

## Main changes from 2025 onwards.

If you have any questions or comments, then contact us!

To make it easier to understand we have decided to rename our levels as follows:

Pre intro = Nursery, Intro = level 1, Primary = level 2, Novice += level 3

Veteran dogs will not run according to size and there will be no course time. Instead, results will be divided into two awards for every class, runs over 30 secs and runs under 30 secs.

Examples of courses at each level can be found in the new rules. We suggest that you read them carefully before deciding on your entry level.

We do our best to present dogs and handlers with courses which are appropriate to their abilities. This means challenging the abilities of dog and handler, while realising that entering at too low a level disadvantages the other competitors.

A list of last year's dogs with their suggested levels can be found on the website. If your name does not appear, then you are free to choose a level and if you wish to enter at another level please email or message Steph or Janet.

In 2024 there was a combined pre intro and intro course, so for 2025 we have done our best to suggest a level that might be appropriate, with some dogs moving from Nursery to level 1 and others level 1 to level 2. You are, of course, always welcome to enter at a higher level, or request a lower level.

Those dogs already competing at the higher levels will have been promoted where appropriate.

New dogs/handlers may enter at a level of their choice.

Please note that all changes to levels **at any point, must** be agreed with the JJ Hoopers team.

If you choose to run your dog at a lower level, or not take promotion, then the run will still be recorded. You will be informed of your place and receive a separate rosette, where appropriate, but it will not be a part of the official placings for that class, nor will it count towards the Dog of the Year award.

We have changed how the Dog of the Year is calculated. To qualify you must complete at least 16 runs of any sort throughout the course of the season (48 runs). Points are calculated by the percentage of placings received.

**Details of all changes may be found in the new rules. Please read them carefully.**