

**THE CANINE ASSOCIATION  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INCORPORATED)**

**REGULATIONS**

**SECTION T  
SANCTIONED  
TRACKING TRIALS**



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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**

- 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 Working Party.
- 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**

To be accepted as a trainee a person must:-

- Satisfy the minimum eligibility criteria for trainee tracking judges as 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 have been competing in Tracking Trials for a minimum period of the previous two years.

#### **3.3 Requirements to Attain Trainee Judge Status**

An aspiring trainee judge must:

- 3.3.1 Be approved by Governing Council on the recommendation of the Chairperson of Judges' Training Committee 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. Upon the candidate successfully passing 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.
  - 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.

### **3.5 Examinations**

3.5.1 The final mark for written papers will be decided from the average marks awarded by three members of the Board of Examiners. The Board of Examiners 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**

A mock Tracking trial will be held with at least one track 3 (TD) and one track 5/6 (TDX) to be worked by a competing dog. Each trainee is required to prepare all aspects of the track, judge, 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 is 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**

3.6.1 Candidates will commence the course by:

- Attending lectures on the following aspects:  
Rule Book Preamble, all Tracking Tests, CAWA Regulations, Judges Code of Ethics.
- Completing a working test on the CAWA Regulations.
- Taking part in practical sessions,
- Stewarding at a minimum of 3 tracking trials

3.6.2 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 will be included. Duration two hours.

3.6.3 Upon successfully passing the Final Theory & Practical Exams, the successful candidates may be granted a licence to judge Tracking Dog (TD) classes only.

3.6.4 Candidates that fail either the Theory examination or the Practical examination must wait for the next course. They will not be required to re-sit the entrance exam but will be required to complete and pass all other assessments.

### **3.7 Qualifications**

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

3.7.1.1 Completed at least two judging appointments having judged at least one each of all TD tracks to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners.

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 a minimum of two (2) Tracking Trials which must include acting as steward for at least two TDX tracks 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 a minimum of one each of all TDX tracks and have officiated as a steward at a minimum of two (2) Tracking Trials which must include acting as steward for at least two Championship tracks and/or trained a dog to gain the title of T.Ch.

3.7.2.2 After receiving elevation and prior to judging a Tracking Champion track, the judge must assist an experienced judge to set out and map at least one Championship Track and also act as steward when that track is judged.

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 provided 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 Track & Search Dog**

- 3.8.1 Judges wishing to judge Track & Search Dog tests must make application to the Association's office for the recommendation of the Chairperson of Judges Training. They must attend a lecture on the Rules for Track & Search and pass an Open Book Exam consisting of:
  - \* Rules and Guidelines for the Conduct of Track and Search Dog Trialsthen prepare all aspects of the track and judge in a mock trial, one TSD and one each TSDX and Grand Champion Track, one of which must be a night urban track.

### **3.9 New Rules**

- 3.9.1 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.). A Judge's Seminar will be arranged by the Co-ordinator of the Tracking Judges' Training working party 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.  
Should a judge not attend the Judges' Seminar then they will be required to complete the open book exercise, there is no set pass mark for this exercise.

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

- 3.10.1 Appeals: Appeals against the Board of Examiners' decisions or the conduct of the examination are to be received by the Chief Executive Officer of the Association within seven (7) working days of the date of notification of the decision.
- 3.10.2 In the event that an appeal to the Judges' Training Chairperson is unsuccessful, an appeal may be submitted to the Appeals Board. Any appeal must be lodged with the Chief Executive Office of the Association within seven (7) working days of notification of the results of the original appeal.  
Appeals submitted outside the specified times will not be considered.
- 3.10.3 If an appeal is successful, the Appeals Board may determine that the appellant will either have the exam in question remarked by at least two qualified people recommended by the Judges' Training Chairperson or be given the opportunity to attempt an exam in similar format again.