



IADSA
Competition
Etiquette

The Irish Agility & Dog Sports Association (IADSA) is committed to creating a positive & inclusive environment for all canine enthusiasts. To ensure a pleasant, harmonious & enjoyable experience and environment for all our members, we have established the following competition etiquette.

1) **Participating at IADSA Licensed Events**

- Prioritise the safety of all participants both Human & Canine.
- Ensure your dog is under control at all times.
- Follow the leash & containment guidelines set out by the organisers, to avoid any unintended incidents.
- Clean up after yourself & your dog and dispose of the waste in the designated areas.
- Never leave your dog tied up or unattended at or near the ring area.
- Unattended dogs (e.g. when handler is course walking) must be contained in a secure and safe environment.
- Show consideration towards your fellow competitors; 1) when course walking – refrain from undue commentary etc., 2) as a spectator – refrain from negatively critiquing a round within earshot of other competitors.
- Show respect to the judge at all times. Judges have complete & final authority in the ring. Any concerns regarding course safety etc. should be brought to the attention of the show secretary immediately.
- Refrain from any behaviour that is unsporting towards your fellow competitor.
- Report any concerns or incidents to the organising show secretary immediately.
- Offer your time to help out with the running of the ring, even helping out in a small way can make a huge difference to those who are organising the event.
- The scrimmers tent is off limits to all handlers while a class is in progress.

2) **Conclusion**

- IADSA members are encouraged to participate in all IADSA activities with a focus on fun & enjoyment

- Remember that the IADSA committee, show organisers & helpers are all volunteers & they should all be treated with respect.

By participating in any IADSA licensed event you agree to abide by this competition etiquette.