - The member holding and releasing/collecting the dog.

Heat - A single competition where a winner or tie will occur.

Heat Trial - Teams will be seeded for the event on their league, they will then run heats to gain the most amount heat wins to then be re-seed into either the standard round robin format or single/double elimination.

Host - The team that holds an event to which others are invited.

Impartial - Treating all rivals or disputants equally.

Inanimate - An object of no value or significance.

Infringements - The action of breaking the rules.

Intent/ Intention - A deliberate act.

Interfere/interference - Causing an obstruction or distraction to Judges, Ring Party, teams or dogs.

League List - An up to date list of all actively competing UKFL© teams, ranked in ascending order of fastest times.

Liability Insurance - insurance that you buy to protect yourself in case something or someone you are responsible for is damaged or injured in some way.

Liaison - communication between people of groups who work with each other.

Live streaming - A video capturing events in real time and shared via an Internet link.

NFC - Not for competition, - where a team chooses not to compete in the event.

Team - 4-6 dogs and handlers, competing together in a flyball race.

Timesheet - This is the form we use to record all of your racing team's information for the racing day. This may be a UKFL© approved paper version or a UKFL© approved web-based app.

Training - The process of learning something.

Oblige/Obliged - Legally or morally bound to do something.

Pro-active - Taking action by causing change, not waiting for the change.

Race - A group of heats.

Race order - Specifically referring to Events hosting Staggered formatted races. This will show a full numerical list of the day's races.

Ring - The area in which the racing will take place, includes - lanes, backboards, runback.

Running Order -. This will show the order in which races are run.

Sanctioned - The event has been approved by the UKFL© and teams are able to gain UKFL© points, set UKFL Times and break UKFL© Records.

Stationary - Not moving or changing.

Subject - As referred to in the Disciplinary Process. The Subject is the person about whom the complaint has been raised.

Symptoms - A feeling of illness or physical or mental change that is caused by a particular disease or virus.

Transparency- Leave nothing hidden.

Timesheet – This may be the UKFL paper version or the UKFL online version

Unprovoked - An action taken without any clear reason or cause and is therefore unfair.