

Minutes of Meeting
NKU Rally Obedience Committee,
14th March 2022, 19:30-22:18
Participants: Beatrice Palm (Sweden), Tytti Lintenhofer (Finland), Paul Lysholdt (Denmark),
and Solveig Therese Zetterstrøm (Norway)
Absentees: None
Minutes: Paul Lysholdt

1. Opening of the meeting

Beatrice opened the meeting.

2. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting 30th January 2022 have been approved previously and are published here:

<https://www.skk.se/en/NKU-home/about-the-nku/organisation/committees/rally-obedience-committee/meeting-minutes/2022/>

3. Guidelines

We agreed the following principles:

- We can't change how exercises should be performed with effect for the Championship 2022, that wouldn't be fair for the handlers.
- We can update with clarifications regarding how to perform exercises and judge them.
- We will apply the FCI-guidelines when they have been decided, and they could potentially be used at the Championship 2023.

The following agreed:

- **Jump and tunnel exercises.**
 - Remove "where the dog doesn't need to be aligned".
 - In the judging guidelines it must be described that when the dog comes out from the tunnel/passes the second jump it may not move back towards the handler passing the end of the tunnel/the second jump.
 - A drawing must be added showing the landing area.
- **Jump.** We will keep this: "A jump can be either an obedience or agility jump. It must break down easily if the dog touches the jump."
- **Temptations.** Remove: "In exercise 221 (temptation) the team must cross between the cones three times."
- The paragraph "Breeds and temperament" must be moved to the start of "Nordic Class performance".
- "After taking the dog off leash, the dog must only wear a collar (and fur accessories, if needed)." This must be replaced with the same text as in the Regulations.
- The exercise area. We keep "The exercise area is 1 x 1 meters, if no other instruction has been given." The rest of the text is replaced with this:

"The exercise is performed on the left side of the sign when the direction of the course does not change (A).

When the direction is changed, the exercise is performed in front of the sign (B). Exercises 417 (90° left turn, around cone) and 418 (90° right turn, around cone) must start according to drawing A, even though the direction is changed.

The sidestep exercises 301, 303, 401, 403 are performed after the sign (C). (The SIGN must be moved up on the drawing).

Recalls are done according to drawing D.

When starting an exercise, it is enough that either the handler or the dog is within the exercise area. Note that all exercises must begin within the exercise area. The only exceptions to this are exercises 222 (send over jump), 320 (send over two jumps) and 419 (tunnel).

These exercises begin at the earliest next to the sign.”

- Beatrice’s drawing should be included after “With the sidestep exercises, the length of a sidestep must be at least the length of the handler’s foot. A cross step can be taken when making a sidestep. The sidestep must be taken in a straight line to left or right.”
- The paragraph “Height of a jumps” must be changed to “Jumps” and include a description of the landing area.
- The text “The deductions are divided into the following categories: lack of teamwork, handler’s mistake, incorrectly performed exercise. The table below lists some examples related to the deduction types.” should be included before the tables with the examples of deductions.
- Handler’s mistake, minus 10, remove: “Wrong speed must be defined in the judging guidelines”.
- Keep “Only one -10 deduction is allowed per exercise” and remove “except for the following cases, where another -10 can be deducted per exercise:
 - Handler touches the dog
 - Handler puts hand in pocket”

4. Other issues

Paul will ask Erna Ómarsdóttir to replace Iiris with Tytti on <https://www.skk.se/en/NKU-home/about-the-nku/organisation/committees/rally-obedience-committee/>

Beatrice informed, that she will stop as member of the committee by 1st July 2022.

Karin Holst will be the Swedish judge at the Championship 2022 with Ida Lindgren as secretary.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place 20th April 2022 19:45-22:00 CET. Paul will arrange a Teams-meeting.

The agenda will include:

- Continue update of the guidelines, focus on judging guidelines.
- Agree on weekend with education of all Nordic judges, e.g., in January 2023.
- Exercises when the dog is performing «jump-stand». For example, «sit-stand». How much do we allow the dog jump?
- Beatrice’s video with dog sitting in sidestep.

6. Closing of the meeting

Beatrice closed the meeting.