

# DIFFERENCES

## BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL AND SWEDISH AGILITY RULES

These are some of the things that differs in our national rules compared to the FCI regulations (according to the respective regulations valid for 2022).

### Size categories in Sweden:

- Extra small (XS): less than 28 cm
- Small (S): less than 35 cm
- Medium (M): 35 cm and more but less than 43 cm
- Large (L): 43 cm and more but less than 50 cm
- Extra large (XL): 43-cm or more

For dogs in categories XS and L the handler may choose to compete in S and XL respectively.

**The distance between the obstacles** in international rules is 5 meters (4m in small) to 7 meters, while in Sweden the distance is **6-8 meters, measured according to the dog's line** for all sizes.

**Refusal will not be given** in Sweden if the dog makes a short stop, spins or turns away from the natural line on the course, unless it is near the obstacle and within the take-off area of the dog.

**Jumping heights hurdles (wall/viaduct):** Class 1, XS 10-15 cm, S 20-25 cm, M 30-35 cm, L 40-45 cm and XL 50-55 cm. Class 2 and 3, XS 10-20 cm, S 20-30 cm, M 30-40 cm, L 40-50 cm and XL 50-60 cm.

A specific hurdle can only be taken twice.

**Spread hurdles:** The total depth must not exceed: XS 20 cm, S 30 cm, M 40 cm, L 50 cm and XL 55 cm

**Jumping heights tyre:** XS 10-20 cm, S 20-30 cm, M 30-40 cm, L 40-50 cm and XL 50-60 cm, measured to the lowest point at the inside of the ring.

Internationally, the **start and finish line** can be as far from the obstacle as 1 meter, while in Sweden it is as close as possible to the first obstacle and the last one.

No **treats** are allowed in the ring (that is treats cannot be used or be visible). **Toys** are allowed in the ring before the dog passes the starting line and after the dog jumps the last obstacle. Toys cannot be visible or be heard if carried during the race.

Internationally, long jump, spread jump and tyre **must have a straight approach**. In Sweden **all contacts** must also have a straight approach. The number of contacts in Agility 1 is 2-3, and in Agility 2 and 3 the number is 2-4. At least two different contact field obstacles must be included in all agility classes.

**No up contacts are penalized in Sweden.**

Internationally, a dog that **leaves the ring** is immediately disqualified. In Sweden, **a short detour outside of the ring is allowed**, if the handler quickly gets the dog back in control.

In Sweden if **a rerun** is necessary, it **will be judged as a new run** (the dog can be faulted during the whole rerun). The dog can't get less faults but more faults than in the first run. The dog will receive faults from the run with the most faults, even if the rerun is a clear run.

**In international classes**, with CACIAG, all dogs must have a pedigree recognized by the FCI. In Sweden however, all dogs can compete in international classes, but only dogs with a pedigree recognized by the FCI may receive a CACIAG.