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REGULATIONS

PART 3P

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF SPRINTDOG™ JUDGES TRAINING & ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

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These Guidelines have been designed to assist the standardized development of SprintDog™ across Australia by giving guidance as to the Judging standard each State is required to be working towards. It is acknowledged that deviation from these 'Guidelines' in early development stages may be necessary in some States. Such deviations will continue to be acceptable until such time the ANKC Ltd SprintDog™ Working Party agree that these Guidelines can be reasonably adhered to by all States.

Australian Judges recognised by Dogs Australia as SprintDog™ Judges may be approved to judge at any SprintDog™ Trial and must be members in good standing with their ANKC Ltd. Member Body.

A registry of Australian SprintDog™ Judges will be kept and maintained by Dogs Australia.

SPRINTDOG™ JUDGES TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

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Section 1 How to Become a SprintDog™ Judge

- 1.1.1 Application Procedure. All applications for entry into the Judges Training & Assessment Program must be on the nominated form and be received before the nominated date. To be eligible to enter the Program the applicant must:
- [a] have been a member of the ANKC Ltd Member Body for a total period of not less than three [3] years, but dispensation may be given for persons with sufficient experience in this discipline.
 - [b] be over 18 years of age;
 - [c] be approved by the ANKC Ltd. Member Body.
- 1.1.2 The only persons eligible to judge SprintDog™ Events shall be Dogs Australia SprintDog™ Judges.
- 1.1.3 Written Examination and Practical Tests.
- [a] Completion of practical training is mandatory. Sessions must include a minimum of two events. Each of these training sessions to be conducted in conjunction with a Dogs Australia SprintDog™ Judge.
 - [b] Non attendance at required practical training will preclude application for a licence, unless a written apology acceptable to the ANKC Ltd. Member Body SprintDog™ Sub Committee / Working Party is received within seven [7] days of the relevant lecture.
 - [c] All applicants in the SprintDog™ Judges Training & Assessment Program must pass written examinations.
 - [d] Closed book exam on SprintDog™ Rules – 80% pass mark.
 - [e] A pass in a written examination will remain valid until the adoption of the next Dogs Australia Rule change for that discipline.
 - [f] An applicant failing a written or practical examination may request a review. Such request must be received by the office within fourteen [14] days of notification of a result.
 - [g] All applicants who pass all written examinations must pass practical examinations, prior to being granted a licence.
 - [h] The Assessment Panel will consist of the SprintDog™ State Judges Training Coordinator and two [2] qualified Judges drawn randomly by the ANKC Ltd. Member Body SprintDog™ Sub Committee / Working Party.
 - [i] The Assessment Panel must reach a majority decision prior to recommendation to the ANKC Ltd. Member Body that a Licence be granted.
 - [j] Rule Changes. Following any Rule changes by Dogs Australia, all Judges must attend Lectures conducted to explain/discuss such Rule changes held by their ANKC Ltd. Member Body.

Section 2 Competencies for SprintDog™ Judges

- 1.2.1 Criteria satisfied according to Member Body Judge's Training Program
- 1.2.2 Knowledge of Dogs Australia rules for SprintDog™ accurately demonstrated.
- 1.2.3 Practical application of Dogs Australia rules for SprintDog™ accurately demonstrated.
- 1.2.4 Knowledge of current relevant ANKC Ltd. Member Body Constitution, Rules and Regulations demonstrated.
- 1.2.5 Judges Lectures are ongoing (where required) and compulsory for attendance upon a revision to the SprintDog™ Rules.

Section 3 Guidelines for Theory Assessments

- 1.3.1 All assessment must be objective – that is only one (1) correct answer.
 - [a] Multiple choice questions are an obvious example of objective questions, but they can be difficult, but not hard to set, for the beginner, given guidelines.
 - [b] Leave a space questions can be useful for a particular purpose ie. Verbatim answers, straight from the rule book. (not usually able to test understanding, but easiest to set)
 - [c] Short answer or essay type questions (these are easy to set but very difficult to assess objectively)
 - [d] Practical situation questions eg "What would you do if?" This question can be set in either multiple choice (preferable) or short answer.
 - [e] The person setting the assessment paper must supply an answer sheet.
 - [f] The answer sheet must indicate the correct OBJECTIVE answer for each question, including questions which contain a variety of components.
- 1.3.2 All Questions must have an Objective System of Marking – for example – one (1) answer = one mark.
 - [a] Each question shall show the number of marks for the correct answer.
 - [b] If two or more responses are necessary, then two or more marks must be allocated for that question ie one mark for each part of the question. Or the question must be divided into two or more questions.

Section 4 Procedure for Judges Theory Assessments

- 1.4.1 The ANKC Ltd. Member Body is to appoint a Member in good standing to supervise written exams.
- 1.4.2 Written exams / assessments, must be marked by three [3] SprintDog™ Judges.

Section 5 Procedure for Practical SprintDog™ Judges Assessment

1.5.1 The following instructions are provided for the information of Trainee Judges and Testing Panel members. It is intended that all officials and candidates be provided with a copy of these instructions prior to the day of the test.

The successful conduct and outcome of this assessment is largely dependent on compliance with the following:

- [a] Three (3) Panel members will be chosen from the current ANKC Ltd. Member Body Judges Panel / SprintDog™ Sub Committee / SprintDog™ Working Party.
- [b] Panel Members are to be with the Trainee Judge.
- [c] While the necessity of brief discussion between the panel members for the purpose of clarification is understood, there must be no collaboration or unnecessary discussion between the panel members prior to their decision is recorded.
- [d] At the completion of the assessment, the panel members shall not confer. Each panel member will individually make a recommendation as to whether the candidate has passed or failed and placed into an envelope and sealed. The envelopes are handed to the State SprintDog™ Training Coordinator.
- [e] Candidates may be advised of the outcome of the assessment on the day if time permits.
- [f] The SprintDog™ Sub Committee/Working Party is responsible to notify the ANKC Ltd. Member Body of the results and any recommendations for the Trainee Judge.
- [g] All results must remain confidential until such time as all candidates have been notified.
- [h] Panel members must understand that prolonged and intimidatory questioning and particularly "what if" situations are inappropriate and must not be carried out under any circumstances.

Unsuccessful Trainee Judges may request to complete another practical test; after completing more training with licenced SprintDog™ Judges (this must be over a minimum of three [3] SprintDog™ Trials.