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Reminder for Clubs – Photography at Events

In early 2024 Dogs West surveyed all Clubs and members about photography at sanctioned events. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Survey Outcomes

- Clubs **supported the option to nominate a photographer**.
- Members strongly supported keeping **Regulation A86** unchanged to protect their right to take their own photographs.
- Feedback on defining a “nominated photographer” in the regulations was **inconclusive**.

Following the survey, Governing Council resolved that **Regulation A86 will remain unchanged**.

What This Means for Clubs

You *can* continue to nominate a photographer

This can be included in your event schedule or on your Club's Facebook page, provided it does not impede Regulation A86.

A86 PHOTOGRAPHS:

The taking of photographs and films of dogs while being exhibited at Sanctioned Events, including Training and Seminars, is permitted. Photos or films including children must not be uploaded to social media without the parent or legal guardian's permission.

Example wording:

"Nominated photographer: S Smith. Podium photos for placegetters will be available at (location) and by request on the day. Pre-bookings: ssmithphotography@gmail.com / 0411 111 111."

Exclusivity at Events

Clubs **cannot** give a photographer exclusive rights for the entire event.

You *may* provide a designated area (e.g. photo-booth marquee or ring) that the nominated photographer has exclusive use of.

Please outline this clearly in your schedule and use signage where appropriate.

Helping Everyone Work Smoothly – Photography Etiquette

Sharing simple etiquette reminders can help reduce congestion and support a positive environment. Consider posting the following on your Facebook page:

Photography Etiquette:

• Be aware of your surroundings and other photographers.
• Move in and out quickly.
• Be courteous if multiple photographers are ringside.
• Photograph another ring during peak times.
• Always ask the Chief Steward before entering a ring.

All members must follow Dogs West's **Code of Conduct** and **Good Sportsmanship Regulations**. If concerns arise, please speak with your Chief Steward.

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