

Minutes of Meeting in NKU Rally Obedience Committee

Date and time: 9th March 2023, CET 17:10-19:15

Participants: Brian Binnerup (Denmark), Ida Lindgren (Sweden), Paul Lysholdt (Denmark), Tytti Lintenhofer (Finland) and Solveig Therese Zetterstrøm (Norway)

Absentees: None

Minutes: Paul Lysholdt

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Approval of the minutes of the last teams meeting
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Specification Nordic Championship update
5. Summary and conclusions of the meeting and training 3.2.-5.2.2023
6. Rally Obedience Championship 2023 updates
7. Facebook group Nordic rally judges & secretary's 2023
8. Next meetings
9. Miscellaneous
10. Closing of the meeting

1. Opening of the meeting

Tytti opened the meeting. She specially welcomed Brian, who will take over from Paul as the DKK member of the Rally Obedience Committee.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meetings

The minutes of the meetings 12th January 2023 and 9th February 2023 have been approved previously and have been published here: <https://www.skk.se/en/NKU-home/about-the-nku/organisation/committees/rally-obedience-committee/meeting-minutes/2023/>

3. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

4. Specification Nordic Championship update

Tytti will make a draft update of the Specifications before 23rd March and publish in the Facebook group for discussion with the aim of having a final version in the beginning of April.

5. Summary and conclusions of the meeting and training 3.2.-5.2.2023

We went through the minutes from the weekend.

Appendix regarding Course Building: "Specific measures for moving 3 dog lengths backwards could be considered, e.g. 6-8 meters." This was decided.

"Straight lines discussed. There should be approximately straight lines between exercises with up to approximately 15 degrees deviation accepted." This was agreed.

"Barking & sound, what is excessive?". Brian will make description of the DKK rules, as input for the FCI-work.

"Dog on handler's path (...) OR preventing fluent movement." Agreed to replace OR with AND.

“Sign touched vs. signed knocked over. Decided: knocked over or moved.” Agreed.

Leaning against the handler, what should be deducted? Discussed, agreed that all must consider how this should be judged, and then we can use this as input for the FCI-discussions. Conclusion NKU: “If dog lean most of an exercise: Exercise or part of exercise performed incorrectly, minus 10”.

Turn around cone. Agreed that in the description in the Guidelines about a part of dog or handler must be in the exercise area, 417 and 418 must be mentioned as exceptions: The dog must start its movement away from the handler before the sign.

Sidesteps: Agreed to re-introduce minus 3 for dog not moving fully aligned, no final conclusion regarding what aligned is. Brian will find some videos showing examples of sidesteps and how they were judged.

There is an error in the guidelines: “Dog and handler not starting to turn at the time in turn exercises.” is right (page 10), “... if the turn is not performed simultaneously.” (page 13) should be removed.

Simultaneously turn, is it the body or the feed or both? We agreed that there are grey zones but leave it as it is.

6. Rally Obedience Championship 2023 updates

Solveig gave a short report, work is in good progress.

7. Facebook group Nordic rally judges & secretary's 2023

A Facebook group has been created for judges and secretaries for the Championship 2023 and Tytti.

All judges and secretaries mentioned in previous minutes can consider themselves invited to the Championship.

8. Next meetings

The following meetings agreed:

27th April 2023 17:00-19:00 CET, Teams.

25th May 2023 17:00-19:00 CET, Teams.

18th-19th November 2023, Norway.

9. Miscellaneous

Tytti on behalf of the Committee thanked Paul for the great work he has done for Rally Obedience in the Nordic and Internationally. He has been a crucial part of spreading Rally Obedience internationally.

10. Closing of the meeting

Tytti closed the meeting.