SKC Agility Judging Decisions, Queries and Results Guidelines
(Effective as of 31 October 2026)

1. Finality of judging decisions

1.1 A judging decision is final at the point at which it is signalled by the judge.

1.2 A judging decision may not be reconsidered, whether during or after the class.

1.3 No result may be altered on the ground that a competitor disagrees with a judging decision. Results may be corrected only under clause 2.

2. Correction of administrative errors

2.1 An administrative error is a scribing, timing, recording or tabulation error — that is, where the recorded result does not reflect what the judge signalled. A disagreement with the judge's call is not an administrative error.

2.2 A competitor who believes an administrative error has occurred must raise it with the trial manager before the judge signs off the results for that class.

2.3 The trial manager shall check the query against the score sheet and, where a correction appears necessary, refer it to the judge before sign-off.

2.4 Once the judge has signed off, the results for that class are final. Where a demonstrable administrative error comes to light afterwards, it may be corrected only by the Dog Sports Committee, with all affected competitors notified in writing.

2.5 Any change to a result shall be communicated to all affected competitors by a trial official, and by no one else.

3. Queries to be directed to the trial manager

3.1 A competitor who wishes to query a result must raise it with the trial manager. Competitors must not approach the judge to dispute a decision or to seek a change to a result.

3.2 Courteous communication with a judge after judging has concluded remains permitted, as contemplated by the Code of Conduct. This rule applies only to disputing a decision or seeking a change to a result.

3.3 The trial manager shall not convey to the judge any dispute concerning a judging decision, nor any request to reconsider one.

3.4 The trial manager's determination as to whether a query falls within clause 2 is final for that trial.

4. Video and photographic material

4.1 No video or photographic material recorded by a competitor, handler or spectator may be submitted to a judge, or viewed by a judge, for the purpose of disputing a judging decision.

4.2 No trial official shall convey such material to a judge on a competitor's behalf.

4.3 Nothing in this rule prevents SKC from adopting an official video review system operated by appointed officials using official equipment.

5. Conduct

5.1 Where the trial manager has declined a query under clause 3.4, the competitor shall not continue to press the matter with the trial manager, the judge, or any other official.

5.2 A competitor who continues to press the matter after being asked to desist is in breach of the Sportsmanship provision of the Code of Conduct. The trial manager shall issue a verbal warning and record it. Continued conduct after a warning shall be referred to the Dog Sports Committee, and may be referred onward under the existing disciplinary process.

5.3 Officials shall not invoke this rule to decline a query that properly falls within clause 2. A competitor who raises a query courteously and in accordance with this rule commits no breach, and no competitor shall be disadvantaged for having done so.

6. Record keeping

6.1 The trial manager shall record in writing, on the day, any query raised that falls outside clause 2, any warning issued under clause 5.2, and any correction made under clause 2.

6.2 The record shall be submitted to the Dog Sports Committee within seven days of the trial.

7. Commencement and publication

7.1 This rule takes effect on 31 October 2026.

7.2 This rule is published in full on the SKC website and serves as notification to all triallers.