

Fix and Go On

As of January 1, 2020, Clubs holding agility trials will be required to offer Fix and Go On for all classes. Fix and Go On will be offered on a one-year pilot basis in order to give the staff time to evaluate their impact. The "Fix and Go On" option allows exhibitors to immediately reattempt an obstacle at any time on course when the dog's performance on an obstacle is not to their expectation. This allows the dog to successfully complete the obstacle and finish the course or leave the ring on a positive note. Using the Fix and Go On option will result in a non-qualifying score. Once the handler initiates Fix and Go On, the judge will signal with crossed arms and a verbal "Fix and Go On" to the timer and scribe.

- Once the judge has signaled with crossed arms, the scribe will record an "FNG" Fix and Go On which indicates an elimination and a non-qualifying score. The scorekeeper shall enter an "E" and "NT" for an FNG run.
- Judging will continue even after Fix and Go On has been called.
- Once Fix and Go On is signaled by the judge, the timer will immediately watch the timer console and press the horn and/or blow a whistle when the following times are reached:
 - 60 sec will be allowed for STD
 - 45 secs will be allowed for JWW
 - If the judge signals Fix and Go On after the allocated 60 sec for STD or 45 sec for JWW, the timer will press the horn and/or blow a whistle immediately. The exhibitor may continue to execute their Fix and Go On and then immediately exit the ring.
 - T2B MCT (horn will automatically sound)
 - FAST at the first horn (horn will automatically sound)
- The handler may opt to reset the dog and repeat an obstacle one time to attempt to fix a behavior that is not preformed to their expectation. Handlers may include preceding obstacle(s) to establish a proper approach to the obstacle being fixed.
- Handlers can touch equipment, re-set any jump and touch/pet their dogs.
- Should a handler attempt to fix an additional obstacle and or behavior later in the course, the whistle will be blown, and the handler must immediately proceed to the exit.
- A handler may choose to fix a start line.
 - This is not to be confused with a handler who runs with their dog after their initial return.
 - A Fix and Go On will be signaled by the judge when the handler LEADS OUT past the first obstacle for the SECOND TIME.
 - The Timer will manually start the time when the judge signals Fix and Go On. If the electronic timer stops the Timer will press "RESTART".
 - If the dog breaks their start line stay and completes the first obstacle and the handler chooses to repeat the lead out the judge will immediately signal Fix and Go On when the handler directs their dog back to the start.
 - The time will continue to run.
- FIX and GO On should be utilized for the benefit of the dog to reinforce a positive performance and not as a punitive correction. Harsh verbal and /or physical corrections shall not be tolerated. Any determination of harshness by the judge shall be immediately whistled and the handler will be dismissed from the ring. Judges will judge this as they do currently whether it is a qualifying run or not.

FOR EXHIBITION ONLY

As of January 1, 2020, Clubs holding agility trials can offer For Exhibition Only (FEO). FEO will be offered at the option of the host club. FEO will be offered on a one-year pilot basis in order to give the staff time to evaluate their impact. Premium lists must mention whether FEO will be offered or not. It will allow exhibitors to work with their dogs in a trial environment. FEO is only allowed in the Time 2 Beat and FAST classes. FEO will be of value to new exhibitors or exhibitors that are having difficulty with a specific obstacle and or ring environment. Competitors must enter in T2B and/or FAST. Participation in FEO is non-qualifying.

- FEO runs are treated as trial entries. The exhibitor must enter this class(es) (T2B, FAST) prior to the closing date, pay class entry fee(s) and the Trial Secretary must record the entry in Trial Catalog as part of the results for that class.
- Dogs may be entered at any height for FEO runs. Day of show height changes are not allowed. If entered in a lower height than eligible, the team is committed to FEO for that run and must declare FEO on the start line.
- Dogs may be entered in any level of FAST. If the dog is not eligible for the level entered, the team is committed to FEO for that run and must declare FEO on the start line. Day of show level changes are not allowed.
- The exhibitor must declare FEO in the ring prior to leading out.
- It is recommended that exhibitors mark or have the Gate Steward mark FEO on the gate sheet as a courtesy to other exhibitors, but it is not required; the handler has up until they lead out or start the course to opt for FEO.
- The Judge will verbally confirm FEO to the scribe. The scribe will record FEO, NT and E on the scribe sheet.
- Toys are allowed in the ring
 - Toys must be non-audible
 - Toys may not leave the handler's hand
 - Toys that roll freely cannot be used
- Food/treats are not allowed in the ring
- Handlers can touch equipment and may touch/pet their dogs during an FEO run.
- Timer will start the time manually as the handler steps away from the dog
- FEO Course Time
 - T2B when horn goes off at MCT the handler must proceed to the out gate
 - FAST when the first horn sounds the handler must proceed to the out gate
- FEO should be utilized for the benefit of the dog and not as a punitive correction. Harsh verbal and /or physical corrections shall not be tolerated. Any determination of harshness by the judge shall be immediately whistled and the handler will be dismissed from the ring.
- A judge must monitor the entire run. Judges can stop a run at any time they deem necessary.
- Judges will be asked to provide entry counts of FAST and T2B FEO runs on their post-trial report during this pilot period.
- AKC Agility Field Reps, Director and their family members may enter their dogs in FAST and T2B as FEO runs.