

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



REGULATIONS

**SECTION B
SANCTIONED EVENTS
including Training and Seminars**

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REGULATIONS - SECTION B
Applying to

ALL SANCTIONED EVENTS
Including Training, Seminars and the Dog Section of an Agricultural Society.

To be read in conjunction with the relevant Section of the ANKC regulations.

ALL SANCTIONED EVENTS

B1. SCOPE:

- 1.1 Sanctioned Events must be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Canine Association of Western Australia (Inc).
- 1.2 Agricultural Show Dog Sections must be sponsored by an Affiliated Club or in special circumstances a committee approved by Governing Council and run in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Canine Association of Western Australia (Inc) and the Rules and Regulations of the Agricultural Society where they are not inconsistent with those of the Canine Association of Western Australia (Inc).
- 1.3 These regulations shall apply to all Sanctioned Events conducted in Western Australia and any affiliate or person (including spectators) taking part in such Sanctioned Events in any manner whatsoever shall be bound by these Regulations.

B2 GENERAL:

Any matter affecting the conduct and management of a Sanctioned Event and not specifically provided for under these Regulations shall be decided by the Council, whose ruling shall be final and binding.

- 2.1 Sanctioned Event means- any type of event as recognised by the ANKC. It includes Training and Seminars performed by Affiliates. It does not include Members' Competition for which exhibitors must be members of the Club conducting the competition but need not necessarily be a member of the Association.

B3 GRANTING OF SANCTIONED EVENTS - CONFORMATION

Affiliated Clubs may be granted the following number of Conformation Shows in any one year:

- 3.1 All Breeds Clubs a maximum of three weekends for Championship Shows and a minimum of one Open Show or Parade. **12/23**
- 3.2 Group Clubs a maximum of two Championship Shows and a minimum of one Open Show or Parade.
- 3.3 Multiple or single Breed Clubs a maximum of two Championship Show and a minimum of one Open Show or Parade. **08/03**
- 3.4 Associate Affiliates a maximum of two sanctioned events subject to the approval of Governing Council.
- 3.5 Probationary Affiliates may be granted one Open Show/Parade.
- 3.6 There will be a maximum of four Charity Championship Shows per year.
- 3.7 There will be no further increase in the number of show dates available to Agricultural Societies within a radius of 400 km of Perth city centre and shall not exceed nine per year.
- 3.8 There will be no more than two Agricultural Society Shows granted on any one day within a distance of 250 km of Perth City Centre.
- 3.9 Permanently allocated club dates will be given priority over any Agricultural Society date allocation.
- 3.10** Distant Regional Clubs (over 400 kms from the Perth GPO) - a maximum of five Championship Shows, including charity shows, per year. The conduct of an Open Show is optional. **09/05**

3.11 Subject to availability on the Events Calendar, a club wishing to conduct more than the maximum number of Events listed in this regulation may apply for an additional Event Date if:

- (a) it has met its obligations in relation to conducting the minimum number of shows or events as specified above
- (b) the date requested is not a Grounds Free Weekend. **10/11**

B4 GRANTING OF SANCTIONED OBEDIENCE TRIALS:

The number of Obedience Trials granted to any Club shall be reviewed annually.

B5 GRANTING OF SANCTIONED RETRIEVING STAKES:

Retrieving Clubs may be granted a maximum of six All Age Stakes, six Restricted Stakes, and six Novice Stakes. There shall be no restrictions placed on the number of puppy stakes or beginners' tests in any one year.

B6 GRANTING OF OTHER SANCTIONED EVENTS:

Any other Sanctioned Events, including seminars, may be granted at the discretion of the Council.

B7 PERMISSION:

No affiliate shall hold or conduct any Sanctioned Event without permission having been granted by the Council. Any affiliate desiring to hold or conduct any Sanctioned Event or Members' Competition shall make application to the Administrative Officer of the Association in writing for a date to be approved by the Council. **10/02, 08/11.**

B8 EVENTS CALENDAR

- 8.1 For the purpose of the allocation of Sanctioned Event dates, the year shall run from January to December in each year.
- 8.2 The Administrative Officer of the Association shall cause an Events Calendar to be published in the first 3 months of each year. **10/11**
- 8.3 The Events Calendar shall show all Events over all disciplines that have been allocated an Event Date. **10/11**
- 8.4 Every weekend of the year shall be numbered from the first complete weekend.
- 8.5 Specifically numbered weekends will be allocated to Clubs on a permanent basis.
- 8.6 Clubs may apply for the permanent dates allocated in the Events Calendar for the incoming year to be varied on application. Such applications must specify whether the variation is to be a temporary date change (ie only for a particular year) or whether it is a request for a permanent date change. **10/11**
- 8.7 Any alterations to show dates, type of show, venue, etc, shall be notified in the "WA Canine News".
- 8.8 After 30 June in each year a Club may apply for additional Event Dates for the incoming year in accordance with Regulation 3.11. **10/11**
- 8.9 The Administrative Officer will have an absolute discretion to consider an event request or change outside of the guidelines set out in the Regulations where the Club makes an application in writing setting out the reasons for the request and the reasons why such request was not made in accordance with the Regulations. **10/11**

B9 DAMAGE THROUGH EXHIBITS:

Nobody conducting a Sanctioned Event shall be responsible for any accident or injury that may be caused to or by any exhibit, and it is a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold such body harmless and shall indemnify such body against any legal proceedings arising from such accident or injury.

B10 ADMINISTRATION LEVY: 03/11

- 10.1 A levy as determined by Council annually, shall be raised on all entries at sanctioned events for which an entry fee is charged. Notification of any raise in the levy must be advised to all Clubs prior to applying the charge.

- 10.2 Country Clubs shall pay a reduced Administration Levy as determined by Council annually under the same conditions as in Regulation 10.1.
- 10.3 The definition of country events in relation to the Administration Levy be determined as an event more than 400 kms from the Perth GPO i.e. remote country sanctioned events. **(05/03, 09/04 03/11)**

B11 CLEANLINESS OF SANCTIONED EVENT AREA:

- 11.1 Exhibitors shall be responsible for removal of all droppings, hair and any other untidiness and be liable for any damage caused by his dog/s anywhere on the Association's grounds or anywhere in the precincts of a sanctioned event which is not being held on the Association's grounds.
- 11.2 Members shall be responsible and liable for any littering of and/or damage to Association property caused by themselves, their handlers, their family members or guests.
- 11.3 Members shall be responsible and liable for any littering and/or damage to property anywhere in the precincts of a sanctioned event caused by themselves, their handlers, their family members or guests.

B12 PERPETUAL TROPHIES

- 12.1 Where a perpetual trophy is donated to the Association and if accepted by the Association, it shall immediately become and remain the property of the Association.
- 12.2 When a perpetual trophy is accepted the Association reserves the right to word the rules and/or conditions relating to it.
- 12.3 When a perpetual trophy is awarded, it shall be presented to the winner on the day but shall remain at all times in the custody of the Association and displayed as directed by Governing Council.

B13 JUNIOR HANDLER CLASSES:

- 13.1 All Junior Handler Competitions are to be conducted in accordance with the ANKC Ltd Junior Handler Regulations Part 15 and B14 which has precedence. **(03/25)**
- 13.2 WORKING WITH CHILDREN check – Junior Handler Judges
All Junior Handler Judges are required to have a valid Working with Children Check.
Effective from 1st January 2018. (10/17)

B14 JUNIOR HANDLER PROCEDURES

- 14.1 Eligibility of Dog
Dogs used for Dogs West Juniors Handler Competitions do not need to be entered in the show at which the competition is being held.
- 14.2 Suitability of the Dog/Breed
If a judge or the Dogs West Working Party members feel that a Junior Handler is not able to control the dog that the handler is competing with, the Judge may excuse the Junior Handler from the ring.
If this occurs the judge MUST explain to the Junior Handler, prior to excusing him/her, the reasons for being excused (ie the dog was not under proper control and could therefore cause a danger to other exhibits and exhibitors).
- 14.3 Qualifying of Junior Handlers
To qualify to compete in the Dogs West Junior Handler State Final Competition, a competitor must have participated in at least one Dogs West Junior Handler qualifying heat
- 14.4 Eligibility to enter
A Junior handler that resides in an alternative domestic situation or regularly handles or trains with a person who is judging a heat, are ineligible to participate in that heat
ANKC Part 5 – Conformation - Section 4 – Exhibitors - 4.1 and 4.2 applies.
- 14.5 Double Handling
Double Handling is not acceptable as it can give an unfair advantage.
Any Double handling noticed by a Dogs West Junior Handler Working Party member or by the judge will result in the handler being excused from the ring
- 14.6 Unsportsmanlike Behaviour

It is the responsibility of the judge to notify a Dogs West Junior Handler Working Party member if they see or hear of any inappropriate behaviour before, during or after judging. Refer B30 unsportsmanlike behaviour **(03/25)**

CONDUCT OF SANCTIONED EVENTS - PRIOR TO EVENT

B15 SCHEDULE:

- 15.1 A complete draft of the proposed schedule including the date of the event and closing of entries, classes, prizes, and the name/s of the contracted judge/s shall be submitted to the Administrative Officer for approval at least four (4) months prior to the date of event. The schedule must be approved prior to being printed and circulated. **09/02,10/02, 03/04, 06/05, 08/11.**
- 15.2 The commencement time for the event must be included in the schedule along with such other arrival and/or judging times as considered necessary by the Club. Alternatively, notification of the date and the newspaper in which an advertisement will be placed must be included in the schedule.
 - 15.2.1 Conformation - all sanctioned events, held in the metropolitan area, must not commence prior to 6pm during the months of January to March inclusive. **03/03, 02/05, 05/08, 10/09, 07/13**
 - 15.2.2 Performance – all sanctioned events held in the metropolitan area, during the months of November to March, cannot commence prior to 6 pm, or in the case of dawn trials, must be completed no later than 10.30 am. **02/05**
- 15.3 Where a Club wishes to make any special requirement of the exhibitors, this must be stated on the schedule.
- 15.4 Where there is a possibility of a reserve judge being required, the reserve judge's name must appear on the schedule.
- 15.5 Where a Reserve Judge has not been nominated and the need becomes apparent after entries close, approval must be obtained from Council.
- 15.6 Where the club wishes to reserve the right to reallocate breeds among the named judges on the schedule this must be stated on the schedule and in such a case an exhibitor will not be entitled to refund of entry fee. (B22 refers).
- 15.7 Order of judging must be stated.
- 15.8 All sanctioned events must be advertised in the Association's journal. Single Breed, Multi Breed and Remote Country Clubs may publish the minimum of a show/event advice. In the case of a show/event advice minimal information will be published. Retrieving, Field, Herding, Dances with Dogs and Tracking Clubs are exempt from this requirement, notification of those events are to be included in club notes. **03/03, 06/03**
- 15.9 The schedule is to be posted to all financial members of the Club at least fourteen days before the closing date of entries or published in the edition of the WA Canine News, which will be delivered to members at least 14 days before the closing date of entries.
- 15.10 All Show Schedules received after 1 January 2001, by an ANKC Member Body for a Championship Show that will be conducted on the same date/s and within 450 kilometres of a National Show MUST acknowledge, in their schedule that No Challenge Certificates will be offered for the Breed/s covered by the National Show. **09/00**

B16 ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITOR, COMPETITOR AND EXHIBIT

Exhibits to be eligible for competition must comply with the following regulations:-

- 16.1 All dogs entered in a Sanctioned event must be registered with and owners/part owners be financial members of a Member Body affiliated with the Australian National Kennel Council Ltd or in accordance with Regulation R09 and ANKC Part 6 Section 3. **10/17**
- 16.2 In order to enter for any Sanctioned event in Western Australia, owners/part owners normally resident in Western Australia must be financial members of the Canine Association of Western Australia (Inc).

- 16.3 That all Member Bodies of the ANKC Ltd shall grant reciprocal rights to a financial member of a Member Body in regard to the sole ownership of a dog that resides in another state for exhibition and competition purposes without requiring the dog to be transferred to a resident of that member body.
The registered owner(s) of the dog must submit a Letter of Authority to the relevant Member Body authorising the handler, who shall be a financial member of that State's Member Body, to complete entry forms and to be responsible for the dog whilst it is in that state. **12/14**
- 16.4 No dog may be entered in a show unless it is registered and/or transferred to the owner before 5.00 p.m. on the Monday, the closing date of that particular show. It is the owner's responsibility to verify that the transaction has been effected.
- 16.5 16.5.1 refer Dogs Australia Regulation 5 Conformation Show Section 4 Exhibitors -4.1 and 4.2 **(01/23)**
16.5.1.1 At FCI Conformation Shows a conformation judge cannot handle any dog that is not owned, or part owned, leased or part leased at a show. This does not apply to Junior Handler judges. **(07/23)**
- 16.5.2 Performance Events
Judges may not judge any dog in a Sanctioned Event in the class they are officiating that is owned or part-owned or leased or part-leased by that Judge, or a dog owned or part-owned or leased or part-leased by any other person normally resident in the same household as that Judge, or a dog residing in the same household as that Judge. **(01/17) (05/26)**
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- 16.6 Male dogs over six (6) months of age, except those entered in Neuter and Veteran Class, must be entire to be exhibited in a Sanctioned Conformation Show. **05/08**
- 16.7 Eligibility of Non-Entire Dogs to Compete
16.7.1 A dog which is not entire may compete in Performance events.
16.7.2 Where a dog has had one testicle removed for any reason which cannot be considered hereditary the owner may apply to be allowed to show and/or breed with the dog in accordance with Regulation R17. The Certificate, if accepted by the Association, should be produced to the Chief Steward, prior to the dog being judged, who will then complete the necessary form and advise the judge accordingly. **04/17**
- 16.8 No exhibit which, in the opinion of the Chief Steward, is totally blind, totally deaf or is suffering from any contagious or infectious disease or which has been prepared for exhibition in contravention of these rules or the regulations made by Council shall be eligible to compete in a sanctioned event.
- 16.9 Qualifications of exhibits for entry to a Sanctioned conformation events shall be as at 5pm the day prior to commencement of the event. **01/21**
- 16.10 (a) Qualifications of exhibits for entry to a Retrieving or Field Trial shall be as at the date of the Trial. **06/15**
(b) Qualifications of exhibits for entry to a Tracking or Track and Search Trial shall be as at the closing time and date of the trial. Any requested upgrades prior to the event should be at the affiliates discretion in consultation with the Judge. **(11/25)**
- 16.11 All dogs entered in any Sanctioned event must not, within the said period of three weeks, have been in premises affected with Distemper, Canine Hepatitis, Parvo Virus or any other contagious disease and must be currently vaccinated in accordance with current World Small Animal Veterinary Association International Vaccination Committee (WSAVA IVC) AVA vaccination policies. Signing the Exhibitor's Declaration shall indicate acceptance of this condition of entry.
- 16.12 Handlers of all exhibits at CAWA Sanctioned Events must be financial members of an ANKC member body. **01/08, 11/08**
- 16.13 Competing handlers at all Sanctioned Events must wear the correct number for the exhibit while exhibiting or competing. The number must be visible and worn on the exhibitors left hand side. **05/09**

B17 ENTRY FORM:

- 17.1 Every person entering a dog shall complete and sign an Entry Form in accordance with the provisions thereon.
- 17.2 Every person, when lodging an entry form, must sign the Exhibitor's Declaration, which shall read as follows –
I hereby apply to enter the foregoing exhibit in terms of and upon the conditions set out in the Association's Regulations, by which I agree to be bound, and I hereby certify to the correctness of the particulars endorsed herein.
I certify that this exhibit has not within the said period of three months been in premises affected with Distemper, Canine Hepatitis, Parvo Virus or any other contagious disease and is currently vaccinated in accordance with current AVA vaccination policies.(BOD 10/15)
- 17.3 In completing an entry form the precise detail as is recorded on the Certificate of Registration shall be included on the entry form.
- 17.4 It shall be permissible for a person other than the registered owner to fill in the particulars on such entry forms so long as that person signs such forms after satisfying himself that the entries thereon are correct and in accordance with the wishes of the registered owner.
- 17.5 In the case of joint and multiple ownership one signature will be accepted on entry forms unless all parties involved notify the Association in writing that all signatures are required. The practice of accepting one signature will be terminated by any one of the parties by notifying the Association in writing.
- 17.6 Except where the National Committee of a discipline has agreed the design of a different entry form, that form shall be used for all entries within that discipline by all affiliates of Member Bodies. In the case of Agility and DWD trials, a different form has been designed and agreed to by the ANKC Ltd and should be utilised by all **11/07**

B18 CLOSING OF ENTRIES:

- 18.1 Entries for all Sanctioned Events shall close :
- 18.1.1 Online – At a date and time nominated by the Affiliate up to a maximum of four weeks prior to the sanctioned event.
- 18.1.2 Postal (if offered) - a minimum of two weeks and up to a maximum of four weeks prior to the sanctioned event. Postal entries for sanctioned events shall be accepted by an Affiliate provided they are postmarked with the date inclusive of the advertised closing date.
- 18.2 The above closing dates must be included in the Schedule submitted for approval.
- 18.3 Affiliates may not exceed these limitations without prior approval of Council. (Effective 1 April 2024) **03/24**

B19 RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRIES:

- 19.1 The Committee of an affiliated club shall have the right to decide to refuse the entry or entries of any exhibitor. Such decision must be made at least 28 days before the first event it shall apply from.
- 19.2 Any exhibitor so penalised shall be notified of the decision and reason, in writing, within 7 days of the Affiliate's decision.
- 19.3 The exhibitor shall have the right of an appeal to Council which must be lodged within seven days of receiving the notice from the Affiliate.
- 19.4 Entries may be refused if not made out in accordance with the rules of the Canine Association of WA. (Effective 1 April 2024) **03/24**

B20 INCORRECT ENTRIES

- 20.1 Dog entered in class for which it is ineligible. When it is found before the class has been judged that a dog has been entered in a class for which it is ineligible, it shall be transferred to the lowest age class for which it is eligible or, in the case of Trials, to its appropriate class.
- 20.2 A dog that is exhibited in a class for which it is ineligible shall be disqualified as having been misrepresented and shall forfeit all awards gained at that Sanctioned Event.
- 20.3 It is the owner's responsibility to see that all dogs are entered in their correct class.

B21 CATALOGUES (11/23)

- 21.1 An affiliate must retain a copy of the entry forms for a minimum of three (3) months.
- 21.1 An affiliate must retain a marked catalogue and records for the event for a minimum of twelve (12) months. **(05/20)**

B22 ABANDONMENT OF SANCTIONED EVENT OR CHANGE OF JUDGE:

- 22.1 If, for any reason, a Sanctioned event cannot be held it may be cancelled or postponed with the approval of the Council.
- 22.2 If, for any reason, a judge is unable to officiate at a Sanctioned event, the club may request approval of Council to cancel the Sanctioned event or use a substitute judge.
- 22.3 Any changes to judge(s) must be advised to exhibitors as soon as the Clubs (including Royal Shows) are made aware of these changes.
- 22.4 Where, for any reason, a club substitutes a judge for a judge named in the schedule, any exhibitor has the right to withdraw his entry and a refund of all entry fees paid shall be made if requested except where the provisions of Regulations B15.6 applies.
- 22.5 No classes at any Sanctioned event may be amalgamated or cancelled after approval of the schedule without approval of the Council.

CONDUCT OF SANCTIONED EVENTS - GENERAL

B23 CONDUCT OF SANCTIONED EVENTS:

- 23.1 All Sanctioned Events must be conducted by an affiliated body.
- 23.2 The Chief Steward:
 - 23.2.1 Is to be not less than eighteen (18) years of age, and must be a financial member of Canine Association of Western Australia.
 - 23.2.2 Is directly responsible to Governing Council for the proper conduct of the Sanctioned Event in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Association.
 - 23.2.3 The Chief Steward shall be responsible to the Sanctioned Event Committee for the conduct of the event according to the Schedule and their directions subject to 23.2.2 above
 - 23.2.4 Chief Stewards may not handle any dog in a Sanctioned Event or judge in any capacity (including Reserve Judge) at which they are officiating. This regulation is to be applied at all metropolitan events; it is preferable but not mandatory at events outside a radius of 90 kilometres of the Perth City Centre.
- 23.3 Ring Control
 - 23.3.1 At the time of judging no person shall be allowed in the judging ring save the judge, the properly appointed steward or stewards, the exhibitor or his deputy, with each dog, or other persons authorised by the Chief Steward.
 - 23.3.2 The handler of any exhibit in the Show Ring may not be replaced by a handler from outside the ring during the period of judging except with the permission of the Chief Steward (or in his absence the Ring Steward) and with the approval of the judge.
 - 23.3.3 Wearing of identification. Any form of identification, whether of name, office or position, may not be worn whilst competing in any Sanctioned event.
 - 23.3.4 Footwear: All judges, stewards, and Handlers must wear appropriate footwear. Thongs, scuffs, metal spiked shoes or bare feet are not considered appropriate. **(04/25)**
 - 23.3.5 First call will be for the breed and the class and the number
Second call will be for the class and number
Third call for the exhibit number
Should an exhibitor not be present as the class enters the ring, the exhibit will be disqualified. It is the responsibility for the exhibitor to respond to their call and to be present with their exhibit and ready when their class enters the ring. **(05/10)**
Any exhibit, which is not present when the class enters the ring, shall be marked absent by the Ring Steward.

23.3.6 Responsibility. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall always be the responsibility of the exhibitor to be present when the class enters the ring.

23.3.7 Absentees From Judging:

A judge shall not re-judge any class because of the absence from the judging ring of any exhibit at the time of judging that class.

23.4 Commencement Times

All sanctioned events (including training, seminars and the like):

23.4.1 Conformation – all sanctioned events, must not commence prior to 6pm during the months of January to March inclusive.

23.4.2 Performance - between 1 November and 31 March (inclusive), must not commence prior to 6pm or in the case of dawn trials, must be completed by no later than 10.30 am.

23.4.3 Between 1 April and 31 December (inclusive), may be held at any time nominated by the respective club. 02/13, 07/13

23.4.4 Weather Extreme Heat: Conformation Only for Events scheduled for the months April to December. Where the Bureau of Meteorology - W.A. ("BOM") forecast at the website (Western Australia Forecasts (bom.gov.au) or Bureau of Meteorology – Weather mobile app for the venue of the event which is two days before the scheduled commencement time of the show is forecast to be 32 degrees Celcius or higher for the date of the show, the following will apply:

1. The event committee conducting the event must make a decision to either

a) Start the event at no later than 8.00am

OR

b) Start the event at no earlier than 6.00pm

OR

c) Cancel the event. This decision must be made no later than 36 hours prior to the scheduled commencement time of the event.

OR

d) Postpone the event to an alternative date. This decision must be made no later than 36 hours prior to the scheduled commencement time of the event. The event committee will liaise with the Dogs West office for an alternative date.

2. This decision, which is taken in accordance with Point 1 must be made available to exhibitors within four hours by every possible means of communication - i.e. uploading the information onto the Dogs West website, electronic media, verbal telephone communication etc.

3. All Schedules to be published relating to the months April to December must have the advice "Regulation B23.4.4 applies". If the weather extreme heat policy is enforced for B23.4.4.1 (a)(b)(d) no refund of entry fees will apply.

4. It is the responsibility of an exhibitor to check two days prior to the event that the Bureau of Meteorology - W.A. ("BOM") forecast at the website (Western Australia Forecasts (bom.gov.au)) or Bureau of Meteorology – Weather mobile app forecasted temperature for the day is in accordance with these rules.

23.4.5 Severe Weather Warnings – All sanctioned events. Where the Bureau of Meteorology - W.A. ("BOM") website (Western Australia Forecasts (bom.gov.au) or Bureau of Meteorology – Weather mobile app for the venue of the event have issued a Severe Weather Warning the following will apply:

1. The event committee conducting the event must make a decision within 2 hours of the warning to either

a) Start the event before the severe weather warning is due

OR

b) Start the event after the severe weather warning has ceased

OR

c) Cancel the event.

OR

- d) Postpone the event to an alternative date. This decision must be made no later than 36 hours prior to the scheduled commencement time of the event. The event committee will liaise with the DogsWest office for an alternative date, if no alternative date is available then the event will be cancelled.
- 2. This decision, which is taken in accordance with Point 1, must be made available to exhibitors as soon as possible by every possible means of communication - i.e. uploading the information onto the DogsWest website, electronic media, verbal telephone communication etc.
- 3. All Schedules to be published must have the advice "Regulation B23.4.5 applies". If the severe weather warning is enforced for B23.4.5.1 (a) (b) (d) no refund of entry fees will apply.
- 4. It is the responsibility of an exhibitor to check two days prior to the event that the Bureau of Meteorology - W.A. ("BOM") forecast at the website (Western Australia Forecasts (bom.gov.au)) or Bureau of Meteorology – Weather mobile app Severe Weather Warning for the day is in accordance with these rules.
- 23.4.6 Any event held within an air-conditioned venue is exempt from 23.4.5 provided all dogs are held within the air-conditioned venue at all times.

Effective for shows from 1st January 2025 (12/24)

23.5 Ring Allocations

The final ring allocation will be determined by the Administrative Officer, in consultation with the groundsman, taking into consideration the current weather conditions, club and/or working party requests and any other factors deemed relevant by Dogs West. Clubs and/or working parties will be advised of any changes to requested ring allocations via e-mail.

B24 CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT OF SANCTIONED EVENTS (09/24)

- 24.1 Postponing of Sanctioned Event before commencement:
 - 24.1.1 If a Sanctioned Event is postponed before its commencement, then any exhibitor fees paid by an exhibitor to participate in that Sanctioned Event shall be credited towards the exhibitor fees for the rescheduled Sanctioned Event.
 - 24.1.2 If an exhibitor who paid exhibitor fees to attend the postponed Sanctioned Event notifies the Sanctioned Event organiser that the exhibitor is unable to attend the rescheduled Sanctioned Event, within 7 days of receiving details of the rescheduled Sanctioned Event, then the exhibitor shall be entitled to a full refund of the exhibitor fees paid for the postponed Sanctioned Event.
 - 24.1.3 Subject to regulation B24.1.2, if an exhibitor who paid exhibitor fees to attend the postponed Sanctioned Event does not attend the rescheduled Sanctioned Event, then the exhibitor will be disqualified and or the exhibit marked absent under regulation B23.3.5 and shall not be entitled to a refund of any exhibitor fees that were credited under regulation B24.1.1.
 - 24.1.4 If the postponed Sanctioned Event is not held within 6 months of the postponement, then the exhibitor shall be entitled to a full refund of the exhibitor fees paid for the postponed Sanctioned Event.
- 24.2 Cancellation of Sanctioned Event prior to commencement:

If a Sanctioned Event is cancelled before its commencement, then the exhibitor shall be entitled to a full refund of the exhibitor fees paid to participate in that Sanctioned Event.
- 24.3 Cancellation of Sanctioned Event during event:

If a Sanctioned Event is cancelled after the Sanctioned Event has commenced:

 - 24.3.1 the exhibitor shall be entitled to a full refund of the exhibitor fees paid for the Sanctioned Event;

- 24.3.2 the exhibitor shall not be entitled to be awarded any points, score or qualification that may have been awarded during the cancelled Sanctioned Event before its cancellation;
- 24.3.3 Any event incident, complaint, breach of the regulations or Code of Ethics or other disciplinary matters arising from the cancelled Sanctioned Event shall be unaffected by the cancellation and shall be dealt with under the Regulations.

B25 RETURNS AFTER SANCTIONED EVENTS:

- 25.1 Secretary's Returns:
The Secretary of each and every Sanctioned Event shall within ten (10) days of the conclusion of each Sanctioned Event forward a marked catalogue showing awards and scratchings to the Administrative Officer of the Association. **10/02, 08/11.**
- 25.2 Payment of Accounts:
The Treasurer of any Club conducting any event shall forward payment to the Administrative Officer of the Association within one month of receipt of the Association invoice detailing expenses incurred by the Club in relation to such event. **10/02, 08/11.**
- 25.3 Chief Steward's Report:
 - 25.3.1 The Chief Steward of each and every Sanctioned Event shall write a Report on the conduct of the event which shall include, where applicable -
 - 25.3.1.1 Commencement and finishing times
 - 25.3.1.2 Protest as prescribed in Regulation A71.1. (including a copy of the written findings of the Committee of Enquiry which also has been handed to the person submitting the Protest and the Defendant)
 - 25.3.1.3 Accidents
 - 25.3.1.4 Misdemeanours
 - 25.3.1.5 Aggressive Dogs
 - 25.3.1.6 Non-entire Dogs
 - 25.3.1.7 Any other incident worthy of comment
 - 25.3.2 The Chief Steward shall forward his Report direct to the Administrative Officer of the Association as soon as possible but no later than ten (10) days after the conclusion of the event except that any matter dealt with by the Committee of Enquiry and referred to the Association shall be subject to Regulation A61.1 and should be in the hands of, or posted before close of mail to the Administrative Officer of the Association by the second working day following the show. **10/02, 06/07, 08/11.**
 - 25.3.3 The Chief Steward shall forward a copy of his Report to the Secretary of the Club conducting the event no later than ten (10) days after the conclusion of the event.

DISCIPLINARY

B26 PENALTY FOR INFRINGEMENT:

The Council shall have the power to impose a fine on any exhibitor, competitor, committee, Secretary or Chief Steward of a Sanctioned Event who may have broken these Regulations or any one of them in the conduct of a Sanctioned Event.

B27 COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY:

Shall be constituted in accordance with Regulation A 60 and is repeated for reference as follows:

- 60.1 At Shows
 - 60.1.1 A Committee of Enquiry of not less than three (3) shall be appointed by the Club Committee before each Sanctioned Event.
 - 60.1.2 The Chief Steward shall be the Chairman of the Committee of Enquiry.

- 60.1.3 Any person officiating as a judge at a fixture shall not be eligible to be a member of the Committee of Enquiry at that event, but may be consulted should the need arise.
- 60.2 At Trials and Tests
 - 60.2.1 The Committee of Enquiry shall consist of the Chief Steward who shall be the Chairman, and two others at least one of whom, wherever possible shall be a licensed Judge.
 - 60.2.2 A judge officiating on the day at that Trial or Test is eligible to be a member of the Committee of Enquiry provided that he/she was not directly involved nor was judging the class in which the alleged incident took place.

B28 PROTESTS, DISPUTES AND OTHER REPORTED INCIDENTS:

- 28.1 All protests, disputes or other reports must be made in writing and lodged with the Chief Steward at the sanctioned event concerned accompanied by the complaint lodgement fee as per the Dogs West Fees List, within one hour of the incident, except that reports of aggressive dogs lodged in accordance with Regulation A55.1 do not require a fee. **9/00, 02/05, 06/24**
- 28.2 Protests, disputes or other reports in regard to Judge's decisions shall be dealt with in accordance with Rule B43.
- 28.3 The Chief Steward/club official/trainer collects all statements from those parties who witnessed the incident. A copy of the incident report is to be completed and copies given to the parties.
No Committee of Enquiry is held, except for an aggressive dog incident.
- 28.4 Evidence from all persons directly involved in an aggressive dog report shall be heard by the Committee of Enquiry in the following manner:-
 - 28.4.1 The plaintiff and the defendant shall both be present during the hearing.
 - 28.4.2 The written complaint shall be read and witnesses called individually to speak for the plaintiff.
 - 28.4.3 The defendant responds and calls his witnesses.
- 28.5 The plaintiff may reply.
- 28.6 The defendant may sum up his case but not introduce any new evidence.
- 28.7 Plaintiff and defendant are asked to leave while the committee makes its findings.
- 28.8 Where a witness is unable to remain at the show or trial for the hearing of an aggressive dog incident that witness may submit a written statement as evidence.
- 28.9 The Committee of Enquiry shall, wherever possible, either uphold or dismiss the aggressive dog incident.
 - 28.9.1 When it is upheld the Committee of Enquiry shall refer the matter, with its findings, to the Association.
 - 28.9.2 Where, for any reason, the evidence required to reach a decision is not available to the Committee of Enquiry then the matter should be referred to the Association for further action if necessary.
 - 28.9.3 Where the Committee of Enquiry refers a matter to the Association, statements will be taken from all persons involved and forwarded to the Association's office. **06/07**
- 28.10 Where the dispute involves taking a sample of any kind from a dog the following procedure should be followed:-
 - 28.10.1 Costs. The person making the complaint must undertake, in writing, to meet all costs involved in both taking the sample and it's testing should the charge be not proven as a result.
 - 28.10.2 Person to take sample. The owner of the dog shall be given the right to nominate a veterinary surgeon or other acceptable person to take the samples.
 - 28.10.3 At least three samples shall be taken:-
 - 1 to be given to the owner.
 - 1 to be given to the CAWA to be tested.
 - 1 to be held by the CAWA as a control sample in case of dispute.
 - 28.10.4 Samples are to be placed in sealed containers and the CAWA samples kept secure until handed to the CAWA for testing.

- 28.10.5 The laboratory used by the CAWA shall be either Murdoch University or the State Forensic Laboratory.
- 28.11 The findings of the Committee of Enquiry shall be in writing, signed by the Chief Steward and a copy handed to each the plaintiff and the defendant.
- 28.12 Should a Best of Breed or Challenge winner be disqualified by protest or any other reason and a Runner up to Best of Breed or Reserve challenge has been awarded then Rules C2.6 & C2.7 shall apply.
- 28.13 Should any other exhibit having gained a prize or award, be disqualified either by protest or for any other reason, the next on the list does not necessarily obtain such prize. The Committee of Enquiry in consultation with the judge, shall decide the question.
- 28.14 The money lodged with the protest, dispute or other report shall be lodged with the Association if the protest is dismissed, but shall be returned if the protest is upheld.
- 28.15 Right of Appeal. Should the decision of the Committee of Enquiry be regarded by the person who lodged the aggressive dog report as unsatisfactory he shall have the right of appeal to the Association within seven days.
- 28.16 Notwithstanding any non-observance of this Regulation in whole or in part, any incident which is an evident breach of the Association's Regulations and is notified in writing to the Administrative Officer of the Association within seven (7) days of the event including the reason why it was not reported on the day of the incident may be referred to the Protests and Disputes Tribunal for investigation and action as it considers appropriate. **10/02, 08/11, 09/14.**

B29 MALPRACTICE:

A dog shall be disqualified from winning a prize or from receiving one if awarded at any Sanctioned Event if it be proved to the satisfaction of the Sanctioned Event Committee of Enquiry or Council that:

- 29.1 Any dye, colouring, whitening or darkening matter has been used and remains on any part of the dog.
- 29.2 Any preparation, chemical or otherwise, has been used which remains on the coat during the time of exhibition for the purpose of altering its texture.
NOTE: The coat may be cleaned by the use of a substance, used solely for cleansing purposes, but on no account shall any of such substances be allowed to remain in the coat at the time of exhibition.
- 29.3 Any oil, greasy or sticky substance has been used and remains in the coat during the time of exhibition.
- 29.4 Any cutting, piercing, breaking by force, or any kind of operation or act which destroys the natural formation of the dog, the tissues of ears, shortening or altering the carriage of the tail or anything that has been done calculated to deceive, provided that the shortening of the tail shall be allowable where provided in the applicable breed standard, always excepting cases of necessary certified operation. Requests for dispensation in the case of a necessary certified operation may only be approved on application to Governing Council.
- 29.5 The lining membrane of the mouth has been cut or mutilated in any way.
- 29.6 In each instance where this rule is invoked, the Chief Steward of the Show shall submit a comprehensive report in writing to the next meeting of the Council.
- 29.7 Right of Appeal. Should the decision of the Committee of Enquiry be regarded by the Exhibitor as unsatisfactory he shall have the right to appeal to the Association in accordance with Regulation B 28.15 above.

B30 UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:

If a person causes annoyance by loud comments regarding a judge's decision or if a person is, in the opinion of the Chief Steward or any other official of the Sanctioned Event, guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct while within the precincts of the Sanctioned Event, the offending person may be cautioned by the Chief Steward or any other official of the Sanctioned Event and if thereafter the person further offends they may be removed from the precinct of the Sanctioned Event and may be charged with misconduct under Regulation A44. **06/06**

B31 UNACCEPTABLE AGGRESSIVE DOG BEHAVIOUR

At any sanctioned event or on the Dogs West grounds, it is an offense to be in charge of a dog if the dog -

- 31.1 Displays any aggressive or savage disposition towards any person,
- 31.2 Displays any unacceptable aggressive or savage disposition towards any other animal, to such an extent as to constitute a danger to an animal or the efficient conduct of the event.

Where a dog is handled by a minor, the registered owner will be held responsible.(06/25)

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JUDGES

B36 JUDGES LICENSES

- 36.1 Judging a Sanctioned Event. No person may judge a Sanctioned Event, which is held under the Rules and Regulations of the Association unless a licence is granted by the Council.
- 36.2 Judging an Unsanctioned Event. All judges must obtain approval of Council before judging at any unsanctioned event.
- 36.3 An application for licence may be made on such form and in such manner as may be from time to time prescribed by the Council.
- 36.4 Eligibility. Only Championship Judges are eligible to judge Championship Shows. Trainee judges may only judge at Open Shows, Parades and Members Competitions.
- 36.5 Onus of Proof. The onus of proving a person's eligibility for licence shall rest with that person provided, however, that before a licence is granted any applicant must comply with any conditions and supply whatever information imposed or demanded by the Council.
- 36.6 Expiry Date. All licences shall expire on the 30th June and application for renewal must be made with the Council before 1st July each year.
- 36.7 The Council may refuse any application for licence and may cancel any licence or may suspend for any period or vary in any way a licence already granted or may grant in part only any application for licence, and the Council shall not be bound to assign any reason for so doing or to give notice to any person or persons.
- 36.8 Recognition. Council recognises only those persons who are listed on the ANKC Ltd National List of Championship Show Judges, to judge Championship Shows in Western Australia, except those who are qualified under Regulation B41.
- 36.9 Elevation. When a Trainee Judge has completed the requirements he may apply for Championship status. Championship status will not be granted automatically upon meeting all qualification requirements.
- 36.10 Qualification. When a judge is granted Championship Status for any Group or Groups, he shall be deemed qualified to award challenge certificates for that group or groups anywhere in the world. **07/04**
- 36.11 Judges' Licence Fees: An annual licence fee may be charged to judges as determined by council from time to time.
- 36.12 Trainee Judges' Fees: An annual fee may be charged to Trainee judges to cover part of the cost of training, as determined by Council from time to time.
- 36.13 Judges may not handle any dog in a Sanctioned Event at which they are officiating. Agility, Obedience and Tracking trials are exempt from this regulation EXCEPT THAT:
 - i) the dog may not be entered in the class for which the judge officiates; and
 - ii) the event must not be delayed to accommodate the entry. **08/05, 05/08, 12/10, 09/15**

B37 JUDGES APPOINTMENTS - CONFORMATION:

- 37.1 Status. No Judging Appointments may be accepted for any class until relevant status has been granted. **11/08**
- 37.2 Open Shows/Parades:

- 37.2.1 Limitations. Trainee Judges may not judge the same Group or General Specials at any Open Show or Parade within a period of three months, which is to be held within a radius of 75 km of the venue of the previous appointment except with the approval of Governing Council.
- 37.2.2 Suitably Qualified Trainee Judges. Any club, which is unable to engage a suitably qualified trainee judge, shall apply to Council for dispensation of the existing rule. Each case will be considered on its merit.
- 37.3 No judge shall handle any dog at any sanctioned event for financial gain – this includes Aspiring and Trainee Judges. (ANKC 10/15)

B38 EMERITUS JUDGES

- 38.1 Conformation
A judge who has retired from active judging assignments and does not maintain an active judging license may apply to be listed as an Emeritus Judge.
An Emeritus Judge may:
- accept General Specials appointments only, subject to Dogs Australia Regulations; and
 - continue to assist in the Conformation Judges' Training Scheme.
- Refer to Dogs Australia Regulations Part 2 – Judges, Section 2.2.
- 38.2 Performance Sports
A judge who has retired from active judging assignments and does not maintain an active judging license may apply to be listed as an Emeritus Judge.
An Emeritus Judge may continue to assist in the relevant discipline's judges' training scheme but may not accept judging appointments.

Reserved 39

B40 JUDGES APPOINTMENTS - RETRIEVING:

Reserved 06/15

B41 OVERSEAS JUDGES:

To be eligible to judge at CAWA Sanctioned Shows the following requirements must be complied with:

- 41.1 The ANKC Ltd forms "Judging Application for Persons not a Resident of Australia" and the "ANKC Overseas Judges Agreement" must be used for overseas judges and the conditions and requirements complied with.
- 41.1.1 These forms are to be forwarded to the judge concerned by the affiliated club for completion and return at least nine months prior to the date of the first fixture.
- 41.1.2 The completed ANKC judging application form is to be forwarded to the Association office together with a cheque for the applicable fee per judge payable to the ANKC at least nine months prior to the date of the first fixture.
- 41.2 The application must be supported by written evidence of the judge's eligibility and qualification from the judge's controlling body in their country of residence. The judge's controlling body must be one recognised by the ANKC Ltd. The Association will forward all details to the ANKC Ltd.
- 41.3 Refer ANKC Regulation Part 9 – Non-resident Judges Section 1 and 2 for qualifications required. (12/24)

B42 NUMBER OF DOGS PERMITTED TO BE JUDGED:

Refer ANKC Regulations Part 2 – Judges, Section 3 (12/24)

B43 JUDGES DECISION:

- 43.1 A judge's decision on the merit of the exhibit shall be final unless such decision is contrary to these Rules.
- 43.2 Judges shall be empowered and instructed not to award any prize, special prize or Challenge Certificate to any exhibit, which they consider, is not of sufficient merit.

- 43.3 Judges shall not award a Reserve Challenge to any dog unless they consider it to be of sufficient merit to be worthy of a Challenge Certificate.
- 43.4 The judge may withhold a prize altogether where the exhibits are not of sufficient merit but he must mark his judging slip that the award has been so withheld.
- 43.5 A judge's decision shall be final except in the case of fraud or misrepresentation.
- 43.6 A Judge's decision shall be deemed to be final at the termination of his judging a class.
- 43.7 Judges shall ensure that all Challenges are signed before leaving the show. A judge may not sign Challenge Certificates, which bear the names of the Challenge winners until he/she has completed all judging for that Group.

B44 JUDGES' SHEETS:

- 44.1 Properly compiled and separate judging sheets must be provided for each judge.
- 44.2 The judge may elect to mark the judging sheets himself, and if so, should initial each sheet as it is completed.
- 44.3 Where a judge elects not to mark the judging sheets, it becomes the Ring Steward's responsibility to do so before allowing the exhibits to leave the ring, in which case the Ring Steward should initial each page as it is completed.
- 44.4 Any alteration made by the judge must be initialled by him and where such alteration is made when the judging sheets are handed in, they must bear the time of making such alteration.
- 44.5 All judging sheets shall be signed or initialled by the judge and/or the Ring Steward.
- 44.6 The initialled sheets shall be retained by the Club Secretary for at least 12 months from the date of the last day of the show.

B45 JUDGING FEES

Judging fees shall be a matter for negotiation between the Judge and Club.

B46 SOLICITING OF APPOINTMENTS:

- 46.1 No person shall either for himself or for any other person, solicit any appointment to judge at any fixture conducted or to be conducted under the Rules of the Canine Association of WA, or any other Body, worldwide, which is recognised by the ANKC.
- 46.2 The application or the effect of this rule is not intended to and shall not limit in any way the proper nomination and selection of judges by Committees or members of Clubs.
- 46.3 Any person, whether a licensed judge or not, committing a breach of this rule shall be liable to be dealt with under Regulation A 66.3.