

## Victorian Agility Committee – Advice on Winged Jumps

With all the talk of winged jumps on social media, the Victorian Agility Committee felt that it was appropriate to clarify a couple of items with respect to winged jumps.

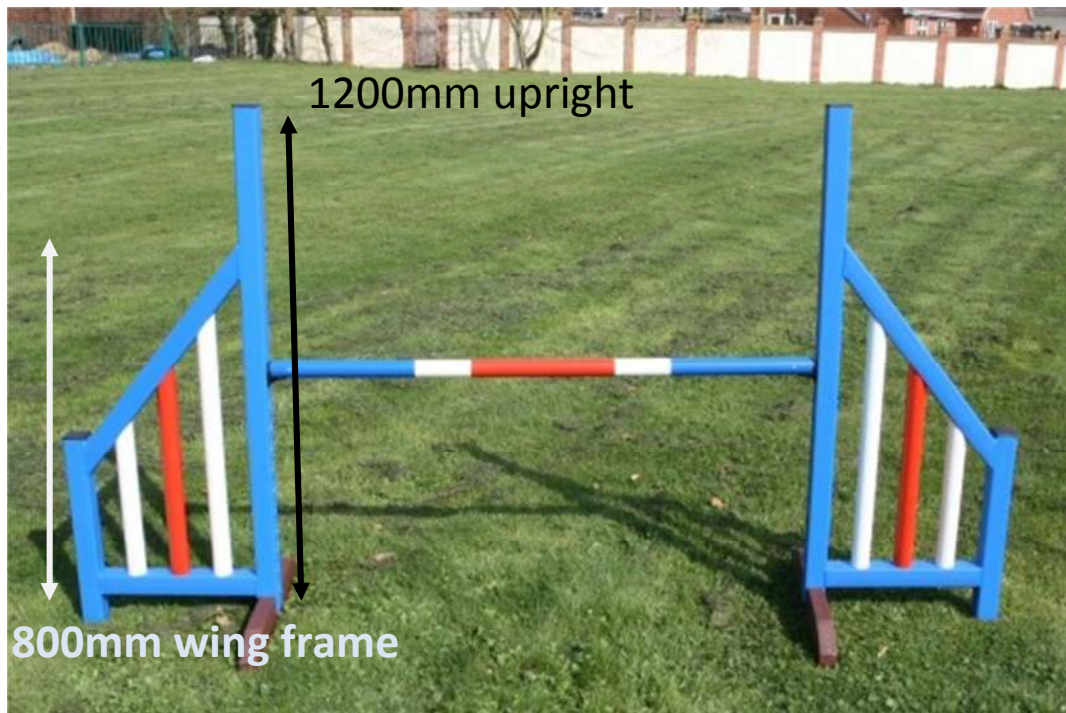
The Agility Committee are not suggesting that clubs need to change any of their equipment, however if this is a piece of equipment that you intend to purchase, then the following information should be used as a guideline. What individuals choose to use at home for their own personal use is not relevant to this document.

If clubs intend to provide them as part of their equipment manifest, then you may need to advise your potential judges accordingly and perhaps note it in the judge's contract.

The Victoria Agility committee also found that the rules for the 'wing' throughout Australia is open to interpretation. Therefore to clarify, to follow are some examples of what the Victorian Agility Committee feel are appropriate for use in competitions and some which are not appropriate for use.

### Winged Jump (all-in-one)

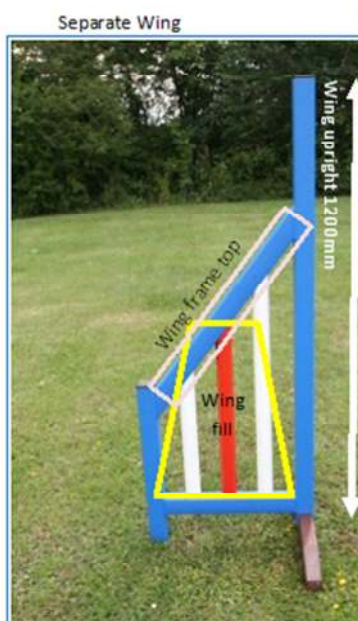
If the Wing and jump are all-in-one (wing can NOT be detached) then the upright must be at least 1200mm, however the wing frame can start lower than 1200mm as pictured.



The wing frame height and slope of the wing can be any height – although be aware that making them too high can make it impossible for the dog and handlers to see anything, especially with an entire course of them.

## Jump and Wing separate (Not Acceptable)

If the wing is separate to the jump (the wing can be detached or sits next to the jump like picture below), then the wing upright needs to be at least 1200mm. Below are some examples of this.



## Safety of the Dogs, Handlers & Judges

For the safety of the dogs, handlers and judges the Victorian Agility Committee are advising that clubs only use Winged Jumps that cannot be separated from the jump (as per the first picture in this document).

Justifications for this:

- when a jump is knocked the jump falls down in the one direction – regardless of whether there is a wing attached. However if the wing is separate from the jump then it is possible for the jump to go in one direction and the wing in another – hence creating a further hazard for the dog, handler and judge.
- Grounds are not always even; therefore it is possible that the wing upright becomes greatly separated from the jump upright creating a gap between them.



- Detachable wings (attached to the jump upright via tape, Velcro or other fixture) - these hold the risk that if a dog knocks the upright and the wing dislodges, that you then possibly have a hazardous moving object creating an on course interference when completing the rest of the course. The Agility Committee view this in line with the breakaway hoop tyre (Rule 6.2) which stipulates that the breakaway part “ **does not impede the dog’s progress when broken away**”.

## The Wing Fill

It is recommended that Wing Fills be made so that the dog and handler can still see each other throughout the entire course, which can consist of 16+ jumps.

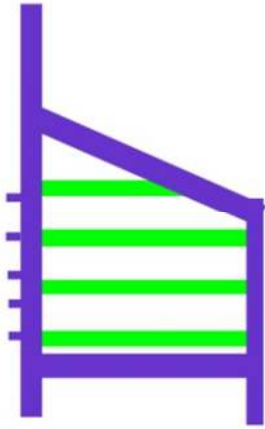
Examples of desired Wing Fills:



**Undesired Wing Fills** (these are not illegal to use however they are not recommended for competition)



Solid Wings: This prevents the dog and handler from being able to see each other clearly.



Horizontal fillers: Horizontal picket which can be disorientating not only the dog but the handler too. And at times the wing can look like a bar jump.

### Also Not Acceptable

Wings that will also not be accepted by the Victorian Agility committee for competition are pictured below:

The wing needs to be framed so if a dog does jump the wing they are not impaled by the wing, or run the risk of being caught on the wing.



The gaps within the Wing Fill should not be too big which may encourage dogs (particularly smaller dogs) to jump through the wing.



## Weighted Wing

Please ensure that your wings are not too light as they may blow over in the wind. To prevent your Winged Jumps from falling over in the wind it is recommended that they be weighted within the foot of the wing. This can be done at the time of manufacture, or afterwards. However pegging of wings will not be acceptable.

### **Colours:** (recommendation on colours)

Whilst our rules don't state a specific colour(s) the wings may be any colour(s), be mindful about what colours you use. Dogs vision is not the same as ours and some colours are more visible than others. Please see below.



Also some mixed or radical colours may dazzle a handler's vision and make a course with lots of wings even more confusing than it should be.

## Questions

If clubs or individuals have any questions or concerns regarding Winged Jumps, please do not hesitate to contact the Agility Committee.