THE CANINE ASSOCIATION
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INCORPORATED)



REGULATIONS

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SANCTIONED
TRACKING TRIALS

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SECTION T - SANCTIONED TRACKING & TRACK & SEARCH TRIALS

T1 CONDUCT:

Tracking and Track and Search 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 in Tracking & Track & Search trials.

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(a) Regulations For The Conduct of Tracking Trial Judges Training Scheme.
- In addition, aspiring trainees must have stewarded, trained a dog and have been competing in Tracking Trials within 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 for Tracking Trials

3.5.1 The pass mark for the final written theory exam will be 80% and 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. (03/2022)

3.5.2 Practical Examination for Tracking Trials
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, will 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 **4** 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) & Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) classes in Tracking Trials.

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 the Tracking Champion **and Tracking Grand Champion** Classes, a judge must have: -

3.7.1.1 Successfully judged a minimum of two (2) each of all TD and TDX tracks and acted as steward for at least two Champion tracks and two Grand Champion tracks. **(10/26)**

3.7.1.2 Prior to judging a Tracking Champion **or Tracking Grand Champion** track, the judge must complete a "mock" **Grand** Champion **10** track under the supervision of a member of the Board of Examiners. He/she is required to prepare all aspects of the track, judge, and afterwards, will be required to make an oral report on the reasons for the various points and/or deductions made. (Effective date 1 April 2024) **03/24**

3.7.2 No judging appointment may be accepted for any class until the relevant status has been achieved. 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.).

3.7.3 The maintenance of a list of assignments, complete with exact dates and other relevant details, is the responsibility of each judge.

3.8 Track & Search Dog

3.8.1 Eligibility

3.8.1.1 Persons wishing to judge Track & Search must be a full panel judge having judged all classes within Tracking.

3.8.1.2 Have personally trained and trialled a dog to a Track and Search Dog title and stewarded at a minimum of two sanctioned Track & Search Dog trials.

3.8.1.3 Tracking 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.

3.9 Training

3.9.1 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 Trials, then 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.

3.10 New Rules

3.10.1 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.
Should a judge not attend the Judges' Seminar, before they are eligible to judge they will be required to complete an open book exam, there is no set pass mark for this open book exam.

3.11 Examination Failures (04/11)

3.11.1 Appeals: Appeals against the Board of Examiners' decisions or the conduct of the examination are to be received by the Administrative Officer of the Association within seven (7) working days of the date of notification of the decision.

3.11.2 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 Administrative Officer 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.

3.11.3 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.

T4. Order for Competition (03/19)

Handlers will be required to complete, in order, all tests up to and including Tracking Champion prior to entering Track and Search Dog trials.