TRACK AND SEARCH TRAINEE JUDGE'S LOGBOOK

Candidate Name

Track and Search Trainee Judge's Logbook

to be used in conjunction with:

- Dogs Queensland Regulations for the Track and Search Judges Training and Assessment Scheme (based on the ANKC regulation part 3E(a)) - Approved August 2024

- Dogs Australia Rules for the conduct of Track and Search Trials (Effective from 1st January 2024)

Logbook

This logbook is designed to help trainees keep records of their learning. It is not necessary to use this format and alternative formats, electronic or hard copy are acceptable. Use whatever best serves your learning style.

The logbook needs to be shareable with the DQ Tracking and Track and Search Subcommittee in accordance with the Judges Training and Assessment Scheme (JTAS) requirements.

It should cover all aspects mentioned in the JTAS. You need to keep records of each of at least the 12 tracks you are required to have stewarded and the 3 tracks you shadow judged for each level, including the maps, notes about how the track worked in practice, and whether and how you would make any necessary changes.

Learning objectives for a track and search trainee judge

The following objectives are intended to guide the trainee's learning. Assignments and mock exams will be provided by the DQ Track and Track and Search Subcommittee to help the trainee.

Track and Search Training includes designing tracks and using electronic tools, such as Google Earth to map them. This activity is done prior to trials with consultation with mentoring judges. This is a time-consuming process as you also need to walk the tracks to check for features not apparent from arial maps.

To be ready to apply for elevation the trainee should be able to:

1. For trainees who do not hold a current judge's licence, recall the relevant rules and regulations of Dogs Queensland relating to judges' conduct and obligations.
2. Recall the Dogs Queensland rules and regulations for Track and Search Trials.
3. Explain the roles and responsibilities of a Track and Search Judge in promoting the sport.
4. Explain how dogs are able to scent and track and how scent may behave under different conditions.
5. Perform the role of Trial Manager for a Dogs Queensland Affiliated Club, including contracting judges, submitting a schedule to Dogs Queensland, preparing a run sheet for the trial, preparing and submitting the Trial Manager's report and other required documents to Dogs Queensland at the end of the trial.
6. Design, plan, map and set out tracks, for each of the following levels: TSD, TSDX, Track and Search Champion and Track and Search Grand Champion (depending on the level of elevation sought) including directions on access to and from the tracks.
7. Steward tracks at all levels assisting the judge as required; organise competitors, track layers and diversion track layers so that a test runs smoothly; and noting how dogs manage the conditions of each track.
8. Shadow judging (often while stewarding), discussing the dog's performance and grade with the judge, and making the presentation.

Training requirements

You may apply to be assessed for elevation to becoming a licensed Judge when you have met the following training requirements.

1. Conducted at least two group sessions of practical training helping other people in track and search.

2. For elevation to judge at TSDX level, stewarded 12 tracks, ideally in at least two locations, working with at least three different judges. These should include tracks at TSD, TSDX, Track and Search Champion and Track and Search Grand Champion levels. Stewarding will include designing and mapping the tracks and organizing the track layers, safety stewards, diversion layers and competitors.

3. For elevation to judge at the Track and Search Champion and Track and Search Grand Champion level, the trainee must steward at least 3 tracks at each level.

4. Manage a Track and Search Trial for a Dogs Queensland Affiliated Club, including contracting judges, submitting a schedule to Dogs Queensland, preparing a run sheet for the trial, organizing tracks, preparing and submitting the Trial Manager's report and other required documents to Dogs Queensland at the end of the trial.

5. For elevation to judge at Track and Search Dog Excellent level, shadow judge 3 dogs for TSDX title tests, including night tracks, under the supervision of the judge. This will include designing, mapping, organising and stewarding the tracks and making the presentation at the end.

6. For elevation to judge at Track and Search Champion and Track and Search Grand Champion level shadow judge 3 dogs for Track and Search Champion and Track and Search Grand Champion tests, including at least one night track at each level, under the supervision of the judge. This will include designing, mapping, organising and stewarding the tracks and making the presentation at the end.

7. Successfully completed assignments/mock examinations prepared by the Tracking and Track and Search Subcommittee covering Dogs Queensland and ANKC Inc rules and regulations, tracking scenarios, ethics of tracking and judging, and other relevant topics.

Stewarding

For elevation to judge at TSDX level, you need to have stewarded at least 12 tracks, ideally in at least two locations, working with at least three different judges. These should include tracks at TSD, TSDX, Track and Search Champion and Track and Search Grand Champion levels. Stewarding will include designing and mapping the tracks and organizing the track layers, safety stewards, diversion layers and competitors.

For elevation to judge at the Track and Search Champion and Track and Search Grand Champion level, you need to have stewarded at least 3 tracks at each level.

STEWARDING TRACKS

Tracks	# of Tracks	Locations	Judges
TSD1 2 3			
TSD4 5 6			
TSD 7 8			
TSD9 10			

There are forms at the back of this document for comments about these tracks.

These forms are just for stewarding.

Attach your maps.

Fill in the relevant sections and get feedback from the officiating judge.

Shadow Judging

For elevation to judge at Track and Search Dog Excellent level, you need to shadow judge 3 dogs for TSDX title tests, including night tracks, under the supervision of the judge. This will include designing, mapping, organising and stewarding the tracks and making the presentation at the end.

For elevation to judge at Track and Search Champion and Track and Search Grand Champion level you need to shadow judge 3 dogs for Track and Search Champion and Track and Search Grand Champion tests, including at least one night track at each level, under the supervision of the judge. This will include designing, mapping, organising and stewarding the tracks and making the presentation at the end.

SHADOW JUDGING

	# of Tracks	Locations	Judges
TSD 1-3			
TSD 4-6			
TD 7 – 10			

Use the relevant forms in the back of the document. Include the maps

Reflections on what you learnt from these experiences.

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Assignments

For elevation you need to have successfully completed assignments/mock examinations prepared by the Tracking and Track and Search Subcommittee covering Dogs Queensland and ANKC Inc rules and regulations, tracking scenarios, ethics of tracking and judging, and other relevant topics.

These assignments will be sent to you by a member of the Subcommittee.

They should be your own work, and feedback will be provided on them.

DQ Rules Mock Exam ("White book")

If you do not hold a current judge's licence, you need to demonstrate that you can recall the relevant rules and regulations of Dogs Queensland relating to judges' conduct and obligations.

Assignment 1: Track and Search Rules

This is about the ANKC Rules for Track and Search.

Assignment 2: Scenarios

You will be given Scenarios and asked to explain what your actions as a judge would be if this occurred when you were judging.

Assignment 3: Mapping

Assignment 4: To be determined

ASSIGNMENTS

Assignment	Date submitted	Date feedback received	Comments
DQ Rules – if applicable			
Assignment 1			
Assignment 2			
Assignment 3			
Assignment 4			

Group Training Sessions

For elevation you need to have conducted at least two group sessions of practical training helping other people in track and search.

You need to keep records of these sessions.

TRAINING SESSIONS RUN

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Organisations or Groups

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What you learnt from these Training Sessions:

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Comments from someone who witnessed some of the Training Sessions

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Trial Manager/Secretary Role

For elevation you need to have managed a Track and Search Trial for a Dogs Queensland Affiliated Club, including contracting judges, submitting a schedule to Dogs Queensland, preparing a run sheet for the trial, organizing tracks, preparing and submitting the Trial Manager's report and other required documents to Dogs Queensland at the end of the trial.

Trial Manager/ Secretary Role

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Trial:

Roles and Responsibilities:

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Comments on this from a Club Representative or Senior Judge at the Trial

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STEWARDING TRACKS

This includes your reflections on how the track went.

Attach your maps.

Fill in the relevant sections and get feedback from the officiating judge.

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This includes your discussions with the judge and your active participation in judging the track.

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