

## Clarification of New SMART Policies

### Bitches in Season

SMART does allow bitches in season to compete at their trials. The BIS are required to wear panties at all times while on the competition field (Prunedale) or in the competition arena (Thorsens). **This includes at the practice jump, in their crates (if crated in this area) and while running.** They must be crated away from the rings, ideally in a car, but we recognize that this isn't always possible. We ask that they not be crated in the row of canopies next to the rings when at Prunedale or in ringside setups at Thorsens. All BIS must be pottied off the competition lawn (on the lower fields or on the road around the field) or outside the competition arena. Please keep the BIS away from the area around the ring until there are only 1 or 2 dogs before you in the running order. BIS will run in running order. Anyone who is concerned about their dog running after a BIS may move up in the running order. This may be done in any class (with judge's permission in masters snooker). You may also move to a different running group to get away from a BIS.

### Fix and Continue

SMART allows Fix and Continue in all numbered courses EXCEPT pairs. The judge sets the terms for Fix and Continue in their ring, but in general, you may fix one thing once (repeat a contact, fix a startline, reset a bar on a non-spread or long jump) and continue running the course. If you fix the same thing a second time, or opt to fix a second thing, you must then leave the ring.

### Mulligan Runs

In order to participate in a mulligan, your dog must be entered in the class that you are choosing to mulligan. You may bring a non-audible toy in the ring with you. No food. You have 60 seconds to work the course as it's numbered. You may start at any point in the course, but you must be working the course. If there is anything that does not meet your criteria, you may fix it or reattempt it until it meets your criteria. Mulligans are not a free-for-all.

Mulligan runs cost \$10 each. You may purchase your mulligan ticket in the designated location at the trial. Before the class finishes, you must write your dog's name and jump height on the mulligan sheet on the gate board. You must pay before your mulligan and turn in your ticket when you run. Mulligans done on classes run in rotation groups will be done after your group finishes in that ring.

SMART will be allowing mulligan runs in the following classes:

- Starters Standard
- Starters Jumpers
- Advanced Standard
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- Masters Standard
- Grand Prix