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Special classes

Juniors

We at Hoopers Inc(lusive) believe the next generations of children coming into hoopers are the future of our sport.

We, as an inclusive organisation wish to do everything, we can to encourage young handlers to take part in our sport, in a way that is achievable for them.

Whilst those who fall under any of these categories may be running the same set courses, asking them to run a course against seasoned competitors or experienced adults places them at a disadvantage.

Due to this disadvantage, we are introducing three age categories of competition.

- Children three to seven years old
- Children eight to twelve
- Thirteen to eighteen

general rules

- There will be a separate league table for children and those points accrued will be allocated to the handler rather than the dog.
- All children under eighteen must be registered on an adult or guardian's account.
- Anyone falling under the scope of this policy may run a dog in competition who has already completed the course with their registered handler.
- Those who fall under the scope of this policy will run once all other dogs have run.
- League tables will not be separated on height but on category.
- There will be no progression into higher levels outside of the three award categories per age bracket.
- Upon attaining move up into the next points category varying colours of dog leads will be awarded to the junior.



- Those who fall under these categories and wish to run in general competition may do so, those running in general competition are not permitted to utilise any of the dispensations listed within this policy.
- Classes will be run under Hoopers Inc(lusive) specific class rules
- There will be no box or line points.
- All entries receive a rosette, for eliminations this will be a highly commended or similar.
- All other awards as per the rosette and trophy rules in Hoopers Inc(lusive) rules

Three to seven category

- Those in this category must have a parent or guardian in the ring with them.
- The entrant must make an attempt to run the dog on the prescribed course; this may include moving around the ring or using verbal cues.
- The parent or guardian may direct the dog at the same time using verbal or body cues.
- The parent or guardian must ensure at all points that the dog is happy and comfortable to be working with the entrant and being double handled.

League table and award

Upon the gaining of the below points the following lead colour is awarded:

50 points light blue

100 points dark blue

150 points royal blue

Eight to twelve category

- Entrants in this category may have a parent or guardian in the ring to support them.
- The entrant must make a genuine effort to handle their dog without support.
- to ensure the dog does not become confused or under stress the supporting handler must not direct the dog on the entire course but may step in to offer support.
- Support can be given by the parent or guardian to direct the dog on changes of side or sections of the course which are more complex, the parent or guardian must not direct the dog for the entirety of the course.
- What is deemed too much support or inappropriate support will be down to the judge's discretion the entrant must be seen to be either verbally cueing or directing the dog using body movements.

League table and award



Upon the gaining of the below points the following lead colour is awarded:

40 points pink

80 points lilac

120 points purple

Thirteen to eighteen

- Entrants may have a parent or guardian in the ring with them, the parent or guardian may stand with them, they are there to support the entrant, they may move around the ring, they may support the entrant verbally.
- They must not be cueing the dog either verbally or physical direction.

Upon the gaining of the below points the following lead colour is awarded:

100 points grey

150 points brown

200 points black