



## **REPORT FROM ACTIVITIES JUDGES SUB-GROUP** **MEETING HELD ON 22 APRIL 2021**

The main issues discussed which related to obedience were as follows:

### **Confirmation and Movement (C&M) film**

There had been no progress on development of an adapted version of the Conformation and Movement (C&M) film for activities disciplines, due to resourcing issues, but further updates would be provided in the future.

### **Seminar run-through day**

Planning was in hand for a 'run through' day whereby Accredited Trainers would run through the presentations for the planned two-day Obedience Test Design and Practice of Judging seminar, at which there would be an assessment on the second day at which successful candidates would be awarded a pass certificate. A firm date had not as yet been set for this.

### **Online seminars/webinars**

A guidance document relating to the way in which webinars should be conducted was currently being prepared by the office, and would be circulated to Accredited Trainers in due course. Key issues relating to webinars were the choice of platform, and associated costs.

Zoom was currently widely used for online seminars, and was an effective platform, although the free-of-charge version was subject to timing out if sessions ran beyond the allotted time. Although acceptable, it was hoped that in due course a more professional platform could be identified.

It was confirmed that the use of the phrase 'have attended a seminar and passed the examination' within regulations would cover attendance in person or online.

### **Guides for Judges and Codes of Practice**

A review of the full content of Guides for Judges and Codes of Practice relevant to activities disciplines was being carried out. Guides for Judges or Judges' Codes of Best Practice for all activities disciplines would in future include guidance on the use of social media.