

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



REGULATIONS

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SECTION K - SANCTIONED AGILITY TRIALS

K1 CONDUCT:

Agility 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.

K2 ASSOCIATE DOGS:

In order to be entered in sanctioned Agility 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). **02/07**

K3 NOT FOR COMPETITION CLASS (NFC): 09/19

3.1 Summary

An NFC entry allows a dog to compete in any class in which they already hold a title or in a Novice class and/or an Open Class if no titles are held and allows the dog to jump at a lesser height than it would normally jump.

3.2 Entry

- 3.2.1 The competitor shall nominate on the entry form under Entered In Class: "NFC" plus the class they wish to enter (for example "Novice Jumping") and under Height at Shoulder they shall nominate the height they wish to be entered in (for example, a 600 dog can nominate 500, 400, 300 or 200). The handler/owner must state these three details (NFC, class and height category). 03/10
- 3.2.2 Trial Secretaries will include the entry in the catalogue with an "NFC" number and the entry shall be added at the end of the class nominated. 03/10.
- 3.2.3 The dog may be entered in a height that is lower than its competition height with the exception of the 200 dogs, but the dog cannot be entered in a height greater than it would normally jump.
- 3.2.4 The dog can only be entered in a class in which they already hold a title or in a Novice class and/or an Open Class if no titles are held and may be entered in a class that is lower than it would ordinarily be eligible for. The dog cannot be entered in a class higher than it would ordinarily be eligible for, for example a Novice titled dog could not be entered into a Masters class even though it would jump a lesser height. 03/10. **(12/23)**
- 3.2.5 An NFC Entry is non-competitive, no cards of any kind (qualifying or non-qualifying) are to be awarded and an NFC entry will not be eligible for ribbons/trophies or prizes.
- 3.2.6 There will be no separate class, course or judge for a NFC entry.
- 3.2.7 The NFC entry cost shall never be more than 50% of the entry cost for a standard entry. If entry changed to NFC on the day there will be no refund of part entry fee.

3.3. Trial Procedures

- 3.3.1 The judge and ring stewards shall still perform their normal duties, however, no time shall be recorded for an NFC entry.
- 3.3.2 The judge shall ensure that the conduct of the handler and dog is appropriate and that the course is attempted safely within the rules of Agility and the capabilities of the dog.
- 3.3.3 When the handler enters the ring with their "NFC" number displayed the ring stewards and judge will be aware that this run will not be included in the timing or judging.
- 3.3.4 The handler may take a toy (no balls) into the ring to use to encourage/motivate the dog, the toy must not leave the handler's hand and the toy must not contain food or

make a noise. The handler may not take food into the ring and must comply with the Agility Rules relating to food. **(06/24)**

- 3.3.5 The NFC run cannot exceed the Standard Course Time (SCT) that the Judge has set for competitive runs in that ring, the handler must immediately leave the ring when they have either reached the SCT or finished their NFC run. **(12/23)**

3.4 Strategic Pairs Substitution (05/11)

- 3.4.1 On the day of the trial, in the event that one member of a Strategic Pairs team is unable to perform, at the discretion of the trial secretary a substitute dog may be used.
- 3.4.2 The substitute dog must be already be entered in Strategic Pairs for that trial.
- 3.4.3 The substitute dog must be from the same class.
- 3.4.4 The substitute dog can be from a higher or lower height, however the team must jump the height of the tallest dog.
- 3.4.5 The substitute dog can only perform substitution duties once at any sanctioned event.
- 3.4.6 The substitute dog must compete with its original team first (the team with the substitute dog will run last in the height).
- 3.4.7 The competing dog will be eligible for a qualification card; however the team will not be eligible for a placing.
- 3.4.8 The substitute dog is not eligible for a qualification card in this pair (however, it is not precluded from qualifying with it's original pair).

- 3.5 Before the closing date for entries, one dog in the pair can enter NFC with another dog entered for competition provided it meets the following criteria:

- 3.5.1 The NFC dog must be from the same class (i.e. novice) OR
The NFC dog can be from the next class up provided it has not gained more than one pass in the higher class. **(05/11)**

Application can be made to the Agility Working Party for a dog to enter Strategic Pairs as NFC that has more than one pass in a class and wishes to join another dog in a lower class (e.g. if permanent loss of partnership has occurred, the NFC dog may be permitted to form a new team at a lower level until the competing dog has gained its title). **(05/11)**

Rules:

The NFC dog can be from a higher or lower height, however the team must jump the height of the tallest dog.

The entry fee for the team is the same as is if both dogs were competing.

The NFC dog must be CLEARLY stated on the entry form.

The NFC dog can only enter the Strategic Pairs event ONCE – it cannot compete for competition or as NFC in another team in the same trial.

The NFC dog can compete in other events at the same trial.

The competing dog will be eligible for a qualification card; however the team will NOT be eligible for placings.

The NFC dog is not permitted to take food or toys into the ring and must treat the run as if it were for competition.

Judging of the team will be as per the ANKC rules. **(05/11)**

K4 TRAINING OF JUDGES:

4.1 Board of Examiners

- 4.1.1 The Board of Examiners shall be appointed, as the need arises, by the Governing Council on the recommendation of the Agility Committee.
- 4.1.2 The Board of Examiners shall consist of no less than three (only uneven numbers shall be appointed) Agility Judges qualified to judge all classes.
- 4.1.3 One member of the Board shall be appointed as Chairperson.
- 4.1.4 Appointments shall be for the length of time for the individual course. At the conclusion of the course the Board is disbanded.

4.2 Eligibility for Applicants

To be accepted as a trainee a person must:-

- 4.2.1 Be at least 18 years of age or attain the age of 18 during the year of the examination. **05/10**
- 4.2.2 Have been a member of an ANKC member body for a minimum period of three (3) years prior to the date of application and be a current financial member of an ANKC Ltd member body. **10/16**
The Association will consider an application from a person transferring from another State or Territory of Australia, or overseas, who can provide evidence that their canine experience extends over a minimum period of eight consecutive years as a member of the canine controlling body for the State, Territory or Country of prior residence.
- 4.2.3 Be a financial member of the Canine Association of WA(Inc).
- 4.2.4 Provide sufficient evidence as a handler and trainer to meet the following criteria:
Trained a dog to minimum of AD within the last three years.
Instructed in agility training for a period of at least two years during the last five years.
Have officiated as a Chief Steward, scribe or timekeeper at five ANKC trials in the preceding three years.
- 4.2.5 Governing Council has the right to approve other people who do not fit these criteria. In such cases, the onus of proving eligibility rests with the applicant.

4.3 Requirements to Attain Trainee Judge Status

- 4.3.1 Be approved by Governing Council on the recommendation of the Agility Committee.
- 4.3.2 Pass an Entrance Examination on the Rules for Agility Trials with a 75% pass mark.

4.4 Training

- 4.4.1 Training Programme
On completion of the Entrance Examination the Board of Examiners will advise the following;
 - 4.4.1.1 Theory:
The number of lectures on the understanding of the rules and other additional material as required by the Board of Examiners. (Rules for Agility Trials, Rules and Regulations of the CAWA, Code of Ethics for Agility Judges).
 - 4.4.1.2 Practical:
The number of judging practical sessions to be included in the lecture programme.
 - 4.4.1.3 The number and nature of stewarding appointments required for the course.
- 4.4.2 Trainees must attend a minimum of 75% of all lectures and practical sessions conducted.

- 4.4.3 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.

4.5 Applications

- 4.5.1 All applications must be made on the prescribed forms and accompanied by the designated fee.
- 4.5.2 All applications must be lodged by the due date.
- 4.5.3 Application forms may be obtained from the Association office.

4.6 Examinations

4.6.1 Written Examinations

4.6.1.1 Entrance Examination.

A short answer written test of one (1) hour duration with a pass mark of 75%. Questions to be taken directly from the Rules for Agility Trials.

4.6.1.2 Final Theory Examination.

A written paper of two (2) hours duration with a pass mark of 85%. Questions to be directly applicable to the rules *and any other written material distributed to all trainees by the Board of Examiners during the training course.*

- 4.6.1.3 The pass mark for written papers will be decided from the average marks awarded by three members of the Board of Examiners. They 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.

4.6.2 Practical Examinations

- 4.6.2.1 A practical examination will be held at the end of the course. Candidates must obtain a pass in the Final Theory Examination of the course before being eligible to take the practical examination.

- 4.6.2.2 A mock agility trial will be held with at least 6 competing dogs. Each trainee is required to mark a judging sheet and afterwards, may be required to make an oral report on the reasons for the various judging decisions made. A pass will be awarded if the majority of the Board of Examiners are satisfied that the candidate has sufficient knowledge. The candidate's dress and manner will also be considered when the Board makes its assessment.

4.7 Qualifications

- 4.7.1 At the successful conclusion of the course the Board of Examiners will recommend that candidates be approved to judge Novice Classes from a specific date.

- 4.7.2 To be eligible to Judge Excellent, Masters and Open Agility Classes, a Judge must have:-

- 4.7.2.1 Completed three (3) Novice judging appointments to the satisfaction of the Association. One of these appointments must be in the Perth metro area.

- AND
- 4.7.2.2 Prior to application to judge Excellent, Masters and Open Agility Classes, each candidate must officiate as a steward for three (3) classes (one at each level). This assignment to include designing the courses, overseeing the setting up of the courses and acting as scribe. **11/08**
- 4.7.3 To be eligible to Judge Excellent, Masters and Open Jumping Classes, a Judge must have:-
- 4.7.3.1 Completed three (3) Novice judging appointments to the satisfaction of the Association. One of these appointments must be in the Perth metro area.
- AND
- 4.7.3.2 Prior to application to judge Excellent, Masters and Open Jumping Classes, each candidate must officiate as a steward for three (3) classes (one at each level). This assignment to include designing the courses, overseeing the setting up of the courses and acting as scribe. **11/08**
- 4.7.4 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 furnished when applying for elevation of status.
- 4.7.5 For a class to be counted towards elevation of status there must be six (6) or more dogs present.
- 4.7.6 Certification of judging appointments on the prescribed form, and proof of stewarding in the relevant class must accompany applications for elevation of status. **11/08**
- 4.7.7 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.).

4.8 New Rules

When the Rules for Agility 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.) and the Agility Committee, for the purpose of discussing these arrangements, will arrange a Judge's seminar. The Seminar will include a discussion on the Rules and their intent and an Open Book examination on the new Rules. **10/05**

All judges are expected to attend the seminar and complete the Open Book Examination. Judges who do not attend will not be permitted to judge any Agility trials conducted after the Rules' effective date even though a Judge's contract may already exist. The Agility Committee will monitor attendance and ensure every judge is given the opportunity to comply with the regulation. **10/05**

4.9 Examination Failures

- 4.9.1 Where a person passes the entrance Examination for any course and fails the Final Theory or Practical Examinations no exemption from any examination for subsequent courses can be claimed.
- 4.9.2 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 days of the date of notification of the decision. **10/02.**
- 4.9.3 In the event that an appeal to the Agility Committee is unsuccessful an appeal may be submitted to Governing Council. Any appeal must be lodged with the Administrative Officer of the Association within seven days of notification of the results of the original appeal. Appeals submitted outside the specified times will not be considered. **10/02, 08/11.**

K5 RULES:

The approved Rules shall be printed under separate cover and available from the Association's office.