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## **Nominated Photographer at Dogs West Sanctioned Events**

As you may be aware Dogs West conducted a survey sent to all Clubs and members earlier this year.

The results showed support for Clubs to be able to nominate a photographer. However, most respondents wanted the Photography regulation - A86 - to remain unchanged, specifically to ensure that members could maintain their right to take their own photographs at events.

In addition, the results were inconclusive regarding defining a nominated photographer in the regulations.

The comments section offered varying feedback, consistent with the above 3 key themes.

Governing Council on 22 May determined that regulations are not to be amended.

### **CARRIED**

While the regulations will not be amended, Clubs can still nominate a photographer in the event schedules, on the proviso that it does not impede on regulation A86 -

#### **A86 PHOTOGRAPHS:**

*The taking of photographs and films of dogs, whilst being exhibited at Sanctioned Events, including Training and Seminars, is permitted. Photographs and films which include children are not to be uploaded onto social media without the permission of the parent or legal guardian. (07/15)*

#### **How does a Club do this?**

Outline the scope of the photographer's role in the schedule and any other location e.g. Club Facebook page:

Example: Nominated photographer: S Smith. Podium photos for place getters will be located at (location) and by request on the day. Pre-bookings contact:

[ssmithphotography@gmail.com](mailto:ssmithphotography@gmail.com), 0411 111 111.

#### **Can a club offer a photographer exclusivity at an event?**

No, however if there is a separate area set up e.g. 'photo-booth style' marquee or ring, they can have exclusive use of that area. Outline this in your schedule.

Signage may help manage certain areas, Dogs West encourages the Club or nominated photographer to provide signage to place near/in exclusive area.

#### **As a Club, What can we do to ensure people taking photos don't clash?**

Promote photography etiquette on your Facebook page. Example:

- Be mindful of your surroundings and other photographers
- Get in and out quickly
- Be polite and patient if your ring has more than one photographer
- Consider shooting a different ring in busy areas
- Always seek the Chief Stewards permission to enter the ring

All members are required to meet Code of Conduct and Good Sportsmanship regulations. If there is a particular concern, liaise with your Chief Steward.

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