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## SECTION T - SANCTIONED TRACKING TRIALS

### T1 CONDUCT:

Tracking Trials sanctioned by the Canine Association of Western Australia (Inc) are conducted under the Rules as from time to time approved by the Australian National Kennel Council.

### T2 ASSOCIATE DOGS:

In order to be entered in sanctioned Tracking Trials an Associate Dog, as defined in Regulations Section "A" must be registered with the Canine Association of Western Australia on the Associate Dog Register and the owners must be Ordinary or Associate members of the Canine Association of Western Australia (Inc).

### T3 TRAINING OF JUDGES:

#### 3.1 Board of Examiners (04/11)

3.1.1 The Board of Examiners shall be appointed, as the need arises, by the Governing Council on the recommendation of the Chairperson of the Judges' Training Committee.

3.1.2 The Board of Examiners shall consist of no less than three (only uneven numbers shall be appointed) Tracking Judges qualified to judge all classes.

#### 3.2 Eligibility for Applicants (04/11)

To be accepted as a trainee a person must:-

The minimum eligibility criteria for trainee obedience judges is outlined in ANKC Part 3E Regulations For The Conduct of Tracking Trial Judges Training Scheme.

In addition, aspiring trainees must have stewarded at and/or trained a dog for, or run a dog in Tracking Trials for the last two years or more.

#### 3.3 Requirements to Attain Trainee Judge Status

3.3.1 Be approved by Governing Council on the recommendation of the Chairperson of Judges' Training in conjunction with the Tracking Judges' Training Co-ordinator.

3.3.2 Pass an Entrance Examination on the Rules for Tracking Trials with a 75% pass mark.

#### 3.4 Training

3.4.1 Training Programme

On completion of the Entrance Examination the Board of Examiners will advise the following;

3.4.1.1 Theory:

The number of lectures on the understanding of the rules and other additional material as required by the Board of Examiners. (Rules for Tracking Trials, Rules and Regulations of the CAWA, Code of Ethics for Tracking Judges).

3.4.1.2 Practical:

The number of judging practical sessions to be included in the lecture programme.

3.4.1.3 The number and nature of stewarding appointments required for the course.

3.4.2 Trainees must attend a minimum of 75% of all lectures and practical sessions.

- 3.4.3 A lecture on the Rules and Regulations of the Canine Association of WA (Inc) must be included in the course and attendance by trainees is mandatory. A test on areas covered in the lecture must be passed for the trainee to continue in the course.

### **3.4 Examinations**

#### **3.5.1 Written Examinations**

##### **3.5.1.1 Entrance Examination.**

A short answer written test of one (1) hour duration with a pass mark of 75%. Questions to be taken directly from the Rules for Tracking Trials

##### **3.5.1.2 Theory Examination.**

A written paper of 2 hours duration with a pass mark of 85% on each section of the course. Questions to be directly applicable to the rules *and any other written material distributed to all trainees by the Board of Examiners during the training course.*

- 3.5.1.3 The final mark for written papers will be decided from the average marks awarded by three members of the Board of Examiners. They may appoint other suitable people to take the place of members of the Board, but no less than two members of the Board must mark the papers.

#### **3.5.2 Practical Examination (04/11)**

A mock Tracking trial will be held with at least 1 competing dog for each section. Each trainee is required to set out and map the track, mark the dog and afterwards, may be required to make an oral report on the reasons for the various points and/or deductions made. A pass will be awarded if the majority of the Board of Examiners are satisfied that the candidate has sufficient knowledge. The candidate's dress and manner will also be considered when the Board makes its assessment.

### **3.6 Outline of Courses (04/11)**

- 3.6.1 Candidates will commence the course by attending lectures on the following aspects:

Rule Book Preamble, all tracking tests (excluding Track & Search Dog tests), CAWA Regulations, Judges Code of Ethics. Take part in practical sessions, Steward at 3 tracking trials and complete a working test on the CAWA Regulations.

- 3.6.2 The successful candidates may be granted a licence to judge Tracking Dog (TD) classes only.

- 3.6.3 Candidates that fail must wait for the next course.

- 3.6.4 The Theory Exam to consist of :

Questions on

- ◆ Judges Code of Ethics
- ◆ Rules for the Conduct of Tracking Trials
- ◆ Any written material given to all candidates.

A section of multiple choice questions to be included.

Duration two hours.

### **3.7 Qualifications (04/11)**

- 3.7.1 To be eligible to judge TDX Class, a judge must have:-

- 3.7.1.1 Completed two judging appointments having judged each of Tracks 1, 2 and 3 at least once to the satisfaction of the Association.

- 3.7.1.2 From the time of commencement of the course to the time of application for the TDX Class judging, have officiated as a steward at

- two (2) Tracking Trials OR have trained a dog to gain the title of TDX and have been competing during the previous three years
- 3.7.2 To be eligible to judge the Tracking Champion Class, a judge must have:-
- 3.7.2.1 Successfully judged 1 each of Track 4, 5 and 6 tests. The candidate may then apply for elevation to judge Tracking Champion tests.
- 3.7.2.2 From the time of commencement of the course to the time of the application for the Tracking Champion Class judging, have officiated as a steward at two (2) Tracking Trials and/or trained a dog to gain the title of T.Ch.
- 3.7.2.3 After receiving elevation and prior to judging a Tracking Champion track, the judge must assist an experienced judge to set out and map one Track 7 and also act as steward when that track is judged.

Judges who are qualified to judge Tracking Champion tests and desiring to judge Track & Search Dog tests must attend a lecture and pass an Open Book Exam consisting of:

- ◆ Rules and Guidelines for the Conduct of Track and Search Dog Trials  
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  - ◆ Map and judge one dog in the Track & Search Dog (TSD) and Track & Search Dog Excellent (TSDX) classes in a mock trial.
- 3.7.3 The maintenance of a list of assignments, complete with exact dates and other relevant details, is the responsibility of each judge. Such detail must be furnished when applying for elevation of status.
- 3.7.4 Certification of judging appointments on the prescribed form, and Proof of stewarding and/or competition in the relevant class *must* accompany applications for elevation of status.
- 3.7.5 No judging appointment may be accepted for any class until the relevant status has been granted.

Judges may not accept appointments outside of Western Australia to judge classes for which they have not been approved by the Canine Association of Western Australia (Inc.).

### **3.8 New Rules**

#### **3.9.1 Tracking Rules**

When the Rules for Tracking Trials are revised, with the approval of the Australian National Kennel Council, all Judges will be notified by the Canine Association of Western Australia (Inc.) and a Judge's Seminar will be arranged by the Tracking Co-ordinator of the Judges' Training Committee for the purpose of discussing these amendments. The Seminar will include a discussion on the Rules and their intent and an open book exercise on the new Rules. 04/11

Should a judge not attend the Judges' Seminar then they will need to complete the open book exercise, there is no set pass mark for this exercise. 04/11

### **3.9 Examination Failures (04/11)**

- 3.9.1 Where a person passes the entrance Examination for any course and fails the Theory or Practical Examinations for any section of the course no exemption from any examination for subsequent courses can be claimed.
- 3.9.2 Appeals: Appeals against the Board of Examiners' decisions or the conduct of the examination are to be received by the Administrator/Secretary or Registrar of the Association within seven days of the date of notification of the decision.
- 3.9.3 In the event that an appeal to the Judges' Training Committee is unsuccessful an appeal may be submitted to the Appeals Board. Any appeal must be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer/Secretary or Registrar of the Association within seven days of notification of the results of the original appeal. Appeals

submitted outside the specified times will not be considered. **08/11.**

- 3.9.4 If an appeal is successful the Appeals Board, in consultation with the Tracking Co-ordinator of Judges' Training, may determine that the appellant will either have the exam in question remarked by at least two qualified people recommended by the Judges' Training Committee in conjunction with the Tracking Judges' Training Co-ordinator be given the opportunity to attempt an exam in similar format again.

**T4 RULES:**

The approved Rules shall be printed under separate cover and available from the Association's office.