DOG OF THE SEASON RULES

1. Dogs that win out of their grade during the year will remain in the category they are in at the first DOS competition of the year for the whole of that year.
2. Rosettes will be awarded to 4th place in all classes.
3. Trophies will be awarded to 1st place for:
	1. Large Dogs - Classes up to and including Grade 3
	2. Small/Medium Dogs – Classes up to and including Grade 4
4. Points will be awarded as follows:

Knock Outs - 4 points for 1st place down to 1 point for 4th place

Agility and Jumping - 6 points for 1st place down to 1 point for 6th place

ABC and Margaret Fahy trophies - All eligible dogs (see below) competing over the same course will be taken together and points awarded from 6 points down to 1 point for the best 6 ABC dogs and the best 6 collies or collie crosses.

1. The following trophies (in bold) will be awarded each year based on the total number of points gained by a dog and handler partnership in the relevant category over the previous four Dog of the Season competitions. To be eligible for such trophies a member must have attended at least 18 training sessions during the year.

**Large Starters KO Small/Medium Starters KO**

**Large Starters Agility** (previously Pre-Comp)  **Large Starters Jumping** (previously Pre-Comp)

**Medium Starters Agility Medium Starters Jumping**

**Small Starters Agility Small Starters Jumping**

# Starters - For dogs aged at least 12 months that have not won a rosette at a Kennel Club Open Show in a class run over normal competition height (Junior classes excepted).

Dogs will compete at one height lower than regulation competition height in Starters Agility and Jumping. Large Starters KO will be run over Medium height and Small/Medium KO over micro height. Dogs that have competed at an Open Show but not yet won a rosette may be entered in Large Grade 1-3 or Medium/Small Grade 1-4 classes and the relevant Competition KO **instead of** Starters classes at the handler’s discretion but may not revert to Starters at a later date.

**Large Competition KO Small/Medium Competition KO**

Competition KO - For dogs that have won a rosette at a KC Open Show or have opted out of Starters.

**Large Grade 1-3 Agility Large Grade 1-3 Jumping**

For dogs of those grades that have won a rosette at a KC Open Show or have opted out of Starters.

**Large Grade 4-5 Agility Large Grade 4-5 Jumping**

**Large Grade 6-7 Agility Large Grade 6-7 Jumping**

**Medium Grade 1-4 Agility Medium Grade 1-4 Jumping**

For dogs of those grades that have won a rosette at a KC Open Show or have opted out of Starters.

**Medium Grade 5-7 Agility Medium Grade 5-7 Jumping**

**Small Grade 1-4 Agility Small Grade 1-4 Jumping**

For dogs of those grades that have won a rosette at a KC Open Show or have opted out of Starters.

**Small Grade 5-7 Agility Small Grade 5-7 Jumping**

**Large Allsorts Agility Large Allsorts Jumping**

**Small/Medium Allsorts Agility Small/Medium Allsorts Jumping**

## Allsorts - For dogs that are coming back from injury or have retired from regulation height competition and who are not eligible for veteran classes.

Dogs will compete over the same height jumps as in Starters Agility and Jumping classes.

This class is for dogs that are not able to compete at regulation height. If a dog resumes normal competition during the year it should be entered in the appropriate regulation height class. Allsorts and regulation height points will not be combined for end of year trophies.

**Large Veteran Agility Large Veteran Jumping**

**Small/Medium Veteran Agility Small/Medium Veteran Jumping**

**Veteran** – For collies aged 10 and over and ABCs aged 8 and over.

Dogs will compete over the same height jumps as in Starters Agility and Jumping classes.

This class is for dogs that have permanently retired from competition. If a dog resumes normal competition during the year it should be entered in the appropriate regulation height class. Veteran and regulation height points will not be combined for end of year trophies.

***Note that Starters, Any Size and Veteran classes will not include weaves in jumping and agility or the see-saw in agility.***

**Junior Jumping**

Junior – under 18 at the first DOS competition of the year. Juniors may run a maximum of 3 dogs in this class.

Junior Jumping is split into Large and Small/Medium dog classes.

**Junior handler**

For the junior handler and dog partnership with the most points gained in Agility classes.

**Sam Badby Trophy - Large ABC Small/Medium ABC**

*The Sam Badby trophy was donated to the club by Joan Badby, Sam’s widow. Sam and Joan were founder members of the Agility section and had a particular love of Flat Coated Retrievers, hence the ABC trophy. Sam provided the wood for the first set of jumps we ever had and he and other members made them.*

ABC - For Large dogs that are not a border collie/working sheepdog/Welsh sheepdog or first cross of the same.

**Margaret Fahy trophy**

*This trophy has been provided by the Agility section in memory of Margaret who was one of the founder members of the club’s Agility section when it was formed in approximately 1990. Margaret was also an active member of the club’s Obedience section and in her later years also took up sheep dog trialling, in addition to her various sporting and other interests.*

For Large border collies/working sheepdogs/Welsh sheepdogs of any size or first cross of the same.

In case of doubt as to eligibility for the latter two trophies the committee’s decision shall be final.