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Metal Carry Cups

Could all agility clubs please be aware that there have been safety issues with the metal cups on jumps, in particular the jumps that have built in carry cups placed above the regular jump height cups. There have been three incidents in Victorian trials where dogs have suffered cuts or lacerations to the eye area, on these cups, and another recent report of injury in another state. Two of these three incidents required the injured dog to have surgery. The agility committee strongly recommends that the carry cups be removed from all existing jumps and that clubs do not order any further equipment with these included in the design. The agility committee suggests that all clubs upgrading or purchasing equipment should investigate the use of plastic jump cups. Please see below a photo that shows the dog as it is taking the jump and note where the carry cup holder is positioned to the dog's eye.



Height of Jumps

There have also been issues with jump heights of late- Clubs are reminded that the height of the jump should be measured from the top of the bar while placed in the jump, to the ground. There have been several instances where the height of the jump has been wrongly set at the jump cup instead of the top of the bar. The committee asks that all clubs check their jumps are set correctly to regulation height.

Pass Card Placing

Clubs are reminded that pass cards in the Masters classes need to document the overall placing (Top Dog points) as well as the height category placing (Height Agility Champion points) on pass cards. It is the responsibility of clubs to automatically supply this information to triallers.

Here is a copy of a pass card with all the relevant information that should be printed on the front of the card and not hand written on the back.



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Yours sincerely
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