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### PART II - SHOW

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### PART II - SHOW

#### GENERAL

##### SECTION I

- 1.1 Except in respect of a show conducted by the Dog Section Committee of the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales, Part II of the Regulations shall apply to a Show conducted by DOGS NSW or by an Affiliate and to a Show conducted under the auspices of DOGS NSW by another body. **(06/06)**
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict between the Regulations of a Show and the Regulations, the latter shall prevail.
- 1.3 A question of dispute which shall arise as to the meaning or interpretation of the Regulations or of those governing a Show or as to the rights or obligations of an exhibitor, or as to the acts or omissions of an exhibitor or as to any matter or thing concerning or arising out of the conduct of a Show shall be referred to the Show Committee conducting such Show. The Show Committee shall make such enquiry and investigation as it may consider appropriate and accept and act upon such evidence as it may think fit regardless of the ordinary rules of evidence and its decision shall be final and binding upon persons affected thereby subject, however, to such right of appeal (if any) as may be granted by the Regulations.
- 1.4
  - (a) Neither a body conducting a Recognised Show, nor any office bearers or member or representative thereof, nor DOGS NSW nor any office bearer or member or representative thereof, shall have any responsibility for loss or damage to any person property or exhibit whether caused as a result of negligence by any person or otherwise howsoever. **(09/84)**
  - (b) It shall be a condition of entry to a Recognised Show that an exhibitor shall hold such body, DOGS NSW and all such office bearers, members and representatives harmless and indemnified against all claims demands suits actions proceedings damages expenses and costs (including legal costs) arising from or relating to such loss or damage. **(09/84)**
- 1.5 An exhibitor or handler either in or outside the Show Ring shall not alert or offer food to an exhibit in any manner which in the opinion of the Judge affects the exhibition of any dogs in the Show Ring.
  - 1.5A At all times an exhibitor shall be responsible for cleaning up and the removal of droppings left by the exhibit. This includes any grooming waste within the environs of the event, including vehicle and camping areas. **(08/24)**
  - 1.5B The use of high velocity dryers/blowers within the ring areas is not be permitted. **(08/24)**

- 1.6 All Show Officials are required to be:
- (i) a member of DOGS NSW; or
  - (ii) a member of a Canine Controlling Body recognised by Dogs Australia; or **(07/23)**
  - (iii) in the case of a Show conducted by an Associate Affiliate, a Member of that Associate Affiliate; or **(02/06)**
  - (iv) in, the case of a Steward officiating at an Obedience Trial who is not a Member of DOGS NSW or of another Dogs Australia Member Body, a Financial Member of the Affiliate which is conducting the Trial. **(07/23)**
- (n.b: Office Bearers of an Affiliate are also required to be residents of NSW (Regs. Part X - 10(b))**
- 1.7 A dog shall not be entered as a competitor or allowed to be exhibited in a Recognised Show unless:-
- (i) it is registered, re-registered or deemed registered with DOGS NSW or, in the case of a dog entered for exhibition by a person not resident in the State, it is registered with the canine controlling body of the State of residence of the person who entered it recognised as such by the Board of Directors and such registration is acceptable to the Board of Directors; **(07/08)**
  - (ii) it is entered by its registered owner or in the case aforesaid by the person registered as its owner by the said canine controlling body;
  - (iii) such registration was effected on or prior to the date of application for entry; and
  - (iv) full particulars thereof as required by the Regulations are printed in the Show Catalogue.
- 1.8 A dog shall be deemed to be Australian-bred unless:-
- (a) it is registered as having been imported; or
  - (b) a Show Schedule otherwise expressly provides.
- 1.9 A body conducting a Recognised Show may, by Regulation, disallow the exhibition of an exhibit which is in oestrus provided that such Regulation is set forth in its Show Schedule.
- 1.10 (a) A person shall not enter or exhibit or handle a dog in a General or Special Class at a recognised Show unless such person is:- **(09/11)**
- (i) a Member, Associate Member or Junior Member of DOGS NSW;

- (ii) a person resident outside the State who is a Member of another member body of Dogs Australia in a category of Membership which permits the exhibition and handling of dogs; **(07/23)**
  - (iii) a child 7 years of age and under the age of 12 years; or
  - (iv) a person, who is not a resident of Australia, and is able to provide written advice from the recognised Controlling Body of their Country of Residence that they are permitted to handle dogs at championship exhibitions held in that country, to the Secretary of the Affiliate conducting the event.
- (b) (i) a person who has not attained 16 years of age may handle a dog (owned by themselves or by any Member other than another Junior Member) at a recognised show providing that at all times that person has, in the opinion of the Judge, adequate control of the dog.
- (ii) a handler referred to in (i) shall strictly comply with all directions of the Judge of the class in which the dog is being exhibited.
- (iii) the owner of a dog handled by a person referred to in (i) shall at all times be responsible for ensuring that the handler always has adequate control of the dog.
- (iv) A Junior 7 years and under 18 years need not be a Member or Junior Member for the sole purpose of competing in a Junior Handler Competition.
- (c) A member shall not, other than as permitted by clauses (a) and (b) of this regulation, permit a non member to handle a dog of which he is the registered owner or owner at a recognised show. **(10/02)**
- 1.11 If at any time the Board of Directors is satisfied that, having regard to the records kept by DOGS NSW, a dog has been exhibited in breach of any regulation, it may cancel any award or prize won by such dog at the Show at which such breach occurred, whereupon Regulations 10.6 and 10.19 of Section 10 of this Part of the Regulations shall take effect. **(09/11)**
- 1.12 An exhibitor shall at all times during a Show obey and comply with all reasonable directions given by a show official; any failure by an exhibitor to adhere to the requirements of this regulation shall be deemed to constitute misconduct under Show Regulation 16.1 and render the exhibitor liable to be dealt with accordingly. **(09/87)**
- 1.13 **Deleted (08/95)**

- 1.14 All members at a Recognised Show validate their current membership with DOGS NSW upon request by the Show Manager or other person authorised by the Show Manager. Should the member not be able to validate their membership with DOGS NSW, the Show Manager or other person authorised by the Show Manager must take the member's name and membership details and verify same with the DOGS NSW Office during business hours on the next available day. If that membership proves to be non-financial, all awards attained by dog/s owned or handled by the non-financial member at that show shall be forfeited. **(07/18)**
- 1.15 Any bitch that is more than six weeks pregnant is not permitted to be on any Showground during the period commencing twenty four hours before the scheduled starting time of any Show or other event approved by the Board of Directors, and ending twenty four hours after the completion of that Show or event. **(04/06)**
- 1.16 Any puppy under the age of eight weeks is not permitted to be on any Showground during the period commencing twenty four hours before the scheduled starting time of any Show or other event approved by the Board of Directors, and ending twenty four hours after the completion of that Show or event. **(04/06)**
- 1.17 Each Affiliate shall have a suitably equipped first aid kit available at all Exhibitions. **(06/08)**

## SECTION 2

### CLASSIFICATION OF A SHOW

#### 2.1 Recognised Show

A Show shall not be conducted as a Recognised Show unless:-

- (a) an application in the prescribed form has been lodged with and the proposed date thereof approved by the Board of Directors;
- (b) it is conducted in the State of New South Wales and, in extreme circumstances in the ACT, and under and in accordance with the regulations and in accordance with such Supplementary Regulations (if any) as the Board of Directors may approve; **(08/22)**
- (c) it is conducted outside the State by a Royal Agricultural Society or by a body recognised for the purpose by DOGS NSW;
- (d) all exhibitions have agreed to be bound by the Regulations and by such Supplementary Regulations; and

- (1) the minimum dimensions of the Show Ring in which the respective groups may be exhibited are:-

(i)	Toy Group	19m x 19m
(ii)	Terrier Group	19m x 19m
(iii)	Gundog Group	25m x 16m
(iv)	Hound Group	25m x 16m
(v)	Working Dog Group	25m x 16m
(vi)	Utility Group	25m x 16m
(vii)	Non Sporting Group	25m x 16m

and

- (2) there shall be maintained around the periphery of such Show Ring an area clear of all obstructions of whatever nature, of not less than 2m from each of its boundaries, or 1m defined by ropes, where possible; **(08/92)**
- (e) it is conducted by either:-
  - (i) an Affiliate whose annual subscription is not in arrears; or
  - (ii) by another body approved for the purpose by the Board of Directors pursuant to an application made by such body in accordance with the Regulations.

2.2 If a Recognised Show is not conducted under the Regulations, members of DOGS NSW may exhibit or may act as Judges or Stewards at and may otherwise support such Show provided that a Challenge Award awarded at such Show shall not be recognised as a placing contributing towards the title of Champion. Such placing shall be taken into consideration in determining whether an exhibit is eligible for Restricted Classes at a Show conducted under the Regulations.

2.3 **Unrecognised Show**

A Show which is not conducted under the Regulations or conducted without the approval of the Board of Directors and which is not conducted by an Agricultural Association under its own Rules shall be deemed to be an Unrecognised Show. **(05/96)**

2.4 **Agricultural Show**

An Agricultural Association which is not an Affiliate may conduct Shows either under its own Rules and Regulations or under the Regulations. **(02/20)**

2.5 If a Show is conducted by an Agricultural Association under the Regulations, notice to that effect shall appear conspicuously on the outside cover of both the Show Schedule and the Show Catalogue and the Agricultural Association shall in all respects conduct the Show under the Regulations and in accordance therewith.

2.6 A Show recognised by the Board of Directors and conducted by an Agricultural Association which is an Associate Affiliate shall have at least four (4) other sections. Unless the Dog Section of such Show is held concurrently with such Agricultural Show and on the same grounds, approval to hold the Dog Section shall not be granted. **(05/20)**

(a) Nevertheless, if, subsequent to DOGS NSW approval of a show to be conducted by an Agricultural Association, any or all planned sections of the main show are formally cancelled by that Association, they may apply to the Board of Directors to conduct the Dog Section Show as scheduled, despite the absence of the requisite number of show sections actually being conducted at the show. Any such applications must detail the reasons for cancellation of the other Sections. **(05/20)**

(b) Notwithstanding the requirements of Section 2.6 above, an Agricultural Society may apply to have the Dog Section held either at a different venue or on a different day due to extenuating circumstances. In such situations the Show Committee will assess each such application independently and grant approval if considered appropriate. **(05/20)**

2.6.1 (a) **Single Shows: (02/25)**

- Minimum of 2 Judges with 2 rings.
- Judging to commence at 9:00am.
- Sweepstakes and Junior Handlers allowed (to be run at the same time) noting Junior Handler Regulations 6.8.
- Minimal Luncheon Break.
- The Show Secretary must ensure that all ribbons and prizes are organised for distribution on the day of the show.
- Agricultural Societies must be made aware of the requirements that they must abide by, especially Section 22, which relates to facilities at shows.

(b) **Double Shows: (02/25)**

- Minimum of three (3) Judges in three (3) Rings based on expected numbers from previous shows. The Judge allocated General Specials should have a smaller entry so that they are available to have a luncheon break and commence General Specials when all Group judging is completed.
- Judging to commence at 8:00am.
- Sweepstakes and Junior Handlers allowed (to be run concurrently at the AM Show) noting Junior Handler Regulations 6.8.
- Luncheon break to be given as each Judge completes the first show, allowing a ten (10) minute break before General Specials of the first show.
- The Show Secretary must ensure that all ribbons and prizes are organised for distribution on the day of the show.
- Agricultural Societies must be made aware of the requirements that they must abide by, especially Section 22, which relates to facilities at shows.

2.7 **Commercial Show**

- (a) The Board of Directors may in its absolute discretion grant permission to a company or other commercial enterprise to conduct a Canine Show provided that:-
- (i) an application for the conduct of such Show is made in writing and received by the DOGS NSW Secretary not less than twelve (12) months prior to the day or the first day upon which it is proposed such Show shall be conducted;
  - (ii) the application is accompanied by an affiliation fee of \$500.00 or such other amount as shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors for each day or night during which it is proposed the Show is to be conducted;

- (iii) the applicant undertakes in writing:-
  - (a) to conduct such Show in accordance with and to observe all the relevant Rules and Regulations of DOGS NSW applicable to the conduct of a Canine Show;
  - (b) to deliver to the DOGS NSW Secretary not more than three (3) months after the last day on which such Show is conducted a balance sheet or financial statement audited by the Auditor of the applicant which shall contain a full and complete disclosure of all moneys contributed for the purpose of and of all moneys received and expended in connection with the conduct of such Show.
- (iv) the granting of any such application shall not in itself constitute DOGS NSW as agent or principal in the conduct of such Show. **(06/06)**
- (b) Written notification of the Board of Directors' decision on such application signed by the DOGS NSW Secretary shall be given to the applicant as soon as possible after the meeting of the Board of Directors at which such decision was made.
- (c) A Show conducted pursuant to the provisions of the foregoing shall be deemed to be for all purposes a Recognised Show. The Board of Directors may authorise any such Show to be conducted as a Championship Show.

## 2.8 Show Representative

The Show Committee shall appoint one or more persons to represent DOGS NSW at a Recognised Show who shall be the Show Representative and who shall be a member of DOGS NSW, but such person appointed shall:- **(11/86)**

- (a) not be a member of the Affiliate or licensee conducting such Show;
- (b) not be a relative of any member of the Committee of the Affiliate, DOGS NSW Committee or Licensee conducting such Show; **(07/09)**
- (c) not be an Official or a relative of an Official other than a Steward of such Show; **(07/09)**
- (d) in respect of a Show being conducted within the Metropolitan Region, or in the Local Government Areas of Newcastle, Lake Macquarie or Wollongong, not enter an exhibit in any of the classes to be judged on the day on which he acts as such representative at such Show; **(07/09)**
- (e) not to be a Junior Member. **(09/95)**
- (f) not be a person employed or contracted by the Affiliate or Licensee conducting such show to prepare the official Catalogue for the event. **(07/10)**

2.8A If the Show/Trial is to be conducted by DOGS NSW itself the requirements of sub paragraph (a) of Regulations 2.8 shall be waived. The Show/Trial Committee of DOGS NSW (not the Committee conducting the Show) shall appoint a representative who conforms with the requirements of sub paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of Regulation 2.8. **(05/93)**

2.9 (a) The Board of Directors may in its discretion appoint any person as a Show Representative, either in lieu of or in addition to any Show Representative appointed by the Show Committee pursuant to Regulation 2.8, to attend and represent the Board of Directors at a Recognised Show.

The Board shall appoint a Show Representative to observe the first Open Show and the first Championship Show conducted by an affiliate after affiliation is granted, such Show Representative being in addition to the Show Representative required to be appointed by the Show Committee pursuant to regulation 2.8. **(05/96)**

(b) A Show Representative appointed by Board of Directors pursuant to this Regulation shall keep a record of all expenses (if any) incurred in connection with the appointment including expenses relating to travel, accommodation and sustenance and shall be entitled to reimbursement by the Board of Directors in respect thereof.

(c) The Board of Directors is entitled to recover from the Affiliate or Licensee conducting the Show the expenses incurred by the Show Representative appointed by Board of Directors pursuant to this Regulation. The Affiliate or Licensee (as the case may be) shall pay such expenses to Board of Directors within 14 days of a request in writing to do so.

2.10 The Show Representative(s) shall report in writing to the DOGS NSW Secretary within seven (7) days of the close of such Show, using the appropriate Show Representative's Report Form, on the general conduct thereof and in particular on all matters of controversy which arose, incidents or accidents that occurred and on all breaches of the Regulations which occurred thereat and on such other matters as the Board of Directors may from time to time require. **(12/19)**

(a) The Show/Trial Secretary shall report any incidents and/or accidents that occur within 24 hours of the next business day, ie, if an incident or accident occurs at a Show on the Saturday, the report is required to be received by the Office no later than the close of business on the following Tuesday. **(12/19)**

## SECTION 3

### COMPETITION BY DOGS IN ASSOCIATE REGISTER

- 3.1 Subject to (c), a Show Committee may include in any Show, other than a conformation show, a class for any Dogs Australia approved discipline in which:- **(07/23)**
- (a) only dogs registered in the Associate Register shall be eligible to compete, or
  - (b) dogs registered in the Associate Register or in the Main Register shall be eligible to compete against each other.
  - (c) a dog registered in the Associate Register is only eligible to compete in a Trial conducted by a Club which is not a Multi-Group, Group, Semi-Group or Specialist Club, excepting:-
    - (i) that a dog of a variety accepted as a Gundog being eligible to compete in a Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs may compete in any RATG event.
    - (ii) a dog of mixed breeds, provided they are a mix or apparent mix of Herding Breeds may compete in Herding Tests and Herding Trials, and
    - (iii) a dog of Earthdog type may compete in Earthdog Tests, provided they have successfully qualified in the Earthdog Instinct Test on at least one occasion prior to being eligible to enter the Novice Earthdog Test.
- (03/14)**
- 3.2 To the extent that any Regulation contained in this Part II of the Regulations shall conflict with the foregoing the same is hereby negated and shall have no force or effect in respect of any such Dogs Australia approved performance disciplines as aforesaid. **(07/23)**
- 3.3 Subject to regulation 3.2 the Show regulations shall mutatis mutandis apply to any such Dogs Australia approved performance disciplines aforesaid. **(07/23)**

## SECTION 4

### APPROVAL OF A SHOW

- 4.1 An application for the approval of a Show as a Recognised Show shall be in such form as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors and shall include (inter alia):-
- (i) the date and venue of such Show;
  - (ii) details of the classes in accordance with which dogs are to compete or are to be exhibited or paraded;
  - (iii) a copy of any supplementary regulations which are intended to apply to such Show;
  - (iv) particulars of the Judges who will officiate at such Show, including a copy of the signed Judges' Contract/s. **(10/02)**
  - (v) the particulars of the person who it is proposed will organise or manage a Show and who shall not be appointed to such position without the prior approval of the Board of Directors;
  - (vi) COVID-19 Safety Plan signed by the person who will be organising or managing the Show/Trial/Event on behalf of the Affiliate. Affiliates must comply with the conditions of the COVID-19 Safety Plan submitted as failure to do so may result in disciplinary action. **(07/20)**
  - (vii) **(07/20)** all other information required by the Regulations and by the Board of Directors;
- 4.2 Except as otherwise from time to time determined by the Board of Directors, either generally or in any specific case, an application for the approval of a Draft Show/Trial/Event schedule shall be lodged with the DOGS NSW Secretary at least four (4) calendar months before the commencing day of such show. **(05/25)**
- 4.2A No approval will be given to an application for a Conformation Show which has not been lodged, or does not fully comply with the requirement of Regulation 4.1, at least three (3) months before the proposed commencing day of the Conformation Show. **(12/25)**
- 4.3 A date which has been fixed for the holding of a Recognised Conformation Show/Trial/Event and which has been approved by the Show/Retrieving & Field Trials/Agility/Sporting/Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committees shall not be altered without the consent of the Board of Directors provided that such date shall not be postponed for more than one (1) month and any cancellation must be notified in writing to DOGS NSW. **(12/25)**

**\*\*Failure to comply with Clauses 4.2A & 4.3 will attract a fine in accordance with the current penalty regime.**

- 4.4A An Affiliate or licensed body may conduct two (2) Championship Shows in any one year, and may also conduct one or more Parades and/or Open and/or Sanction Shows, except in the case of an Associate Affiliate which may conduct one (1) Championship Show or two Championship shows if both are held on the same day in any one year and a Specialty Club that may, but only on the invitation of the DOGS NSW Spring Fair Dog Show Committee, conduct a third Championship Show in any one year. **(05/23)**
- 4.4B Notwithstanding the above, an All Breeds Dog Club (excluding an Associate Affiliate) or a Committee of DOGS NSW may obtain approval to conduct a third Championship Show on either a casual or on a permanent basis, provided that such show is held in conjunction with at least one of that Affiliate or Committee's existing Championship Shows and is held on a weekday in the immediately preceding week or the immediately following week, or on the same day as that of an existing Championship Show. Applications to conduct such a 3<sup>rd</sup> Championship Show on either a casual or permanent basis will only be considered by the Board where a written application is lodged with the DOGS NSW Secretary more than nine months prior to the date upon which it is proposed to conduct the 3<sup>rd</sup> Show. **(05/24)**
- 4.4C Further to but notwithstanding Clause 4.4A, above, an All Breeds Dog Club (excluding an Associate Affiliate) or a Regional Committee of DOGS NSW, may obtain approval to conduct one (1) additional show on a date in conjunction with their existing shows for Neuter Exhibits only. Such shows are to be conducted under the Regulations pertaining to Championship Shows as they relate to Neuter Dogs and Spayed Bitches. On that date the existing show cannot hold Neuter Classes. **(02/20)**
- 4.4D If a Regional competitive event is to be held, it must be held in conjunction with a Regional Affiliate who is holding a similar event at the same time and same location. **(10/25)**
- 4.4E An Affiliate or licensed body may conduct Group Shows in any one year with their allocated approved Championship Shows, Group Show Format would be at the completion of the Affiliate's All Breeds Championship Show and must be held by the same Affiliate conducting the first show. **(12/24)**
- 4.5 When the total number of exhibits entered at two consecutive All Breed Championship Shows conducted by an Affiliate falls below 200, that Affiliate shall not be entitled to conduct a further All Breed Championship Show until it satisfies the Board of Directors that it has a reasonable likelihood of attracting 200 entries at its next Show. **(12/89)**
- 4.5.1 When the total number of exhibits entered at two consecutive Agricultural Shows conducted by an Associate Affiliate falls below 150, that Associate Affiliate shall not be entitled to conduct a further Agricultural Show until it satisfies the Board of Directors that it has a reasonable likelihood of attracting 150 entries at its next Show. **(11/19)**
- 4.6 *Deleted.* **(02/06)**

- 4.7 (a) Where a Specialist Club wishes to move its Championship Show to an established date already held by an All Breeds Club, or if a newly affiliated Specialist Club wishes to be allocated such a date, and the proposed Specialty Show is to be conducted at a venue which is within a radius of 350km from the venue of that All Breeds Show, approval will only be given if its Show is held in conjunction with that All Breeds Club and on the same show ground. **(09/10)**
- (b) Should any Club wish to move one of its Championship Shows to an established date already held by a Specialist Club or, if a newly affiliated Club wishes to be allocated such a date, then the Club concerned shall not be permitted to award Challenge or Neuter Certificates for the Breed or Breeds represented by the Specialist Club/s where the proposed Show is being conducted at a venue which is within a radius of 350km from the venue for the Specialist Club/s Show. **(10/13)**

Despite the above, the Board of Directors may, at its absolute discretion, approve Shows that are considered not to adversely affect either Club. **(05/96)**

4.8 *Deleted* **(02/06)**

## SECTION 5

### CATALOGUE AND SHOW SCHEDULE

5.1 In the case of a Recognised Show:-

- (a) there shall be a Catalogue of all exhibits which shall list the breeds of exhibits in order of judging within each group and the exhibits shall be listed in numerical order through the Catalogue; with the exception of Non Slip Retrieving Trials where order of judging may be determined by a draw in accordance with Dogs Australia Rules for the conduct of Non Slip Retrieving Trials for Gundogs. **(07/23)**

In the case of all Field Trials the draw will be conducted as set out in each of Dogs Australia Rules. **(07/23)**

- (b) there shall appear in the Catalogue:-
  - (i) a statement on the cover that such Show is conducted under the Regulations of DOGS NSW and that a copy of such regulations may be perused at the Office; **(10/93)**
  - (ii) the name of a Show Representative;
  - (iii) the names of the Show Officials;
  - (iv) the names of the Judges and the Classes which each is to Judge;
  - (v) excepting in the case of an Agility or Jumping Trial, particulars of the sire and dam of each exhibit; **(06/09)**
  - (vi) the full name, date of birth and registered number of each exhibit;
  - (vii) details of all awards to be made at such Show;
  - (viii) Should an Affiliate of a recognised Show advertise that members of the Committee and Executive Committee are not eligible to enter or exhibit and if this requirement is not complied with, the matter be referred to DOGS NSW. **(12/25)**
- (c) there shall be prepared by the Show Secretary and lodged with the DOGS NSW Secretary:- **(12/84)**
  - (i) at least four (4) calendar months prior to the date of such Show a Draft Show Schedule for the approval of the DOGS NSW Secretary in the form and containing such particulars as shall be required by DOGS NSW from time to time; and **(08/19)**

- (ii) within seven (7) days of its publication, at least one copy of the Show Schedule containing the information set out in the Draft Schedule as approved of by the DOGS NSW Secretary; and **(05/17)**
- (iii) An application to change any of the information approved in the original Draft Schedule application is required to be lodged with DOGS NSW within 24 hours of the Affiliate or Associate Affiliate Show Committee becoming aware of the need for such change. **(05/17)**
- (d) (i) there shall appear on the cover of the Show Schedule, a statement that such Show is conducted under the regulations and that a copy of the Regulations may be perused at the Office;
- (ii) The names of all Executive Committee members of an Affiliate **MUST** be listed at the front of the catalogue. **(12/25)**
- (e) at least one copy of the Marked Catalogue, marked with only Challenge, Reserve Challenges, BOB and Runner UP BOB; Best, Runner Up and all classes in Group; Best, Runner Up and all Classes in Show including points awarded to the all winning Dogs and Bitches; Place winners in Sweepstakes and other competitions; as well as any exhibit which was absent from competition either with and without permission shall be lodged with the DOGS NSW Secretary within fourteen (14) days of completion of such Show. **(06/18)**
- (f) A copy of all catalogue/s fully marked, Judge's slips and Stewards sheets for all events conducted by the Affiliated Club must be kept for a minimum of twelve (12) months from the date of the event.**(06/18)**

5.2 A Show Schedule shall not be:-

- (a) published until the approval of the Board of Directors has been obtained thereto;
- (b) amended either by addition, deletion, or variation, except with the prior approval of the Board of Directors as evidenced by a Memorandum signed by the DOGS NSW Secretary.
- (c) published only on a private social media page where access to all interested exhibitors/trailers can be restricted; if publishing on multiple sites, it needs to be done at the same time. **(08/25)**

5.3 A Journal Advertisement Form for any Recognised Show must be sent to the DOGS NSW Secretary with the Draft Schedule which, at the expense of the body conducting such Show, may be published at least once in the Journal. Such notice shall contain at least the following information: **(07/24)**

- (i) the name of the Affiliate conducting the Show;
- (ii) the venue of the Show;

- (iii) the date of the Show;
  - (iv) the closing date of entries;
  - (v) the amount of the Entry Fee;
  - (vi) the name of the Judge/s;
  - (vii) the time of commencement of judging;
  - (viii) the order of judging; and
  - (ix) the name, address and telephone number of the Show Secretary.
  - (x) all other relevant information required when conducting the show or a Sporting discipline event. **(08/25)**
- 5.4 Provided that it contains all of the information required by the Regulations for each recognised show covered by it, a single Catalogue may be prepared for more than one show conducted by the same Affiliate. **(06/05)**
- 5.5 An official of any Affiliated body and a person employed or contracted by the Affiliate to prepare the official catalogue shall not disclose information as to the entrants or entries for a conformation show prior to the commencement of the show other than in accordance with the Regulations. This Regulation shall not apply to the Sydney Royal (RAS) where the catalogue may be published online on the day before the commencement of the show. **(02/16)**
- 5.6 (a) For the purposes of Clause 5.4 and 5.5, an Affiliate may issue catalogues 24 hours prior to the commencement of the show. **(04/21)**
- (b) Where shows are run in conjunction with each other OR AS A CLUSTER HELD ON THE SAME GROUNDS the catalogues for the shows may be issued together in accordance with the provisions of 5.6(a) prior to the commencement of the first show. **(09/16)**
- 5.7 All information relevant to a trial - including schedules, Judge changes, course maps (for Agility ONLY), run orders (for Agility ONLY), venue details and time changes - should be shared either **(12/25)**:-
- On a publicly accessible Facebook page, and/or
  - Via email to all competitors, using the entry platform where this is technically feasible. **(08/25)**

For any trials with capped/ballot entries, the following should be clearly stated in the publicly available schedule **(12/25)**:-

- That entries are capped/being run by ballot, **(12/25)**
- The planned date and time entries will open (the Club has the right to change these details if needed),
- The platform through which entries must be submitted. **(08/25)**

## SECTION 6

### CLASSES FOR EXHIBIT AT A SHOW

- 6.1 The total number of General Classes at a show for any one breed shall not exceed the maximum number approved from time to time by the Board of Directors. Until otherwise determined, such number shall be ten (10) including Classes 11 and 11(A). **(10/18)**
- 6.2 Until otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, General Classes shall be selected from the Classes specified in Show Regulations 6.3 and not otherwise, except with the previous written consent of the Board of Directors. Puppy Classes shall be for dogs of "any weight" and not restricted to colour.
- 6.3 **Classes for Exhibit at a Show (12/17)**  
No Classes, for which points may be earned towards a Dogs Australia approved title shall be offered at a show unless those points are to be awarded to all exhibits eligible to receive them under these regulations. **(07/23)**

#### 6.3.1 General Classes

NAME	NO	DESCRIPTION
Baby Puppy	1	For dogs aged three and under six months.
Minor Puppy	2	For dogs aged six and under nine months.
Puppy	3	For dogs aged six and under twelve months.
Junior	4	For dogs aged nine and under eighteen months.
Intermediate	5	For dogs aged eighteen and under thirty-six months.
Novice	6	For dogs six months of age or over which have not won a First Prize at any Parade, Open Show or Championship Show (subject to Member Body Rules). Baby puppy and Local classes excepted. (For the purpose of classifications (6) and (6A) First Prizes won up to and including the day before the date of entry close in a Show only shall be taken into account but such restriction shall not apply in the case of a Special Prize for which more than one win is required).

Graduate	7	For dogs six months of age or over which have not won a Challenge Certificate up to and including the day before the date of entry close.
Limit	8	For dogs over twelve months of age which are not Champions, or have not gained sufficient points to qualify as a Champion up to and including the day before the date of entry close
State Bred	9	For dogs six months of age or over bred in the State or Territory in which they are exhibited.
Australian Bred	10	For dogs aged six months or over bred in Australia.
Bred by Exhibitor	14	For dogs aged six months and over. The exhibit must be owned and handled by the breeder of record.

**Note (04/18):**

- a) The registered owner must have been the owner or part owner of the prefix under which the exhibit was originally registered.
- b) The exhibit must be handled exclusively throughout the Breed Classes, all Group Classes and all General Specials Classes by an owner or part owner of the prefix under which the exhibit was originally registered.
- c) If for any reason during the Show, an owner/breeder/exhibitor becomes unable to handle the exhibit, the exhibit must be withdrawn from exhibition as it will be deemed to be ineligible to compete in the Bred by Exhibitor Class.

Open	11	For dogs aged six months or over and of a breed or variety recognized by Dogs Australia. At any FCI CACIB Show where Class 21 is available, Class 11 is only available to exhibits which are 15 months of age and over, and are not registered as Champions on the official closing date of entries for the show. <b>(07/23)</b>
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Veteran	12	7 years and over
Veteran	13	10 years and over
Champion	21	Available at FCI CACIB Shows ONLY for dogs and bitches who are registered on Dogs Australia Database as a Champion on the official closing date for entries of the show being entered. <b>(07/23)</b>

#### **Neuter Classes:**

- (15) "Puppy Neuter" for neuter dogs and bitches aged six and under twelve months.
- (16) "Junior Neuter" for neuter dogs and bitches aged nine and under eighteen months.
- (17) "Intermediate Neuter" for neuter dogs and bitches aged eighteen and under thirty six months.
- (18) "Open Neuter" for neuter dogs and bitches aged six months or over and of a breed or variety recognised by Dogs Australia. **(07/23)**

#### **Neuter Classes (Notes):**

- (i) Classes 15, 16, 17 & 18 shall be optional Classes at any Dogs Australia official show. **(07/23)**
- (ii) Classes 15,16,17 & 18 shall be ineligible to compete for Challenge or Best of Breed awards.
- (iii) Classes 15,16,17 & 18 shall be judged at breed level after Best of Breed and any Class elimination judging.
- (iv) Classes 15,16,17 & 18 shall be judged at both Group and Show level immediately after Class 11.
- (v) Only dogs or bitches registered with a Dogs Australia Member Body as a "neuter" on the Main Register shall be eligible to compete in either Class 15,16,17 or 18. **(07/23)**

#### **Breed Special Classes:**

- (19) "Challenge Dog" for competition between the exhibits placed first in each breed of a Group in Classes (2) to (11) inclusive.
- (20) "Challenge Bitch" for competition between the exhibits placed first in each breed of a Group in classes (2A) to (11A) inclusive.

- (21) "Reserve Challenge Dog" for competition between the second prize winning exhibit to the Challenge Dog in the general class in which they were both exhibited and the unplaced exhibits competing for Challenge Dog.
- (22) "Reserve Challenge Bitch" for competition between the second prize winning exhibit to the Challenge Bitch in the general class in which they were both exhibited and the unplaced exhibits competing for Challenge Bitch.
- (23) "Best of Breed" for competition between the Challenge Dog and the Challenge Bitch of the same breed.
- (24) "Runner-Up to Best of Breed" for competition between the Challenge winning exhibit of opposite sex to Best of Breed and the Reserve Challenge winning exhibit to the Best of Breed.

**Group Special Classes:**

- (25) "Best in Group" for competition between the Best of Breed of each breed of dog of the Group.
- (26) "Runner-Up to Best in Group" for competition between the Runner-Up to Best of Breed in the Breed in which the Best of group was exhibited and the unplaced exhibits competing for Best in Group.

**General Special Classes:**

"Best Exhibit in Show" for competition between each of the exhibits awarded Best in Group.

"Runner-Up to Best in Show" for competition between the Runner-Up to Best in group of the group in which the Best Exhibit in Show was exhibited and the unplaced exhibits competing for Best Exhibit in Show.

6.4 An Affiliate conducting a Show may select for such purpose any ten (10) of the above General Classes numbered (1) to (11) and (1A) to (11A) inclusive for dogs and bitches respectively provided that notice of the selected Classes is prominently displayed in the Show Schedule the judging of which shall be followed by the judging of Classes (12) to (19) inclusive. **(12/16)**

6.5 An Affiliate conducting a Show may include at its discretion any of the Special Classes set forth in Regulation 6.6.

**6.6 Classification - Special Classes**

- (1) "Brace". For two exhibits of the same breed each six months of age or over owned by the exhibitor each of which has competed in at least one General Class at the Show.

- (2) "Team". For three or more exhibits of the same breed six months of age or over owned by the exhibitor of each of which has competed in at least one General Class at the Show.
- (3) "Veteran". Classes may be offered for Veterans at fixtures as follows:
  - (a) Veteran (Class) 12: Seven (7) years and over **(12/17)**
  - (b) Veteran (Class) 13: Ten (10) years and over **(12/17)**

Where only one (1) Veteran Class is offered, it is to be Class 12. **(11/17)**

NOTE: VETERANS AT SPECIALIST AND SEMI SPECIALIST SHOWS-Where separate dog and bitch Classes are offered for Veterans at Specialist and Semi Specialist Club Championship Shows (not Group or All Breed fixtures), those Class winners may compete for a Challenge Award provided however, where such Class winners are eligible for such Challenge Awards neutered exhibits are not eligible for entry.

VETERANS AT GROUP AND ALL BREED CLUB SHOWS-Where Veteran Classes are offered at "Group Club" and "All Breed Club" fixtures, separate dog and bitch Classes may not be offered (Class judged similar to Sweepstakes events) however, neutered exhibits are eligible for entry. **(01/95)**

- (4) "Puppy Sweepstakes". For exhibits of either sex of each breed exhibited at a Show six months but not over twelve months of age each of which has been entered in at least one General Class at such Show.
- (5) "Baby Puppy Sweepstakes". For exhibits of either sex of each breed exhibited at a Show under six months of age each of which has been entered in at least one General Class at such Show.

Failure to exhibit in either of the above two classes at a show i.e. 6.6 (4) and 6.6 (5) does not preclude an exhibit from later exhibition at such Show in a General Class for which it is eligible. **(11/93)**

- (6) "Sire and/or Dams Progeny Class" For two or more exhibits each three months of age or over with the exhibits classed as progeny having been exhibited in at least one General Class at the Show. Neither the Sire nor Dam need be exhibited in a General Class. **(11/93)**

## 6.7 "Trials"

- (1) Until otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, the competitions to be conducted at all Trials shall be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations for the time being of Dogs Australia. **(07/23)**

(2) **Retrieving Trials**

All Retrieving Trials involving the use of firearms will comply with the Laws covering Shooting, Game Laws and Firearms Legislation in NSW. All applications for approval for a Retrieving Trial involving the use of firearms will be required to be submitted in accordance with Regulations Part II-Show, Section 4: Approval of a Show and shall include copies of necessary permits issued by the NSW Police Force for conduct of the Trial, such as the Retrieving Trial Permit Legitimate Reason Form, a P634 Application for a Firearms Permit including authorisation to use firearms, and proof of identity.

6.8 **Junior Handler Competition (02/12)**

6.8.1 A DOGS NSW Junior Handler Competition at a Show will not be approved unless:- **(02/12)**

- (a) the age groups consist of:-
  - (i) 7 years to under 10 years - for boys and girls
  - (ii) 10 years to under 13 years - for boys and girls
  - (iii) 13 years to under 19 years - for boys and girls **(08/17)**
- (b) the name of the person nominated as the Judge of that Competition is on the accredited Dogs Australia Junior Handler Judges list. **(07/23)**  
  
(Note: Breed Judges and other members of a Dogs Australia Member Body who wish to qualify to judge these competitions must pass a Dogs Australia Open Book Junior Handler Judges Examination.) **(07/23)**
- (c) it is a requirement of the Competition that Judges make their awards strictly in accordance with the requirements of the Dogs Australia Junior Handlers' Manual; **(07/23)**
- (d) Judges may use the Score Sheet provided in the Junior Handlers' Manual however its use is not mandatory.

6.8.2 (a) Any Affiliated Club other than a Specialist Club which conduct two or more Championship Shows per annum, must conduct a DOGS NSW Junior Handler Competition at one or more of those shows in each calendar year. **(02/12)**

(b) Junior Handler Competitions are not permitted on any school day. **(03/10)**

(c) Where a Championship Show at which a Junior Handler Competition is to be held is advertised, the Competition must be advertised in the Schedule. **(02/12)**

- (d) Junior Handler Competitions by Affiliates must be “free of charge” to all handlers. **(06/06)**
  - (e) If shows are held in summer and sweepstakes are held in the morning, it is recommended that the Junior Handlers competition is to be held at the beginning of the show to avoid any heat. **(03/10)**
- 6.8.3
- (a) A Judge who has judged a Class in a DOGS NSW Junior Handler Competition must not Judge the same age group at any subsequent Show during the succeeding 90 days, held at any venue which is within a distance of 100 kilometers by the shortest road from the earlier Show. **(03/10)**
  - (b) Regulation 6.8.3(a) does not apply to Competitions conducted at Specialty and Semi Specialist Shows.
  - (c) A judge is not restricted to judging one age group in any Competition and may judge all age groups where time and entry numbers permit.
- 6.8.4
- (a) A DOGS NSW Champion Junior Handler Final competition will be conducted each year, so that the award of Champion Junior Handler of the year can be determined.
  - (b) To be eligible to compete in the State Final, Junior Handlers must be of an age where they will remain under 18 years at the time of the next following International Final at Crufts. **(06/11)**
  - (c) This final, which will be held in heats for each of the three age groups, will select the top handler from all 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in that age group during the proceeding year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Handler may not compete in a final heat of an age Group for which they are no longer eligible but may compete in the final for the age group for which they are eligible at the time the final is held.
  - (d) The winners of each of the three heats in the final will be run off against each other, to determine the DOGS NSW Champion Junior Handler for the year.
- 6.8.5
- The names of the Champion Junior Handler for the year and each of the heat winners in the final will be engraved on the Honour Board which is displayed in a prominent place within the DOGS NSW Complex.
- 6.8.6
- A Junior Handler may compete in all heats throughout the whole year in NSW, however, when the Handler gains 3 x 1<sup>st</sup> places with the same breed of dog, the Handler must change to a different breed of dog and continue doing so until the end of the competition year, excluding the DOGS NSW Champion Junior Handler Finals, where any breed maybe used. **(12/12)**

- 6.8.7 Dogs taken into the Junior Handler Competition are to be entered in a General Class in the show on the day that the Junior Handler Competition is held. **(02/12)**
- 6.9 A Show Committee may offer such Special Prize and make such classification and such definition thereof (subject to the definitions and the Regulations) as it thinks fit, provided that:-
- (a) a puppy under the age of six months shall not compete in a class for a Special Prize at a Show unless such class or Special Prize is for puppies under the age of six months;
  - (b) Special Prizes offered for competition at a show shall be restricted to a Show held under the Regulations.
- 6.10 An Affiliate shall publish definition and details of Special Prizes in its Prize Schedule and Show Catalogue. If a Special Prize for which more than one win is required for eligibility is published a list of the name and number of wins recorded by each prior winner of such Special Prize may be included.
- 6.11 Where a Special Prize is offered for competition at a Recognised Show the Show Secretary shall inform the Secretary within seven (7) days after the close of the Show of each such prize awarded at such Show.
- 6.12 A dog shall not be eligible to compete for a Special Prize at a Show unless it has:-
- (a) been exhibited in a General Class at such Show for which it was eligible for exhibition; and/or if not so eligible;
  - (b) competed in each General Class for which the qualifications for eligibility correspond with those of the class in which the Special Prize is to be awarded.
- This Regulation shall not apply to exhibits in various pet clips entered in Special Classes or Classes where a Special Prize is offered at Shows conducted for the purpose of exhibition of that breed only. **(07/88)**
- 6.13 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Regulations, a Show Committee should, at any time before the commencement of judging of a particular class, transfer any exhibit which has been identified as being entered in the wrong class to the lowest numbered class for which it is eligible and thereupon such exhibit shall be deemed to have been properly entered in the class to which it has been transferred. **(08/08)**
- 6.14 Other than in the circumstances provided for in Regulation 6.13 of this Part, after the closing date of entries for a Show, it is not permissible for an exhibit to be transferred from the Class in which it was entered on the Show Entry Form to any other Class. **(12/05)**

## SECTION 7

### CLASSIFICATION OF THE GROUPS OF BREEDS OF DOGS (12/07)

7.1 The Breed Groups, until otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, are constituted as follows (10/23):-

#### Group 1 (Toys)

Affenpinscher	Japanese Chin
Australian Silky Terrier	King Charles Spaniel
Bichon Frise	Lowchen
Biewer Terrier	Maltese
Bolognese	Miniature Pinscher
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	Papillon
Chihuahua (Long Coat)	Pekingese
Chihuahua (Smooth Coat)	Pomeranian
Chinese Crested Dog	Prague Ratter (02/22)
Coton De Tuler	Pug
English Toy Terrier (Black & Tan)	Russian Toy
Griffon Bruxellois	Tibetan Spaniel
Havanese	Yorkshire Terrier
Italian Greyhound	

#### Group 2 (Terriers)

Airedale Terrier	Jack Russell Terrier
American Hairless Terrier	Kerry Blue Terrier
American Staffordshire Terrier	Lakeland Terrier
Australian Terrier	Manchester Terrier
Bedlington Terrier	Norfolk Terrier
Border Terrier	Norwich Terrier
Bull Terrier	Parson Russell Terrier
Bull Terrier (Miniature)	Scottish Terrier
Cairn Terrier	Sealyham Terrier
Cesky Terrier	Skye Terrier
Dandie Dinmont Terrier	Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
Fox Terrier (Smooth)	Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Fox Terrier (Wire)	Tenterfield Terrier
German Hunting Terrier	Welsh Terrier
Glen of Imaal Terrier	West Highland White Terrier
Irish Terrier	

### **Group 3 (Gundogs)**

Bracco Italiano (01/01/08)	Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla
Brittany	Irish Red & White Setter
Chesapeake Bay Retriever	Irish Setter
Clumber Spaniel	Irish Water Spaniel
Cocker Spaniel	Italian Spinone
Cocker Spaniel (American)	Labrador Retriever
Curly Coated Retriever	Lagotto Romagnolo
English Setter	Large Munsterlander
English Springer Spaniel	Murray River Retriever (11/21)
Field Spaniel	Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever
Flat Coated Retriever	Pointer
German Shorthaired Pointer	Spanish Water Dog
German Wirehaired Pointer	Sussex Spaniel
Golden Retriever	Weimaraner
Gordon Setter	Weimaraner (Longhair)
Hungarian Vizsla	Welsh Springer Spaniel
	Wirehaired Slovakian Pointer

### **Group 4 (Hounds)**

Afghan Hound	Dachshund (Rabbit/Kaninchen Wire Hair)
Azawakh	Deerhound
Basenji	Finnish Spitz
Basset Fauve de Bretagne	Foxhound
Basset Hound	Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen
Beagle	Greyhound
Black & Tan Coonhound	Hamiltonstovare
Bloodhound	Harrier
Bluetick Coonhound	Ibizan Hound
Borzoi	Irish Wolfhound
Cirneco Dell'Etna	Norwegian Elkhound
Dachshund (Long Haired)	Otterhound
Dachshund (Min. Long Haired)	Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen
Dachshund (Smooth Haired)	Pharaoh Hound
Dachshund (Min. Smooth Haired)	Portuguese Podengo
Dachshund (Wire Haired)	Rhodesian Ridgeback
Dachshund (Min. Wire Haired)	Saluki
Dachshund (Rabbit/Kaninchen Long Hair)	Sloughi
Dachshund (Rabbit/Kaninchen Smooth)	Whippet

### **Group 5 (Working Dogs)**

Australian Cattle Dog	German Shepherd Dog (Long Stock Coat)
Australian Shepherd	Komondor
Australian Kelpie	Kuvasz

Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog  
Bearded Collie  
Beauceron  
Belgian Shepherd Dog (Groenendael)  
Belgian Shepherd Dog (Laekenois)  
Belgian Shepherd Dog (Malinois)  
Belgian Shepherd Dog (Tervueren)  
Bergamasco Shepherd Dog  
Border Collie  
Bouvier des Flandres  
Briard  
Collie (Rough)  
Collie (Smooth)  
Dutch Shepherd Dog  
Finnish Lapphund  
German Shepherd Dog

Maremma Sheepdog  
Miniature American Shepherd  
Mudi  
Norwegian Buhund  
Old English Sheepdog  
Polish Lowland Sheepdog  
Puli  
Pumi  
Pyrenean Sheepdog Longhair  
Shetland Sheepdog  
Swedish Lapphund  
Swedish Vallhund  
Welsh Corgi (Cardigan)  
Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)  
White Swiss Shepherd

#### **Group 6 (Utility)**

Akita  
Akita (Japanese) **(01/01/13)**  
Alaskan Malamute  
Anatolian Shepherd Dog  
Bernese Mountain Dog  
Boxer  
Bullmastiff  
Canadian Eskimo Dog  
Cane Corso **(03/11)**  
Central Asian Shepherd Dog  
Dobermann  
Dogue de Bordeaux  
Estrela Mountain Dog  
German Pinscher  
Great Swiss Mountain Dog  
Kangal Shepherd Dog  
Landseer  
Leonberger  
Mastiff

Neapolitan Mastiff  
Newfoundland  
Portuguese Water Dog  
Pyrenean Mastiff  
Pyrenean Mountain Dog  
Rottweiler  
Russian Black Terrier **(01/11)**  
Samoyed  
Schnauzer  
Schnauzer (Miniature)  
Schnauzer (Giant)  
Shiba Inu  
Shikoku  
Siberian Husky  
Spanish Mastiff **(01/07/08)**  
St. Bernard  
Tatra Shepherd Dog **(01/01/13)**  
Tibetan Mastiff  
Tornjak  
Yakutian Laika **(04/20)**

#### **Group 7 (Non-Sporting)**

Australasian Bosdog **(11/21)**  
Boston Terrier  
British Bulldog  
Canaan Dog  
Chow Chow

Karelian Bear Dog **(05/20)**  
Keeshond  
Lhasa Apso  
Peruvian Hairless Dog  
Poodle (Standard)

Dalmatian	Poodle (Miniature)
Eurasier	Poodle (Toy)
French Bulldog	Schipperke
German Spitz (Klein)	Shar Pei
German Spitz (Mittel)	Shih Tzu
Great Dane	Tibetan Terrier
Japanese Spitz	Xoloitzcuintle

PROVIDED ALWAYS that if a breed of dog is first introduced into the State without having been allocated into a Group it shall be exhibited in a Show (until otherwise determined by the Board of Directors) in the Group in which it is classified by the Kennel Club of England. **(8/05)**

## SECTION 8

### TIME AND ORDER OF JUDGING

#### 8A **In-Group and In-Show Placing System** *(Optional for Shows that only offer Best Puppy in Group/Show and Best Exhibit in Group/Show)*

##### **(1) Breed Judging**

- (a) Breed judging shall be conducted in the same manner as the existing system to select Best of Breed and Best Puppy of Breed.
- (b) As Runner-Up to Best Exhibit In Show and Runner-Up to Best Exhibit In Group will no longer be judged, the Runner-Up to Best of Breed awards may be at the discretion of the Show Committee.
- (c) Baby Puppy Class and Neuter Class may be included at the discretion of the Show Committee. **(08/19)**

##### **(2) Breed Judging -Alternate Show Format 1,2,3,4 (12/24)**

- (a) Runner-Up to Best Exhibit In Show and Runner-Up to Best Exhibit In Group will no longer be judged.
- (b) Only Best Puppy In Group award will be offered. Therefore, only exhibits that have won Best Puppy of Breed are eligible to compete for Best Puppy In Group.
- (c) Only Best Puppy In Show award will be offered. Therefore only Best Puppy In Group winners are eligible to compete for Best Puppy In Show.
- (d) Only exhibits that have won Best of Breed awards are eligible to compete for Best Exhibit In Group awards 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, subject to the provision of Regulation (2)(g)(i).
- (e) Only exhibits which have won Best Exhibit In Group shall be eligible to compete for Best Exhibit In Show awards 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> are subject to the provision of Regulation (2)(g)(ii). **(03/24)**
- (f) The sequence of judging Best Exhibit in Group and Best Exhibit in Show awards shall be in the following order **(02/22)**:-
  - a. Best Exhibit in Group, placed in the order of 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st
  - b. Best Baby Puppy in Group
  - c. Best Puppy in Group
  - d. Best Neuter in Group (if offered)
  - e. Best Exhibit in Show, placed in the order of 2nd, 1st

- f. Best Baby Puppy in Show
- g. Best Puppy in Show
- h. Best Neuter in Show (if offered)

- (g) Where a puppy is awarded a Best in Group/Best in Show placing in accordance with 2(f)a or 2(f)e, above, the highest placed puppy shall be awarded Best Puppy in Group/Best Puppy in Show and there shall be no elimination. **(02/22)**
- (h) *Class 2 is not to be offered, if accidentally listed, all exhibits entered in Class 2 to be transferred to Class 3 before the catalogue is produced.* **(10/25)**

**8B Dogs Australia/CACIB Shows (07/23)**

Dogs Australia, from time to time, authorise FCI/CACIB Shows and prescribe Regulations for their conduct which are found at Section 6 of Dogs Australia Regulations Part 5 Show. **(07/23)**

That Section, as amended from time to time, has been adopted in its entirety as a Regulation of DOGS NSW and will apply to the conduct of any FCI/CACIB show held in NSW.

In regard to Dogs Australia Part 5: Conformation Show, Clause 9.5.5, the interpretation of “Main Ring” at all DOGS NSW shows will either be:

- (a) the Main Ring of competition for each respective Group; or
- (b) the ring assigned to “BIS/General Specials”. **(06/25)**

**8C Group Shows held in Conjunction with an All-Breeds Conformation Show Reference to Section 6- Classes for Exhibit at a Show, with note to 6.3 (25) & (26) (12/24)**

- 8C.1 (a) Where an All Breeds Championship Show is not concluding at General Specials the in Group awards are to be signified as Best in Group, Runner-up in Group and Classes in Group as offered. **(12/24)**
- (b) Where an All Breeds Championship Show is not concluding at General Specials all in Group awards are to be signified as Best Neuter in Group, Runner-up Neuter in Group and Neuter Classes in Group as offered. **(12/24)**
- 8C.2 The ability to hold these alternate Group Shows is dependent on this additional format show following an established ALL Breeds Championship Show held by THAT AFFILIATE within their allocated show calendar week and replaces the designated All Breeds Championship Show in best in show awards system. **(12/24)**

- 8.1 (a) The following order for the judging of Breed, Group and General Special Classes shall be adopted wherever practicable: Best Exhibit; Runner-Up to Best Exhibit; Baby Puppy; Special or Minor Puppy; Puppy; Junior; Intermediate; Novice; Graduate; Limit; State Bred; Australian Bred; Open; Neuter, Runner Up to Best Neuter Exhibit, Best Puppy Neuter, Junior Neuter, Intermediate Neuter, Open Neuter. **(12/16)**
- (b) The judging of General Special Classes at any Recognised Show shall not commence until 10 minutes after the completion of all General Classes. **(11/02)**
- 8.2 Where a dog wins Best of Breed, Best of Group and/or Best in Show, the Steward's Master Sheet shall be immediately checked to ensure that such dog is also marked as the winner of any other award for which it is thereby eligible.
- 8.3 The starting time and order of judging at a Show shall be advertised and shall be printed in the Show Schedule and strictly adhered to.
- 8.4 At any recognised Show or Agricultural Show, the period between the commencement of General Classes and the end of General Specials shall not exceed:
- (a) in the case of shows with less than 1,000 entries on the day in question - eight (8) hours including meal breaks. **(10/23)**
- (b) in the case of shows with 1,000 entries or more on the day in question - nine (9) hours including meal breaks. **(10/23)**
- (c) in the case of a Breed Specialist, Group or Semi-Group Club where an individual Judge has 175 entries or more on the day in question - nine (9) hours including meal breaks. **(10/23)**

Any Show conducted where there is not lighting installed must finish before sunset, and where there is lighting installed must conclude before 11.30 pm. The time allowed for the judging of Special Classes conducted before General Specials (including Junior Handlers) should not exceed one (1) hour.

- 8.5 If after the closing date for entries a Show Committee is of the opinion that insufficient Judges have been appointed to enable a Show to be completed in compliance with Regulation 8.4, permission may be granted by DOGS NSW to appoint additional Judges.
- 8.6 The order of judging breeds of dogs in the respective Groups at a Show shall be decided by the Show Committee and shall be printed in the Show Schedule, and shall be in alphabetical order within the Groups and numerical order of the Groups unless otherwise stated in the printed schedule, which schedule shall be strictly adhered to.

- 8.7 Except in the case of All Breeds Championship Shows Special Prizes shall not be awarded until the judging of all Breed Classes has been concluded, provided that Special Classes for which an entry fee is payable by exhibitors, may be judged either before the judging of Breed Classes, or during a meal break, but not after the judging of General Specials.
- 8.8 In the judging of any Class or elimination in which an exhibit is being exhibited with the assistance of a mobility device such as, but not limited to, a wheelchair or electric scooter, such exhibit shall be the first to enter the ring and be judged in that Class irrespective of the age or sex of the exhibit. In all such cases the Steward should advise the Judge of the normally correct position of that exhibit (eg, Junior Bitch in Front).  
**(07/12)**

## **SECTION 9**

### **WEIGHT LIMITATION**

(The following Regulations shall not take effect until a date to be determined by the Board of Directors).

- 9.1 Where a Show Schedule includes a class at a Show for which ineligibility is determined by weight:-
- (a) there shall be available on the Showground at least one properly constructed weighing machine certified as correct by the Weights and Measures Department;
  - (b) the Judge shall not make or announce his award until a certificate from the Weighing Steward is furnished that each exhibit has been weighed before entering the Ring and that all exhibits in the class comply with the weight requirements of the class.
  - (c) if an exhibit is found to be ineligible to exhibit in a class by reason of its weight as announced by the Weighing Steward, the animal shall be withdrawn from the Ring and may compete in any other class for which, according to its weight, it is eligible;
  - (d) each exhibit shall be weighed prior to the commencement of the Judging of the class for which it is entered.

## SECTION 10

### PRIZES AND PRIZE MONEY

- 10.1 (a) Upon the adjudication of a class a Judge shall place the exhibits in order of merit and exhibitors will remain in the ring until excused by the Steward and for each exhibit so placed, ribbons must be made available PROVIDED THAT if a Judge shall decline to award a first placing in a General Class an award of a second or subsequent placing shall not be made. **(10/94)**
- (b) There must be placed in every ring at a Show in which judging is to occur markers indicating the order of merit, commencing with first place and proceeding consecutively to at least third place. Such markers shall be clearly visible from ringside. **(07/96)**
- 10.2 At a Championship Show held under the Regulations:-
- (a) Challenge Certificates, Best of Breed and Neuter Certificates (where offered) shall be available and may be issued at the discretion of the Judge, excepting where their issue is not permitted by another DOGS NSW or Dogs Australia Regulation; **(07/23)**
- (b) it shall not be obligatory to issue Award Cards other than Challenge and Neuter Certificates but, if issued, all Award Cards shall be clearly inscribed with the award and nature of such Show. **(02/11)**
- (c) Challenge, Best of Breed, Neuter and all Certificates, where entries have been received by an online provider, can be issued electronically to the email address so provided for that entry in the show/event but only on the prescribed template, as approved by DOGS NSW, of the relevant Dogs Australia certificate. **(03/22)**
- (d) *Deleted.* **(03/26)**
- 10.3 If a Show Committee shall determine to issue Award Cards each such Card shall set forth the order of merit of the prize winning dog and shall bear the signature or name of the Judge and may be issued and exhibited as soon as practicable after the completion of the judging of each class. An Award Card shall not be issued unless and until all of the particulars to be endorsed thereon have been so endorsed.
- 10.4 **(08/17)** An Affiliate shall be responsible for each prize or the monetary value thereof offered for competition at a Show conducted by it.
- \*\* A Category **A** Club is one which at its equivalent show in the previous year achieved an entry in excess of **500** dogs or one which has been declared by the DOGS NSW Show Committee to be one at the time of approving a change of show date.

\*\*\* A Category **B** Club is one which at its equivalent show in the previous year achieved an entry of **500** dogs or less or a Club which did not conduct an event in the previous year.

The Category applicable to an event is to be shown in the Prizes section of any advertisement for the show, eg, Category A Trophy, Cash or Voucher and Sash or Rosette. **(07/24)**

(a) At an All Breeds, Semi Specialty and Breed Specialty Championship Shows held under the Regulations the following shall apply **(11/24)**:-

(i) There shall be at least one Trophy, Cash or Voucher and a Sash or Rosette, for each 'in Show' Award as follows **(09/24)**:-

Trophy Minimum Value	**A	***B
Best in Show	\$25.00	\$15.00
Runner Up Best in Show	\$15.00	\$10.00
All Classes in Show	\$10.00	\$10.00
Best Neuter in Show	\$10.00	\$10.00
Runner Up Neuter in Show and Neuter Class in Show	Trophy, and a sash or rosette, given at discretion of the Affiliate running the show.	

(ii) There shall be at least one Trophy, Cash or Voucher and a Sash or Rosette, for each "In Group" Award as follows **(09/24)**:-

Trophy Minimum Value	**A	***B
Best in Group	\$15.00	\$10.00
Runner Up Best in Group	\$10.00	\$10.00
All Classes in Group	\$10.00	Trophy not mandatory
Best Neuter in Group	\$10.00	Trophy not mandatory
Runner Up Best Neuter in Group and Neuter Class in Group	Trophy, and a sash or rosette, given at discretion of the Affiliate running the show.	

(iii) Any gift, presentation, token or insignia (other than spoons, sashes, rosettes, medals or plaques) given in addition to the trophies referred to in (i) and (ii) shall have a minimum value as stated.

(b) At an All Breeds Parade, Open Show or Sanction Show and a Breed Specialty held under the regulations the following shall apply **(11/24)**:-

(i) There shall be at least one Trophy, Cash or Voucher and Sash or Rosette, for each in Show Award as follows **(07/24)**:-

Trophy Minimum Value	\$15.00 <b>(11/24)</b>
Best in Show	\$10.00 <b>(11/24)</b>
Runner Up Best in Show	\$10.00
All Classes in show	\$8.00
Best Neuter in Show	\$8.00
Runner Up Neuter in Show and Neuter Class in Show	Trophy, and a sash or rosette, given at discretion of the Affiliate running the show.
*Vouchers are to be claimed within six (6) months or value of voucher will be returned to Club <b>(07/24)</b>	

- (ii) 'In Group' Award is at the discretion of the Affiliate. **(11/24)**
  - (c) **(09/17)** At an Agility and/or Jumping Trial held under the Regulations there shall be a sash for each 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> qualifying place in each Class. The awarding of sashes for non-qualifying places is optional (up to the Clubs' discretion) and must be stated on their schedule. **(09/25)**
  - (d) **(09/17)** At an Obedience Trial held under the Regulations there shall be at least one Sash for each 1st, 2nd and 3rd qualifying place in each class. **(9/20)**
  - (e) At a Dances With Dogs (Heelwork To Music and Freestyle) and/or Trick Dog Competition held under the Regulations, there shall be a Sash for each 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> qualifying place in each Class. **(04/25)**
- 10.5 A Class, prize or Special Prize shall not be restricted to exhibits from a specified kennel or to descendants of a specified dog (produce stakes excepted) and prizes of free service by a dog shall not be permitted.
- 10.6 If an Award is cancelled the Prize awarded (including ribbons, cards and other insignia) shall be surrendered forthwith to the Show Secretary.
- 10.7 An exhibitor at a Show shall not display:-
- (a) any cards, ribbons or trophies (other than those won at such Show); or
  - (b) any advertising matter; or
  - (c) on his wearing apparel whilst in the Show Ring
    - (i) his prefix; or
    - (ii) the name of his exhibit; or
    - (iii) anything which indicates or might indicate his connection with the Show Committee, his status as a judge or **(11/91)**

- (iv) with the exception of wording indicating only the name of an affiliate of which the exhibitor is a member, any other wording whatsoever;

provided that a notice containing the registered name of a dog and/or the registered name of the kennel from which it is exhibited may be posted up outside the judging ring and such notice is printed in block letters on a white painted background upon a wooden board measuring not more than 46cm x 15cm. **(11/93)**

10.8 If a dog is unregistered at the date of a Show for which it has been entered the entry and any award made to it at that Show shall be cancelled. **(7/08)**

10.9 (a) Only an exhibit which has won Best of Breed shall be eligible to compete for Best Exhibit in Group. **(07/08)**

(b) Only an exhibit which has won Best Exhibit in Group shall be eligible to compete for Best Exhibit in Show. **(07/08)**

10.10 *Reserved.*

10.11 Eligibility for Challenge or Best Exhibit of Breed or Group

(a) Only an exhibit which is six months of age or over which has competed in at least one General Class at a Championship Show and which has been awarded at least one First Prize at such Show and has won no lesser award in the Breed Class at such Show and which is unbeaten at such Show by a dog of the same breed and sex shall be eligible to compete for a Challenge Certificate at such Show.

(b) A dog which has not won a Challenge Certificate at such Show shall not be eligible to compete for Best of Breed thereat. **(06/03)**

(c) A dog which has not won a Challenge Certificate or Reserve Challenge Certificate at such Show shall not be eligible to compete for Runner-Up to Best of Breed thereat. **(06/03)**

(d) If an Award is cancelled the Prize awarded (including ribbons, cards and other insignia) shall be surrendered forthwith to the Show Secretary. **(07/08)**

10.12 Reserve Challenge

A Reserve Challenge Award may be made to the next best dog to a Challenge Winner.

10.13 **Champion (07/08)**

(a) The owner of a dog registered with DOGS NSW or with another Canine Controlling Body within Australia which wins not fewer than four (4) Challenge Certificates/Best of Breed Certificates under no fewer than four (4) different Judges at different Shows and gains a total of one hundred (100) points may apply to the Board of Directors for such dog to be known as a Champion. **(12/11)**

- (b) Points shall be awarded for exhibits six (6) months of age or over exhibited in a General Class as follows:
- (i) Challenge Certificate winner (Dogs) - Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each dog of the breed exhibited at the Show.
  - (ii) Challenge Certificate winner (Bitch) - Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each bitch of the breed exhibited at the Show.
  - (iii) Best of Breed Certificate winner - Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each dog and bitch of the breed exhibited at the Show.
  - (iv) Best in Group/Group First - each winner of the recognised seven (7) groups - Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each dog and bitch exhibited in the Group at the Show. **(03/18)**
  - (v) Runner up to Best in Group/Group Second – Each Runner Up in the recognized seven (7) groups – ten (10) points less than the Best in Group Winner or 6 points whichever is higher. **(03/18)**
  - (vi) Best in Show winner/Best in Show First - Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each dog and bitch exhibited in the Show. **(03/18)**
  - (vii) Runner Up to Best in Show – Ten (10) points less than the Best in Show Winner **(effective 1 January 2018) (04/18)**

**Notes forming part of Regulation 10.13(b):-**

- (a) The points awarded under (i),(ii),(iii), (iv) & (vi) above shall not accumulate and shall, in no case exceed twenty five (25) points at any one Show. **(12/16)**
- (b) The points awarded under (i),(ii),(iii),(iv) & (vi) above shall not accumulate and shall, in no case exceed fifteen (15) points at any one Show for Runner up to Best in Group or Runner up to Best Exhibit in Show. If Breed points account for more than 10 points less than the Best in Group Winner, no additional points are to be awarded. **(12/16)**
- (c) In recognition of the title Champion, the Board of Directors shall issue to each applicant a Certificate featuring the name of the dog and its breeding particulars. The Board of Directors shall determine from time to time the charge to be made for each such Certificate.
- (d) A title to a dog's name shall not be used unless by permission of the Board of Directors.
- (e) The title of Champion shall not be recognised unless such dog has been re-registered pursuant to regulation 3.1(h) or Regulations 9.2 and 9.3 Part I of the Regulations or with the Canine Controlling Body of another State recognised as such by the Board of Directors. **(07/08)**

#### 10.14 **Grand Champion**

- (i) Using the point system as approved by Dogs Australia at the time, an animal will be required to receive 1000 points to be eligible to the title of Grand Champion. **(07/23)**

(All dogs that qualify for the Grand Champion title under Rule 10.14(i) are eligible to apply for the title after the implementation date of 1 January 2012) **(12/11)**

- (ii) The implementation date of the awarding of the title of Grand Champion be 1.1.98.
- (iii) Grand Champion will not be awarded to animals retrospectively, but an animal will be eligible to be awarded the title of Grand Champion, if they gain some points towards the title of Grand Champion (1000 points) after the implementation date of the 1.1.98.
- (iv) In recognition of the title Grand Champion, the Board of Directors shall issue each applicant a Certificate featuring the name of the dog and its breeding particulars. The Board of Directors shall determine from time to time the charge to be made for each such Certificate.
- (v) A title to a dog's name shall not be used unless by permission of the Board of Directors.
- (vi) Any points gained by an overseas registered dog brought to Australia for the purpose of exhibition which would entitle it to the award of the title Grand Champion shall not be recognised unless such dog has been re-registered pursuant to regulation 3.1 (h) or Regulations 9.2 and 9.3 Part 1 of the Regulations or with the Canine Controlling Body of another State recognised as such by the Board of Directors. **(02/04)**

#### 10.15 **Supreme Champion (12/11)**

- a) Using the points system as approved by Dogs Australia at the time, an animal will be required to attain the following qualifications to be eligible to the title of Supreme Champion:- **(07/23)**
  - (i) 1,000 points, including 3 All Breeds Best in Shows; or 10 Best in Group/Multi Breed or Breed Specialty Best in Show. **(09/15)**

Either 3 different Best in Show Judges or 10 different Best in Group/Specialty judges must be submitted, there can be no repeated judges.

- (ii) The implementation date for the awarding of the title of Supreme Champion is 1 July 2012.

- (iii) A Supreme Championship will not be awarded to animals retrospectively, but an animal will be eligible to be awarded the title of Supreme Champion, if they gain some points towards the title of Supreme Champion (1000 points) after the implementation date of 1 July 2012.

#### 10.16 International Champion

The title International Champion shall be recognised if shown on the Export pedigree of a dog imported into Australia.

#### 10.17 Field Trial Champion or Dual Champion

The prefix "F.T.Ch" (Field Trial Champion) or "Dual Ch." (Dual Champion) may be granted by the Board of Directors to a Gun Dog whose qualifications in the field so warrant. Neither of such prefixes shall be applied in connection with a dog other than a dog to which the prefix has been granted pursuant to this regulation. **(02/04)**

- 10.18 (a) For the purpose of this regulation, 'title' means 'Champion' and such other appellations as the Board of Directors may from time to time resolve to be a title. **(07/08)**

- (b) A dog is not eligible for the award of a title if, at the time of application for such title, any person who is the registered owner of that dog is not a member. **(02/04)**

- 10.19 (a) Where a dog is disqualified from a conformation event, the next placed dog to any award received by the disqualified dog shall be promoted to the next placed award in accordance with the following table:-

- (i) At a Dogs Australia Championship Event **(10/23)**:-
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> in Class
  - Reserve Challenge promoted to Challenge
  - Runner-up to Best of Breed promoted to Best of Breed
  - Runner-up to Best In Group promoted to Best in Group
  - Runner-up to Best in Show promoted to Best in Show

- (ii) At an FCI CACIB event **(10/23)**:-
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> in Class
  - Reserve CACIB promoted to CACIB **(12/23)**
  - Runner Up to Best of Breed promoted to Best of Breed
  - Group 4<sup>th</sup> to Group 3<sup>rd</sup> **(10/2023)**
  - Group 3<sup>rd</sup> to Group 2<sup>nd</sup> **(10/2023)**
  - Group 2<sup>nd</sup> to Group 1<sup>st</sup> **(10/2023)**
  - Best in Show 2<sup>nd</sup> to Best in Show 1<sup>st</sup> **(10/2023)**

- (b) When at the time of identifying the fact of the disqualification, the next level of competition for a promoted dog has not been judged, that dog may participate in that competition and continue in the show until such time as it is eliminated.

- (c) When at the time of identifying the fact of the disqualification the next level of competition has already been judged, the promoted dog shall remain in the position to which it was promoted in accordance with the scale in 10.19(a). **(11/14)**
- (d) Under no circumstances can any Class be re-judged as a result of the disqualification of a dog. **(07/08)**

## 10.20 **Neutered Champion (04/11)**

10.20.1 The owner of a neutered dog registered with Dogs Australia which:- **(07/23)**

- (a) wins not fewer than four Neuter Certificates/Best Neuter of Breed Certificates under, not fewer than four different Judges at four different exhibitions; and
- (b) gains a total of 100 points may apply for such dog to be known as a Neutered Champion. **(12/11)**

10.20.2 Points shall be allotted for exhibits six (6) months of age and over exhibited in a Neuter Class as follows:

- (a) **Neuter Certificate winner – Dogs:**  
Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each Neutered dog of the breed exhibited at the fixture.
- (b) **Neuter Certificate winner – Bitches:**  
Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each Neutered bitch of the breed exhibited at the fixture.
- (c) **Best Neuter of Breed Certificate winner**  
Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each Neutered dog and bitch of the breed exhibited at the fixture.
- (d) **Best Neuter in Group Award**  
Five (5) points plus (1) point for each Neutered dog and bitch exhibited in that Group at the fixture. **(03/16)**
- (e) **Best Neuter in Show Award**  
Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each Neutered dog and bitch exhibited at the fixture. **(03/16)**

The points awarded under (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) above shall not accumulate and shall, in no case, exceed twenty-five (25) points at any one Show. **(03/16)**

Only points accrued as a Neutered dog will be accepted towards the Neutered Champion title.

A dog which has gained the title of Champion or Grand Champion prior to being entered on the Dogs Australia Main Register as Neutered shall retain such titles in addition to Neutered Champion. These titles shall have precedence and shall appear in front of the Neutered Champion title in the dog's registered name. **(07/23)**

The title of Neutered Champion shall fulfil the Conformation Title requirements for Dual and Triple Championships.

## **SECTION 11**

### **ENTRY FEE**

- 11.1 The Entry fee payable in respect of each dog entered in a Show shall be paid at the time of the lodging of an application for entry.
- 11.2 An Entry Fee shall be forfeited if an application for entry of a dog as an exhibit is accepted and the dog is not exhibited or if the Regulations are not observed. An exhibitor is responsible for any costs incurred in the collection of entry fees. **(02/92)**

## SECTION 12

### EXHIBIT

12.1 The age of a dog for the purposes of a Show shall be calculated from the date of birth as recorded with DOGS NSW up to but not exceeding midnight of the first day of the Show. **(01/18)**

To calculate the age of dogs for entering the Breed Classes where the date of birth does not occur or the relevant month, the anniversary date be taken as the last date of that month, eg dogs born on the 31st January will be eligible to enter the baby puppy class on the 30th April. **(03/97)**

12.2 A dog entered as an exhibit in a Show shall be beneficially owned by and registered in the name of the exhibitor who shall be a member as at the date of the application for entry and at the closing date for entries and such a dog shall not be the subject of a contract for sale nor the subject of a mortgage or encumbrance as at either of such dates. **(06/08)**

12.3 A dog may be subsequently sold and transferred by the exhibitor prior to the commencing day of a Show and exhibited by the transferee provided that:-

- (i) the transferee is a member unless the transferee is resident outside the State;
- (ii) the dog is sold subject to its engagements at such Show; and
- (iii) the transfer is duly registered in the Register prior to the commencing day of such Show.

12.4 (a) A dog shall be provided with a suitable collar and leash. A dog in harness shall not enter a judging Ring. No exhibit shall be, or remain in the ring, unless it is on a lead held by and under the control of its handler. A lead must not be longer than 6 feet (183cm). **(04/95)**

(b) Once entering a conformation ring for judging of a class, and throughout the judging of that class, an exhibit shall only have the collar and leash provided for in part (a) of this Regulation on it and shall not wear any coats or other adornments excepting for hair ribbons and/or decorative bows. **(06/05)**

(c) Under no circumstances is a dog permitted to wear electric, spike, prong, and pinch or similar collars at any exhibition or at any other event conducted by an affiliate including training sessions. **(05/06)**

(d) An affiliate shall not permit advertising of collars of the type referred to in Regulation 12.4(c) of this Part in any Club publication. **(05/06)**

(e) During the conduct of a Show, a dog may not be walked or exercised within one hundred (100) metres of any judging ring, which is being or has been used for judging at that Show, on any lead longer than 1.8 metres (6 feet). **(02/09)**

12.5 A dog entered in a Show shall be at the Showground on the opening day of a Show by the time stipulated in the Show Schedule, after which time its admission may be refused.

12.6 (a) A winner of a Best of Breed award is required to be exhibited in the judging of Best Exhibit In Group and for its respective Class in Group and if it is not so exhibited and if the Show Committee of the Affiliate, prior to the judging of such Class, shall not have consented in writing to its absence there from, all awards and prizes won by such dog in other classes at such Show shall be automatically cancelled. **(07/08)**

All cases in which, pursuant to this Regulation, an award or prize is cancelled, must be reported by the Show Committee to DOGS NSW within three working days of the conclusion of the Show. **(07/08)**

All exhibits other than Best of Breed winners are not required by the Regulations to be exhibited in the judging of Runner-up In Group or Class in Group but may do so at the option of the exhibitor. **(07/08)**

(i) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Regulations an exhibit entered in a Class at an Agility Trial may be withdrawn from that Class at such Trial without affecting its eligibility to compete in any other Class in which it is entered at such Trial provided that the Handler of such exhibit informs the Assembly Steward that the exhibit is to be withdrawn from the Class. Such withdrawal from a Class will not affect the awarding of any prizes or certificates to the withdrawn exhibit in any Class at such Trial. **(07/08)**

(ii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Regulations, an exhibit entered in a Class at an Obedience Trial may be withdrawn from that Class at such Trial without affecting its eligibility to compete in any other Class in which it is entered at such Trial provided that the Handler of such exhibit informs the Steward that the exhibit is to be withdrawn from the Class. Such withdrawal from a Class will not affect the awarding of any prizes or certificates to the withdrawn exhibit in any Class at such Trial. **(11/08)**

(b) A winner of a Best Exhibit In Group award OR a Class in Group award are required to be exhibited in the judging of Best Exhibit In Show or respective Class in Show and if such exhibit is not so exhibited and if the Show Committee of the Affiliate, prior to the judging of such Class, shall not have consented in writing to its absence there from, all awards and prizes won by such dog in other classes at such Show shall be automatically cancelled. **(07/08)**

A winner of a Best Neuter in Group award or a Neuter Class in Group award is required to be exhibited in the judging of Best Neuter in Show or respective Neuter Class in Show, with the same penalties for its absence without consent in writing from the Show Committee. **(03/16)**

All cases in which, pursuant to this Regulation, an award or prize is cancelled, must be reported by the Show Committee to DOGS NSW within three working days of the conclusion of the Show. **(07/08)**

The winner of a Runner-up in Group award which is not a Class in Group winner is not required by the Regulations to be exhibited in the judging of Runner-up In Show but may do so at the option of the exhibitor. **(07/08)**

The winner of a Runner-up Neuter in Group award which is not a Class in Group winner is not required by the Regulations to be exhibited in the judging of Runner-up Neuter in Show but may do so at the option of the exhibitor. **(04/17)**

- (c) If the Show Schedule has published the name of the Judge who will adjudicate in a class, a dog may be withdrawn as an exhibit from such class if some other person is appointed to judge thereat and if notice in writing of the intention to withdraw the exhibit is given by the exhibitor to the Show Committee prior to the judging of that class by the replacement judge. The entry fee of any exhibit withdrawn in accordance with this Regulation must be refunded to the exhibitor by the Affiliate conducting the show. **(07/08)**
  - (d) If, at any Show, an exhibitor considers that the heat conditions are or may be prejudicial to the comfort or welfare of their exhibit/s, they may leave the grounds immediately with no penalty or other consequence in relation to any award that may have been previously made at that show. All other clauses of Regulations Part II are to be read in conjunction with this clause. **(11/09)**
- 12.7 “If a dog shall not be present on parade when the Judge is ready to commence judging a Class and if the Ring Steward in charge of the particular Ring shall have called the dog's number three times in such manner as the exhibitor ought reasonably to have heard such call, and then declared the dog absent, such dog shall be excluded from entering the Ring as a competitor and from competing in such Class and any other class for which it is entered. **(10/14)**

A dog declared absent in Sweepstakes may still compete in general classes in accordance with Regulations Part II Show, 6.6(4) and 6.6(5). **(01/97)**

- 12.8 Objection may be made to an exhibit at a Show by any person except a person who is under suspension by the body conducting the Show or by DOGS NSW. Such an objection shall be in writing and be delivered to the Show Secretary. If the objection is made other than by a member of the Show Committee or by the Show Secretary or an Official of or by a deputed or accredited Show representative of an Affiliate or by the Show Representative the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be deposited with such objection. Such deposit shall be refunded unless as a result of an inquiry into the objection it is determined that the objection was made frivolously, without sufficient evidence to justify it, or out of ill will, spite or in bad faith, in which case it shall be forfeited. **(05/95)**

12.9 Where an objection is made:-

- (a) on the ground that the exhibit has been improperly tampered with or is blind, deaf, castrated, spayed, a freak as to sex or suffering from cryptorchidism, monorchidism, inguinal hernia or any form of contagious or infectious disease, it shall be made no later than the last day upon which the Show is conducted; **(05/95)**
  - (b) on any other ground it shall be made within fourteen (14) days after the closing date of the Show. **(05/96)**
- 12.9A Upon receipt of an objection, the Show Secretary shall within 3 days provide to the DOGS NSW Secretary a copy of the objection and of any other documents in the Show Secretary's possession or control relating to the matter and the DOGS NSW Secretary shall thereupon refer the matter to the Investigative Panel for possible inquiry pursuant to Regulations Part XI. **(08/10)**
- 12.9B At any DOGS NSW Sanctioned Event, if an exhibit is reported as being other than that entered in the catalogue, the Show Secretary should, in the presence of an independent witness, scan the said dog's microchip (if a scanner is available).

The owner must be advised of the reason for scanning the dog, and the complainant advised that frivolous complaints may result in that matter being referred to the Disputes Assessment Panel.

On scanning, the microchip number is to be recorded and sent, on the next working day, to the Secretary of DOGS NSW together with a copy of the catalogue and results pertaining to the dog.

Should (a) the owner of the dog in question refuse to allow the dog to be scanned, that the owner shall be asked to remove the dog from the grounds and all awards earned on that day automatically forfeited, or (b) the microchip number when checked against the register reveals that the dog scanned was not the dog listed in the schedule, all awards made to the dog will be cancelled, and any trophies returned to the organising show.

In both cases, (a) and (b), the member exhibiting the dog shall be advised that under Regulations Part II Show, Section 16 – Misconduct In Connection With A Show, they are guilty of misconduct and that the matter will be referred to the Disputes Assessment Panel. **(10/17)**

- 12.10 A Show Committee at its discretion may appoint a Veterinary Officer to examine every exhibit and, if such appointment is made, Regulation 12.11 to 12.16, both inclusive, shall have effect. **(10/95)**

- 12.11 Every exhibit shall be examined by the Veterinary Officer at or as near to the entrance to the Showground as is possible and at any time by request during the conduct of the Show.

- 12.12 An exhibit shall not be permitted to enter and an exhibitor shall not allow his exhibit to enter the Showground until examined and passed by the Veterinary Officer.
- 12.13 An exhibit shall not be admitted into the Judging Ring until evidence in writing is produced to the Judge's Steward that such exhibit has been examined and passed by the Veterinary Officer. A dog which is not passed by the Veterinary Officer as being in good health shall be excluded from the Show, and be segregated and placed under supervision.
- 12.14 Where under the Show regulations an exhibit number ticket is issued in respect of an exhibit each exhibitor shall ensure that such ticket issued in respect of his exhibit is endorsed by the Veterinary Officer as evidence that his exhibit has been examined and passed by such Officer and exhibitor shall produce such ticket if and when called upon so to do during the currency of a Show.
- 12.15 Where under the Show Regulations governing or pursuant to the practice adopted by a Show Committee, an exhibit number ticket is not issued an exhibitor shall take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that the examination and the passing of his exhibit by the Veterinary Officer has been duly recorded.
- 12.16 If an exhibitor at a Show shall fail to comply with any of the Regulations governing the examination of his exhibit by the Veterinary Officer and the recording thereof, his exhibit shall be ineligible to compete ineligible to receive an Award or prize at such Show and any Prize given or made shall be cancelled.
- 12.17 (a) If a dog has been in a kennel affected with distemper, canine hepatitis, parvovirus or any other virulent contagious disease, it shall not enter a showground or remain on a showground for a period of three months after the date of the first diagnosis. **(10/18)**
- (b) If a dog has been in a kennel affected with or diagnosed with kennel cough, it shall not enter a showground or remain on a showground for a period of three weeks after the date of the first diagnosis. **(10/18)**
- 12.18 (i) An exhibitor shall not permit the exhibition of a dog under any Judge who has at any time during the six (6) months prior to the first day of the show, been owned or co- owned directly or indirectly or been handled by that Judge, his spouse, his children, parents, brothers, sisters, or their children or the parents of his spouse, their children or grand children, or other Members who are members of the Judge's household; **(08/22)**
- Notwithstanding the forgoing, in accordance with Regulations Part IV–Judges, Clause 4.3, at any exhibition at which he is officiating as a Judge, a Judge shall not enter, exhibit or handle any dog. **(11/14)**
- (ii) An exhibitor shall not permit the entry or exhibition of a dog and a Member shall not handle a dog which was bred by the Judge under a Prefix which he directly or indirectly owns or owned alone or jointly with other/s;

- (iii) An exhibitor shall not permit the exhibition of a dog and a Member shall not handle a dog which, during the previous six (6) months, has been used at stud over a bitch which the Judge directly or indirectly owns or leases alone or jointly with another or has, during that period, been mated to a dog which the Judge directly or indirectly owns or leases alone or jointly with another.
- (iv) At any Championship Show, a person shall not exhibit or handle under a Judge if that person has billeted that Judge or been billeted by that Judge in the period of six (6) months prior to a Show at which that Judge is officiating or intends to billet the Judge within 24 hours after the Show.
- (v) An exhibitor will not be in breach of this Regulation if the Judge, under whom a dog was entered, was subsequently changed for any reason. The Regulation is, however, applicable to the officiating Judges on the day and should that require withdrawal of any exhibit as a result, the Club conducting the event shall refund the entry fee of any dog/s necessarily withdrawn as a consequence.
- (vi) At any Championship Show, a person shall not exhibit or handle under a Judge if that person has exhibited or handled any dog owned or co-owned by that Judge or has had any proprietary interest in any dog solely or in partnership with the Judge within the period of twelve (12) months prior to a Show at which that Judge is officiating. (Refer also Regulations Part IV-Judges, Clause 4.4(a).  
**(08/22)**)
- (vii) In (i) & (vi) above, “*handled*” does not include any circumstance where a person had assisted another exhibitor who, due to a judging decision on the day, was required to compete with two or more exhibits at the same time. **(08/15)**
- (viii) The test for compliance with this Regulation applies in respect of each of the Judges of Sweepstakes Classes, Breed Classes, Group Specials and General Specials who have issued breed Challenges on the day of the show or any day of a cluster show. **(08/25)**
- (ix) An exhibit causing, or likely to cause, a contravention of this Regulation shall be disqualified with effect from the commencing day of the Show. **(08/15)**

12.19 If a Veterinary Officer is not appointed by a Show Committee such Committee may appoint two (2) persons who it considers competent for the purpose who shall examine each bitch as provided by Regulations 12.12 hereof, or at any time during the Show to determine whether such an exhibit is in oestrus and the determination of the persons so appointed shall be final and binding on the exhibitor thereof without rights of appeal there from and notwithstanding that it may be established subsequently by a Registered Veterinary Surgeon that such was not the case, the person appointed as aforesaid and the members of the Show Committee shall not be liable to the exhibitor in any manner or upon any ground whatsoever as a result of or arising out of the error.

- 12.20 (i) An exhibit shall not be permitted to enter and an exhibitor shall not allow his exhibit to enter a show ring unless:-
- (a) the exhibitor has been issued with an exhibit number card on which is shown, in addition to any sponsors advertising, the individual exhibit number applicable to the class in question, and **(09/19)**
  - (b) only that card is worn by the handler (and it shall be worn on the handler's left hand side), with the exception of Obedience, Tracking and Endurance, which is in accordance with Dogs Australia Regulations. **(07/23)**
- (ii) Any runner assisting in the exhibition of a dog pursuant to Regulation 12.21 shall be issued with a duplicate exhibit number card in respect of the particular exhibit being handled and that card shall be worn by the runner when so acting. **(06/08)**
- (iii) An exhibit shall only be allocated one exhibit number for use in all Classes at a Championship show. **(10/14)**

**12.21 Use of Runner by Disabled Person (03/08)**

- (a) Upon application, the Board of Directors will consider requests from disabled Members to use the services of a runner, when required, for one or more dogs/breeds, to assist in the exhibition of dogs in conformation Classes. **(09/24)**

Such applications must be accompanied by documentary evidence of a disability in the form of a Doctor's Certificate or evidence of a Disability Pension.

When approval is given in such cases, the following conditions apply;

- (i) the runner used must be a member of DOGS NSW or of another member body of Dogs Australia. **(07/23)**
- (ii) when utilising the services of the runner, the disabled exhibitor is required to either leave the ring or retire to the perimeter of the ring as closely as possible to the point at which the dog is to be, or was, presented for assessment by the judge and at such times is not permitted to gesture to the exhibit in any way.
- (iii) in any case where an exhibitor intends to use a runner at a show, a copy of their approval letter must be either sent with the relevant Entry Forms or presented at the Secretary's Office for the Show at least fifteen minutes prior to the advertised commencement time for judging.
- (iv) any approval given by DOGS NSW, or similar approval given by another member body of Dogs Australia, may only be used in NSW for exhibition of dogs owned or co-owned by the member to whom the approval has been issued. **(07/23)**

- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing 12.21(1) any exhibitor who, on the day of the show suffers an injury which precludes them from exhibiting a dog to best advantage may utilise a runner on the same conditions as outlined in 12.21(1) (i) & (ii) but only with the prior approval of the Show Secretary and both the Judge and the Steward of the Class concerned.

Any activity undertaken pursuant to, and strictly in accordance with, this Regulation shall not amount to misconduct for the purposes of Regulation 16.7.

- 12.22 The Board of Directors may, upon prior application and on such terms and conditions as it, in its absolute discretion see fit, grant permission to a specialist club for extra runners or double handling when the show or class is to be judged in a specialist manner or as part of a specialist show and any activity undertaken strictly in accordance with such permission shall not amount to misconduct for the purposes of Regulation 16.7. **(03/08)**
- 12.23 At any Dogs Australia Championship, Multi-Group or Group Championship Show, FCI Shows excluded, a dog shall not be exhibited in a General Class or Group Specials, under a Judge who has *awarded* that dog a Best Exhibit In Group award during the period of six months prior to the date of the aforementioned show. In any case where an entry has been lodged prior to such award having been made, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor/owner of that dog to advise the Club concerned and the entry is to be cancelled and the entry fee refunded. **(07/23)**

## SECTION 13

### APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN EXHIBIT

13.1(a) A dog shall not be exhibited at a Recognised Show unless an application for its entry in such Show has been lodged and paid for online or received by the Secretary of the Club by mail. **(05/24)**

13.1(b) An entry for an exhibit can only be rejected if the online or paper entry is not received by the closing date of entries or without full payment. **(05/24)**

**\*Sporting Disciplines that have limitations on Judges are not included in this restriction. (07/24)**

13.2 A dog shall be entered under its full name including **(03/22)**:-

- (i) prefix **(11/18)**;
- (ii) words, letters or symbols **(11/18)**;
- (iii) registered number; and **(11/18)**
- (iv) date of birth. **(11/18)**

13.3 An application shall not be made for entry in and a dog shall not be entered or exhibited in a class for which it is not eligible.

13.4 An application for entry of an exhibit at a recognised Show:-

- (i) shall be on the form prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time and all particulars required shall be furnished in print, type ink or indelible pencil (carbon copies shall not be permitted); **(02/14)**
- (ii) may be on a single Entry Form for each dog being entered in multiple shows conducted as a cluster by the same Club or Committee, provided that the dog is being entered in the same Class at each of the shows and the shows being entered are clearly indicated on the Entry Form. Sweepstakes Classes may also be included on the same form. **(02/14)**
- (iii) shall be permitted to be entered on-line and in such cases will not be required to conform with Parts (i), (iv), (v) or (xii) of this Regulation however the Exhibitor's Declaration specified in 13.4(xii) must be acknowledged by the person entering a dog on-line as a condition of the entry being processed; **(08/10)**
- (iv) shall be signed by the exhibitor or by his agent duly authorised in writing in that behalf;

- (v) shall be lodged on or before the closing date for entries, as determined by the body conducting the Show, having regard to its obligations under the Regulations. **(09/17)**
  - (vi) shall not be received or accepted by telephone communication;
  - (vii) shall not be accepted unless lodged on or before the date advertised as the closing date for entries in such Show;
  - (viii) **Deleted (08/17)**
  - (ix) shall embody a certificate signed by the exhibitor that the exhibit has not within the said period of three (3) months been in a kennel affected with distemper, canine hepatitis, parvo virus, or any other contagious disease and is currently vaccinated in accordance with current A.V.A. vaccination policies; (where the entry is made on-line, this Certificate must be acknowledged by the person entering the dog as a condition of the entry being processed); **(05/10)**
  - (x) shall state if such be the case that the exhibit the subject of such application has been sold to and is the subject of a transfer to the applicant; the date of such sale and the date appearing on such transfer and that such transfer has been lodged with the DOGS NSW Secretary for registration of the exhibit into the name of the applicant and the date upon which such transfer was so lodged;
  - (xi) shall not be made by any Member of DOGS NSW or of an interstate controlling body who, at the date for closing of entries, has any amount owing to DOGS NSW or any Affiliate as a consequence of a cheque, not having been met on presentation or having been dishonoured, for entry fees in recognised shows previously conducted and/or any associated bank charges and having failed to comply with a request for payment of such amount made by DOGS NSW, or by the Affiliate in accordance with Regulations Part X – 10C(a). **(02/09)**
  - (xii) shall embody an Exhibitor’s Declaration signed by the exhibitor that declares as follows: **(08/10)**

*“I hereby apply to enter the foregoing exhibit in terms of and upon the conditions set out in the State Controlling Bodies Constitution, Rules and Regulations by which I agree to be bound, and I hereby certify to the correctness of the particulars endorsed hereon.”*
- 13.5 Where such an application is signed by an agent, the agent's authority shall be lodged with the Show Secretary with such application.
- 13.6 (a) In the case of a dog that is owned by two or more members jointly, the application for its entry in a Show need only be signed by one owner unless one or more joint owners of the dog have previously notified DOGS NSW in writing that applications for entry for that dog must be in the name of and signed by all joint owners thereof. **(11/20)**

- (b) Except in the case of Article 10(c) of the RNSWCC Articles of Association, a dog cannot be entered in the name of a deceased person once probate has been granted. **(11/19)**
- 13.7 An exhibitor shall be personally responsible for the accuracy of all information contained in his application for entry whether signed by him or by his agent.
- 13.8 All such applications shall be preserved by the Show Secretary for not less than four (4) months from the commencing day of the Show and shall be available for inspection by the DOGS NSW Secretary at any time during such period.

## SECTION 14

### DISQUALIFICATION FROM EXHIBITION

14.1 A Show Committee may refuse to accept the entry of an exhibit, or may at any time cancel an entry already accepted and may disqualify an exhibit from competing or exhibition in a specific Class or event, a Show Committee shall so act **(09/16)**:-

(a) if a report of the Veterinary Officer upon an exhibit discloses that in his opinion the exhibit:-

(i) is affected with a contagious or infectious disease;

(ii) is affected by or suffering from any of the defects or conditions mentioned in Show Regulation 17.3;

(iii) shows any sign of a surgical or other interference which is calculated to deceive or is capable of deceiving either Judge or spectator;

(iv) is not entire;

provided that Paragraphs (ii), (iii), (iv) hereof shall not apply to an exhibit in approved Dogs Australia Trials for which it is eligible; and that paragraph (iv) shall not apply to an exhibit entered in a neuter class. **(07/23)**

(b) if the persons appointed pursuant to Regulation 12.19 hereof are of the opinion that the exhibit is in oestrus and the Regulation covering the Show prohibits the exhibition of such exhibit or if such an exhibit is entered in a trial referred to in Rule 2 (27) of the Constitution.

14.2 A dog shall not participate in a Recognised Show, except Obedience Trials or Non-Slip Retrieving Trials:-

(i) whose ears or ear has been cut, pierced, broken by force or if any kind of operation or act has been practised which destroys the tissue of the ear or alters its natural formation or carriage or shortens the tissue of the ear or alters the natural conformation of the dog; or

(ii) if anything has been done to the dog which, in the opinion of a Show Committee, is calculated to deceive or mislead except only in the case of a necessary operation certified by a Veterinary Surgeon to the satisfaction of such Show Committee.

14.3 A dog shall be disqualified from winning a prize at a Show held under the Regulations if a Show Committee or the Board of Directors are satisfied that:- **(09/11)**

(i) any dye, colouring, whitening or darkening matter, or preparation, has been used and if the effect of it remains at any time during the Show;

- (ii) any oil, grease, sticky or glossy substances have been used and if the effect of it remains on the coat of the dog at any time during the Show;
  - (iii) the lining membranes of the mouth have been cut, pierced or mutilated in any way;
  - (iv) the dog has been led into the Ring or exhibited by a person who has been debarred or suspended by DOGS NSW under the Regulations.
  - (v) the dog has been entered, exhibited or handled by a person who is not permitted, by Regulation 1.10 of this Part, to do so. **(09/11)**
  - (vi) the dog was for any reason ineligible to be entered in the show or to compete in the relative class or event. **(11/14)**
- 14.4 Subject to Regulations Part 1 Registration, Section 22 but otherwise notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained:- **(08/08)**
- (i) the shortening of the tail of a dog of one or other of the following breeds will not render it liable to disqualification, that is to say, Affenpinscher, Airedale Terrier, Australian Silky Terrier, Australian Terrier, Bouvier des Flandres, Boxer, Dobermann, German Pinscher, German Shorthaired Pointer, Griffon Bruxellois, Hungarian Vizla, Irish Terrier, Miniature Pinscher, Neopolitan Mastiff, Norfolk Terrier, Norwich Terrier, Old English Sheepdog, Polish Lowland Sheepdog, Poodle (Toy), Rottweiler, Schipperke, Schnauzer, Schnauzer (Miniature), Schnauzer (Giant), Sealyham Terrier, Spaniels (except Irish Water), Weimaraner, Welsh Corgi (Pembroke), Yorkshire Terrier, and any other breeds as notified from time to time by the Board of Directors;
  - (ii) A Poodle may have its coat clipped;
  - (iii) Dewclaws may be removed from a dog of any breed.
- 14.5 (a) A dog six months of age or over shall not be accepted as physically entire unless both testicles have descended and are in the scrotum. **(02/90)**
- (b) If a Judge forms the opinion that an exhibit is not entire, he shall
- (i) so inform the exhibitor;
  - (ii) excuse the exhibit from the ring;
  - (iii) forthwith after the Show, so inform DOGS NSW provided that this clause shall not apply to dogs shown in neuter classes. **(11/03)**

- (c) Upon receipt of such information DOGS NSW shall give written notice to the owner of the exhibit that the dog will not be allowed to be exhibited on the expiration of twenty-one (21) days from the date of notice, unless within that period there has been provided to DOGS NSW satisfactory written evidence from a veterinary surgeon that the exhibit is entire. **(09/90)**
- 14.6 A Show Secretary shall within seven (7) days of the closing date of a Show furnish to the Board of Directors in writing full particulars of all dogs found by the Veterinary Officer to be suffering from any of the diseases or defects referred to in Show Regulation 15.3 or to have been prepared for exhibition in contravention of or otherwise than in accordance with the Regulations or of which the Veterinary Officer shall have forbidden.
- 14.7 An application for the review of a registration suspended in accordance with the Show Regulation 14.5 may be made at any time before the dog reaches twelve months of age provided that such application is supported by statutory declarations from two qualified Veterinary Officers stating that the dog is entire and there are no signs of any surgical or other artificial interference which is calculated to deceive or is capable of deceiving either Judge or spectator.
- 14.8 For the purpose of Show Regulations 17.3, a male dog which has been vasectomised or a female dog which has had its fallopian tubes cut shall be deemed to be not normal in all respects physically and shall not be exhibited at a Recognised Show, provided that this shall not apply in the case of dogs exhibited in neuter classes and desexed dogs and bitches entered in Veteran Classes provided for at 6.6 (3) of this Part. **(06/06)**
- 14.9 If a registered dog is exhibited at an Unrecognised Show the Board of Directors may disqualify such dog from exhibition at a subsequent Recognised Show and/or may disqualify either the owner of such dog or the person responsible for such exhibition or both of them from exhibiting a dog at a subsequent Recognised Show or at a Parade or from parading, displaying or handling a dog in the Show Ring at a subsequent Recognised Show or at a Parade.
- 14.10 **(Revised 12/12)**
- (a) It is the obligation of each owner, exhibitor and handler at a show to take all such steps as may be necessary to ensure that any dog under that person's care or control or for which that person is responsible does not behave in an aggressive manner.
- (b) It is the obligation of any person at a show or event who observes a dog behaving in an aggressive manner to report the incident either orally or in writing to a member of the Show or Club Committee as soon as possible after the incident. **(08/25)**

- (c) If the incident causes serious damage to a person or another dog who, subsequently, requires immediate medical attention, the local council must be informed. If it occurs out of council hours the police must be informed. **(03/26)**
  - (i) It is the responsibility of either the President or the Secretary of the club to contact the council or police. **(03/26)**
  - (ii) If the local council and or police are called the offending dog must automatically be declared aggressive. **(03/26)**
    - (a) if the dog has been tested by the Department of Local Government, the owner must provide a copy of the report to DOGS NSW within eight (8) weeks, failure to do so would render the dog to remain on suspension until the report is provided. **(03/26)**
  - (iii) Where the council or police declare the dog a Dangerous Dog in line with NSW legislation DOGS NSW must ban the dog for life. **(03/26)**
  - (iv) An Aggressive Dog Hearing is still required to be held to gather all relevant paperwork, witness statements and videos, if available, and must be submitted to DOGS NSW within 48 hours. **(03/26)**
  - (v) Upon receipt of the Aggressive Dog Report the Office within 48 hours must notify the owner/s by email and registered post that the dog has been declared a Dangerous Dog in line with NSW legislation and the dog has been banned for life. **(03/26)**
- (d) (i) Upon receipt of a report of an incident involving aggressive behaviour by a dog, the Show Committee shall meet to consider the matter as soon as possible on that day after all available relevant statements have been obtained in writing from the complainant, the owner, handler or person having the care and control of the dog complained of at the event and any witnesses. Such meeting must be conducted by the Show Committee notwithstanding the non-availability of any party to the inquiry. **(08/25)**
- (ii) The owner, handler or person having the care and control of the dog at the event shall identify that dog to the Show Committee. For the purposes of this clause “identify” means provide appropriate information including the DOGS NSW registered name and number.
- (iii) The complainant and the owner or handler of the dog complained of must be permitted to be in attendance throughout the inquiry excepting when the Show Committee are deliberating their decision. **(09/11)**
- (iv) During the conduct of the inquiry, the dog complained of must be held in a secure situation such that any aggressive behaviour would not interfere with any other person or dog.
- (e) In reaching their decision, if the Show Committee is satisfied that the incident comprised or included the dog attacking, or attempting to attack, any person or dog at the show, or has demonstrated any other serious aggressive behaviour, the Show Committee shall declare the dog to be an aggressive dog, provided the Committee conducting the investigation believes that no justified provocation for the incident occurred. **(08/25)**

- (f) As soon as possible after reaching its decision, the Show Committee shall advise the person who appears to be responsible for the care and control of the dog, either that the dog has been declared aggressive or that it has not been declared aggressive and provide them with a copy of the Aggressive Dog Incident Report form after it is signed by that person. **(08/25)**
- (g) Forthwith upon the Show Committee declaring a dog to be an aggressive dog **(08/25):-**
- (i) the owner, exhibitor or handler responsible for the dog, shall ensure that the dog is retained in the same secure situation in which it was placed for the duration of the inquiry and until such time as it is ultimately removed from the showground.
  - (ii) the dog shall ipso facto be suspended for a period of two months and for such further period until the Board of Directors have made their decision in accordance with 14.10 (h). During that period the dog shall not be allowed to enter or remain upon any showground.
- (h) Following completion of an aggressive dog inquiry, the Show Committee shall, within 48 hours, provide DOGS NSW with a full written report of the incident and of the Show Committee's decision. Such report shall include a copy of all written statements concerning the incident, the Minutes of the Show Committee Meeting, the Incident Report form referred to in (e) above, relevant catalogue pages and any other related documents. **(08/25)**
- (i) Within 2 calendar months of receipt of the report referred to in (g) the Board of Directors shall consider the report and if satisfied that the dog is likely to constitute a danger to persons, other dogs or property at any Show, taking into consideration the responsibility of the handler or of any individual involved, may for such period as the Board of Directors consider appropriate **(08/25):-**
- (i) suspend or disqualify or otherwise debar the dog from being an exhibit,
  - (ii) impose conditions in relation to the exhibition of that dog at a Show,
  - (iii) direct that the dog is not to be bred with,
  - (iv) direct that the dog not be transferred within the register, or **(06/16)**
  - (v) cancel the registration of the dog,
  - (vi) impose a requirement that the dog undertake a temperament test in accordance with Part I of the Regulations (Section 20) and impose any such conditions relating thereto.
  - (vii) record a breach of Clause 14.10 **(10/18):-**
    - (a) It is the obligation of each owner, exhibitor and handler at a show to take all such steps as may be necessary to ensure that any dog under that person's care or control or for which that person is responsible does not behave in an aggressive manner.
      - 1<sup>st</sup> Offence: Reprimand Letter
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> Offence: \$100.00
      - 3<sup>rd</sup> Offence: Matter referred to Inquiry **(10/18)**

(viii) where a dog is reported to the Council or Police in accordance with Clause 14.10(c) as an aggressive dog, however, is not declared to be a Dangerous Dog, the dog will automatically receive a six (6) month suspension, OR, at the discretion of the Board, may be banned for life. **(03/26)**

(a) It is the obligation of each owner, exhibitor and handler at a show to take all such steps as may be necessary to ensure that any dog under that person's care or control or for which that person is responsible does not behave in an aggressive manner.

1<sup>st</sup> Offence: Reprimand Letter

2<sup>nd</sup> Offence: \$200.00 **(03/26)**

3<sup>rd</sup> Offence: Matter referred to Inquiry **(10/18) \*\***

**\*\*and consideration that dog be banned for life (03/26)**

(ix) Require the owner/handler or other persons concerned to complete an examination based on the DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics and DOGS NSW Regulations as set by the Members Education Committee. **(10/18)**

Should the Board of Directors make a determination that the dog is not likely to constitute a danger as described above, the Board may resolve to immediately end any suspension that was imposed in accordance with (f)(ii). **(08/25)**

(j) If for any reason the Board of Directors has not finally dealt with the matter within the 2 month period referred to in (h), the owner of the dog may make written application to the Board of Directors for the removal of the suspension referred to in (f)(ii). **(08/25)**

Upon receipt of such application, the Board of Directors shall either:-

(a) grant the application, or

(b) reach a decision in relation to the matter, but if such decision is not reached within a period of one month from the date of such application, the application shall be deemed to have been granted.

(k) Subject to (k), no person shall have any claim upon or recourse against any member of the Show Committee or any other person as a consequence of any action taken purportedly pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this regulation. **(08/25)**

(l) It shall be the responsibility of the affiliate concerned to ensure that the Show Committee complies with the requirements of this Regulation 14.10.

If the Show Committee fails in any respect to comply with the procedures and requirements of this regulation, the Board of Directors may impose on the affiliate and the affiliate shall pay (within such time as the Board of Directors may require) a fine of no less than \$250 (but not exceeding \$1,000). **(08/25)**

- (m) For the purpose of this Regulation 14.10, 'show' includes any trial, parade, picnic day, event or other activity in which a member participates with a registered dog. If the incident occurs at an activity which did not require approval of DOGS NSW, the Show Committee for the purposes of this Regulation 14.10 shall comprise the most appropriate three persons from amongst the organisers. **(08/25)**
  - (n) This Regulation 14.10 shall have effect commencing 1 hour prior to the commencement of a Show and continuing for 30 Minutes after the conclusion of the Show. **(08/25)**
  - (o) The DOGS NSW Representative shall attend and observe any inquiry held at a recognised Show in relation to an Aggressive Dog Incident for the purposes of reporting only. The Representative should not be asked for advice by any party to the inquiry. **(08/25)**
- 14.11 The precise terms and conditions of a suspension imposed upon any dog which has been declared aggressive pursuant to the Regulations of another Canine Body affiliated with Dogs Australia shall be applied to that dog as if the suspension had been imposed by DOGS NSW. **(07/23)**
- 14.12 A member shall not show, breed with, or transfer a dog which has been declared as aggressive or dangerous pursuant to any Australian legislation or regulation. **(12/05)**

## SECTION 15

### DISQUALIFICATION OF PERSONS

15.1 Notwithstanding anything in the Regulations contained, the Board of Directors for such reasons as it may in its discretion think sufficient, but without being required to assign any reason therefore may disqualify a person whether a member of DOGS NSW or otherwise from exhibiting and/or handling an exhibit and/or from acting as a Steward or Official or in any other capacity at a Recognised Show and/or from admission to a Recognised Show.

15.2 If a member shall:-

- (a) exhibit, parade, display or otherwise handle a dog in a Show Ring (whether the dog be registered dog or otherwise) at an Unrecognised Show; or
- (b) exhibit, display or otherwise handle an unregistered dog at a Recognised Show; or
- (c) participate in any capacity (whether officially or otherwise) in an Unrecognised Show.

the Board of Directors may terminate the membership of or disqualify such member from exhibiting at or participating in a Recognised Show and/or at a Parade or other exhibition and/or may disqualify such person from participating in any way or in any capacity (representative or otherwise) at a General Meeting or Committee Meeting or consultation or at a gathering or function of DOGS NSW.

The expression "participating" for the purpose of this Regulation shall be given the widest meaning and shall include inter alia, but without in any way limited the generality of the foregoing:-

- (i) the exhibiting, parading or handling of a dog;
- (ii) the contributing of a trophy or award or money to a person or body of persons conducting an Unrecognised Show or to an exhibitor or competitor at an Unrecognised Show whether as a subscription, entrance or attendance money or entry fee or as a prize or otherwise.
- (iii) the doing of any act calculated to support or encourage the holding of an Unrecognised Show.

15.3 (a) (i) a person who, by the Constitution, Rules or Regulations or those of any other Canine Control is prohibited for any reason for entering, exhibiting or handling a dog or otherwise participating in a Show, Trial or exhibition or whose membership of DOGS NSW or of another Canine Controlling body has been terminated by resolution of the Board of Directors or of the governing body of another Canine Control pursuant to the relevant Constitution, Rules and Regulations shall not be eligible to enter, exhibit or

handle a dog or otherwise participate in a Show, Trial or exhibition during the term of such prohibition or whilst re-admission to membership of DOGS NSW or of another Canine Control is denied by the Board of Directors or by the governing body of another Canine Control.

Written notice of any such prohibition or termination of such membership given to DOGS NSW and signed or purporting to have been signed by the DOGS NSW Secretary or by any Committee Member or Board of Directors or of such other Canine Control shall for all purposes be conclusive evidence thereof.

(ii) ***Deleted (10/17)***

(iii) ***Deleted (10/17)***

(b) The Board of Directors may notify each Affiliate of the name and address of each person whether a member of DOGS NSW or not:-

(i) who has been disqualified by the Board of Directors from entering, exhibiting or handling an exhibit or from acting as a Steward or Official or in any other capacity at an exhibition and/or from admission to an exhibition;

(ii) who has been disqualified by another Canine Control recognised as such by the Board of Directors or by an Affiliate from entering, exhibiting or handling an exhibit or from acting as a Steward or Official or in any other capacity at an exhibition and/or from admission to an exhibition notice of which has been given to the Board of Directors by such Control or Affiliate.

(iii) whose membership has been terminated or suspended by the Board of Directors or by another Canine Control recognised as such by the Board of Directors or by an Affiliate, notice of which has been given to the Board of Directors by such Control or Affiliate.

(c) Every such notice shall be given by the Board of Directors in such manner as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

(d) A person whose name has been so published shall not have any claim whatsoever against any person in respect of or arising out of such publication.

15.4 An Affiliate or other body conducting a Recognised Show shall give effect to such disqualification and shall refrain from appointing a disqualified person to any office and from allowing such disqualified person to officiate in any capacity at a Recognised Show and shall as far as practicable prevent the admission to a Showground of a person so disqualified. If an Affiliate or other body conducting a Recognised Show shall knowingly commit a breach of the provisions of this Regulation, the Board of Directors may if it thinks fit so to do, terminate the affiliation of such body.

## SECTION 16

### MISCONDUCT IN CONNECTION WITH A SHOW

- 16.1 A person shall not at any time, nor by any means;
- (a) behave contrary to the manner in which a reasonable person ought properly to conduct himself;
  - (b) disparage the decision of a judge;
  - (c) denigrate, malign, besmirch, slander, traduce, disparage or vilify the person or reputation of any other member;
  - (d) cause embarrassment to a Judge or other persons at a show
  - (e) attempt to influence a judge's decision
  - (f) (unless authorised by the Board of Directors) use a mobile telephone in a ring in which judging is taking place;
  - (g) double handle an exhibit;
  - (h) abuse an animal **(11/17)**
  - (i) otherwise commit misconduct as defined in the Constitution of DOGS NSW.

#### **(06/07), (10/12)**

- 16.1.1 In relation to 16.1(h), any instance of perceived animal abuse at a show must be reported. Examples include actual physical abuse, excessive discipline of a dog, neglect endangering an animal's well being and the whelping of a bitch at an event.

In particular, lifting an exhibit from the ground to the table by means of lead and tail, is deemed to be physical abuse and as such, is strictly prohibited. An exhibitor observed doing this should be dismissed from the ring and the matter reported to the Show Secretary, who shall further report the matter to DOGS NSW within 7 (seven) days.

These Incidents are to be recorded by DOGS NSW and a penalty may be applied if any subsequent incidences by the same owner/handler are reported.

- 16.2 A person who contravenes Regulation 16.1 may be cautioned by an official of the Show. If thereafter he again contravenes Regulation 16.1, he may be requested by an official to leave the Showground (and to remove any exhibit thereon) and, if so requested shall leave forthwith. **(06/07)**

- 16.3 For the purposes of Regulation 16.1 “person” includes, but is not limited to, an officiating judge, an official of the show, a steward, an exhibitor and a member of DOGS NSW. **(06/07)**
- 16.4 A complaint alleging a breach of Regulation 16.1 shall be made to the Show Secretary at the show, shall be in writing and, if not made by an official of the Show, shall be accompanied by a lodgement fee of \$250 payable to DOGS NSW. **(06/23)**
- 16.5 The Show Secretary shall, within 7 days of receipt of a complaint referred to in Regulation 16.4 or becoming aware of a contravention of Regulation 16.1, forward details thereof to the DOGS NSW Secretary, together with all documents received together with the applicable lodgement fee. **(05/11)**
- 16.6 A complaint not lodged in accordance with Clauses 16.4 and 16.5 will not be accepted by DOGS NSW unless received within 14 days of the event giving rise to the complaint and accompanied by a late fee of \$100, in addition to the applicable lodgement fee of \$250. The DOGS NSW Secretary may waive either or both of the original lodgement fee and the late fee upon receipt of a reasonable and acceptable explanation. **(06/23)**
- 16.7 “Double Handling” includes attracting or exciting the attention of, communicating with or touching, handling or in any way interfering with an exhibit that is in a ring in which judging is taking place, but does not include any activity undertaken by approval given by the Board of Directors pursuant to Regulations 12.21 and 12.22. **(03/08)**
- 16.8 “Attempt to influence a judge’s decision” shall include conduct, which could reasonably give, rise to the impression that the member is attempting to influence the judge’s attitude to the member, an exhibit entered at the show or a decision of the judge thereat. The prohibition against attempting to influence a judge’s decision contained in Clause 16.1 shall extend to conduct of a member prior to that show but shall not extend to anything contained in a paid advertisement which is published commercially. **(10/12)**
- 16.9 Where a complaint is lodged against an officiating Judge, the Judges Committee shall conduct an inquiry into the matter in accordance with Regulations Part XI (Inquiries, Investigations and Appeals) Regulations 5.1 to 5.8 inclusive, reading 'Judges Committee' in lieu of 'Committee' (wherever appearing) and 'judge' in lieu of 'Member' in Regulations 5.2 (wherever appearing). **(10/12)**
- 16.10 Having completed its inquiry, the Judges' Committee shall make such decision as it considers the circumstances warrant and may impose such fine or other penalty as it considers appropriate, including suspension of the Judge's approval to judge.
- 16.11 The decision of the Judges' Committee shall forthwith be notified in writing to all persons directly affected by the matter and to the Secretary. The decision shall have effect and be binding on all persons affected thereby, unless the Judge concerned appeals to the Board of Directors pursuant to regulation 16.16, in which event the Judges' Committee's decision shall be stayed pending the outcome of the appeal.

- 16.12 (a) A Judge may appeal to the Board of Directors against the decision of the Judges' Committee pursuant to regulation 16.14 within 14 days after receipt by the Judge from the Secretary of notification of that decision by lodging with the Secretary a notice to that effect.
- (b) The Board of Directors shall afford the Judge the opportunity of appearing before the Board of Directors to make submissions (either orally or in writing or both) but shall otherwise hear the appeal in the manner it considers appropriate and shall publish a written report thereon.
- (c) The Board of Directors may make such decision in relation to the appeal as it considers appropriate in the circumstances and that decision shall be binding on all members.
- (d) A copy of the report of the Board of Directors shall be sent to the member concerned by the Secretary.
- 16.13 For the purpose of Regulation 16.9, 'Judge' means a judge who has been engaged to officiate at the Show, notwithstanding that the judge may not actually have been officiating at the time of the events the subject of the reference. **(12/94)**
- 16.14 (a) A member must not, at any time prior to or during a Show, compromise or entertain a judge appointed in respect of that Show, in such a manner as could give rise to the inference that the member is attempting to influence the judge's attitude to the member or to an exhibit (whether owned by the member or another person). **(05/17)**
- (b) A member is not to contact a judge after the announcement of that judge's appointment by any means that may be interpreted as promoting an exhibitor or an exhibitor's exhibits. This includes social networking sites, email and all electronic forms of communication as well as traditional forms of communication. Should a judge receive such an approach, they are required to make a report to DOGS NSW. **(05/17)**
- (c) A breach of paragraph (a) or (b) is deemed to be misconduct. **(05/17)**
- 16.15 (a) No person shall have a mobile telephone that is switched on with them at any time in a ring in which judging is being conducted. **(10/12)**
- (b) Dispensation from (a) above may be granted by the Secretary for emergency or exceptional circumstances subject to prior application. **(10/12)**

## **SECTION 17**

### **DISEASES AND ABNORMALITIES**

- 17.1 If a Show Committee shall have appointed a qualified Veterinary Officer, the provisions of Regulations 17.2 and 17.5 both inclusive, shall apply, and in the event that the Veterinary Officer is not present, the Show Committee shall appoint a competent Deputy to act in his stead.
- 17.2 A dog suffering from an infectious or contagious disease shall not be allowed to enter or to remain on a Showground and a dog shall not be eligible for exhibition and shall not be exhibited if the Veterinary Officer shall so order.
- 17.3 The Veterinary Officer shall forthwith report to the Show Secretary the result of his examination of a dog, if he considers such dog is not normal in all respects physically, or is not of normal development, or is blind, deaf, castrated, spayed or a freak as to sex or one or more of its testes is misplaced, undescended, or has or suffers from one or more defective (pathological) testes, or has an inguinal hernia, or has been prepared for exhibition in contravention of or otherwise than in accordance with the Regulations.
- 17.4 If a dog is found by the Veterinary Officer to be suffering from some contagious disease it shall forthwith be removed from the Showground and shall not be eligible to enter upon a Showground or to compete at a recognised Show until a registered Veterinary Surgeon approved for that purpose by the Board of Directors shall certify in writing that:
- (a) such dog is free of contagious disease, and
  - (b) the kennels of the owner of the dog and the kennels in which the dog has been housed during the three months immediately preceding the date of the certificate are all free from contagious disease, and
  - (c) until such certificate has been produced to the DOGS NSW Secretary and recorded in the records of DOGS NSW
- 17.5 A Show Secretary shall within seven (7) days of the closing date of a Show, deliver to the Secretary in writing full particulars of all dogs found by the Veterinary Officer to be suffering from any of the diseases or defects referred to in Show Regulations 14.1, 14.5 or 17.3 or to have been prepared for exhibition in contravention of or otherwise than in accordance with the Regulations or of which the Veterinary Officer shall have forbidden exhibition.
- 17.6 Objection shall not be taken that a dog is suffering from any disease or defect referred to in Show Regulations 14.1, 14.3 or 17.3 unless such objection is taken by notice to the Show Secretary before the close of the Show. Any such objection may be made verbally by an official of the Show but shall be in writing if made by an exhibitor or other person not being an official of the Show.

## **SECTION 18**

### **FINES AND PENALTIES**

18.1 An exhibitor:

- (i) who omits to re-register his dog prior to the time of its exhibition at a recognised Show, or **(09/88)**
- (ii) who enters and shows a dog in a class for which it is not eligible, or
- (iii) who enters a dog in a recognised Show and is not the registered beneficial owner of that dog;

may be liable for the first offence to a fine and for any subsequent offence to such penalty as the Board of Directors may determine. **(07/88)**

18.2 An Affiliate which has failed to observe or to comply with the Articles and Regulations shall be liable to such fine or penalty as the Board of Directors may in its absolute discretion determine.

**SECTION 19**  
**(04/10)**

**EXTREME WEATHER & SAFETY GUIDELINES**

Extreme Weather – Impact on Shows

- 19.1 Legal responsibility for the care and welfare of all dogs at shows rests with their owner/s, or other person/s authorised by the owner/s, who have taken the dog to the showground. DOGS NSW cannot regulate to absolve any party of that responsibility.

This Part of the Regulations is provided to assist those parties in making responsible decisions in extreme weather conditions. If the exhibitor cannot ensure that the dog is, or will be, safe in the heat, it is safest to either not attend in the first place or leave at the first sign of possible discomfort. The Regulations are an attempt to reduce the exposure of a dog during times of high temperature or humidity, however, they should not be taken as any guarantee or indication that conditions compliant with the Regulations will be safe for any dog (or exhibitor) and the ultimate responsibility for a dog's welfare (and an exhibitor's welfare) remains with the exhibitor.

- 19.1.1 If, at any Show, an exhibitor considers that the heat conditions are or may be prejudicial to the comfort or welfare of their exhibit/s, they may leave the grounds immediately with no penalty or other consequence in relation to any award that may have previously been made at that show.

- 19.1.2 Where the Bureau of Meteorology NSW ("BOM") forecast on the BOM App (<http://www.bom.gov.au/app/>) for the location at or nearest to any show at 10.00am two (2) days before the scheduled commencement time of the show, indicates Extreme Weather for the date of the show, the following will apply:-  
**(12/25)**

- (a) If the forecast maximum temperature at 10.00am on the day before the scheduled commencement time of the show or anytime thereafter is 38° Celsius or higher, the show or shows are to be immediately cancelled.  
**(01/18)**
- (b) If the forecast maximum temperature is in the range of 35° to 37° Celsius, the Show Committee conducting the show must decide whether to maintain the existing arrangements, cancel the show or amend the start time and/or day for the show. This decision must be made immediately after checking the forecast at 10.00am on the day before the show. **(01/18)**
- (c) If the Show Committee is required to make a decision under 19.1.2, it may include decisions in relation to any other shows which are scheduled to be held on subsequent day/s as part of the same cluster of shows. **(01/18)**

- (d) Any decision which is taken in accordance with (a) or (b) or (c) must be made available to exhibitors within four hours by recording the decision on the extreme weather status phone number shown in the show advertisement or schedule and, -notify all applicants for entry of exhibits of the cancellation of the show via email where an email address has been provided. DOGS NSW staff, when available to do so, will upload the information onto the DOGS NSW website and APP. **(02/18)**
- (e) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions a Show Committee may make a decision to amend arrangements of a show or cancel the show earlier than 10.00am on the day before the show. **(11/17)**
- (f) Extreme Weather- Impact on Dog Sports  
Herding, Drafting, Scent Work and Earthdog events, including tests and trials, must be cancelled when the forecast temperature available at 10.00am from the closest Bureau of Meteorology station to the venue ([www.bom.gov.au/](http://www.bom.gov.au/)) two days prior exceeds 35 degrees Celsius. If the forecast temperature exceeds 30 degrees, Herding and Drafting trials and tests must commence by 8.00am, and be cancelled when the temperature exceeds 30 degrees as measured at the closest Bureau of Meteorology station to the venue. **(8/23)**

Lure Coursing trials and tests must be cancelled when the forecast temperature available at 10.00am from the closest Bureau of Meteorology station to the venue ([www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)) two days prior exceeds 28 degrees Celsius. **(8/23)**

Lure Coursing trials and tests must be cancelled when the temperature exceeds 28 degrees Celsius as measured at the closest Bureau of Meteorology station to the venue. **(8/23)**

SprintDog™ Trials must be cancelled if the forecast temperature available at 10.00am from the closest Bureau of Meteorology station to the venue ([www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)) two days prior exceeds 32 degrees Celsius, or in the alternative, rescheduled to a cooler period for the Trial (eg, early morning) at the discretion of the Affiliate. **(03/26)**

- 19.1.3 (i) In the months of December to February inclusive, an Affiliate has the option of conducting either a day show (or trial) or an evening show. During this period, day shows must be scheduled to commence no later than 8.00am and evening shows must be scheduled to commence no earlier than 6.00pm. Outside of this period, commencement times remain optional. **(10/10)**

- (ii) In the months of December to February inclusive, an Associate Affiliate has the option of conducting either a day show (or trial) or an evening show. During this period, day shows may be scheduled to commence no later than 9.00am providing all other requirements of the Extreme Weather Guidelines are adhered to. However, if the forecast temperature at 10.00am the day prior is between 35 to 37 degrees inclusive the start time will automatically revert to 8.00am. This must be communicated to exhibitors in the gazette advertisement.

Automatic cancellation of the event still applies if the forecast temperature at 10.00am the day prior is 38 degrees or more. Evening shows must be scheduled to commence no earlier than 6.00pm. Outside of this period, commencement times remain optional. **(11/17)**

- 19.1.4 The only exception to 19.1.3 is where one or more Clubs have two separate events scheduled to be held on the same day at the same venue and, in such case, the first must commence no later than 8.00am. The second may be scheduled to commence at the conclusion of the first, however, if the BOM maximum temperature forecast on the BOM App for the location at or nearest to the show at 10.00am on the day before the show, is 35° to 37° Celsius, the second event must immediately be rescheduled to commence no earlier than 6.00pm. **(03/18)**

- 19.1.4.1 Any decision which is taken in accordance with 19.1.4 must be made available to exhibitors within four hours by recording the decision on the extreme weather status phone number shown in the show advertisement or schedule and, when staff are available to do so, upload the information onto the DOGS NSW website and APP. **(11/17)**

- 19.1.5 Where, at any show, it appears the temperature is rising to levels of approximately 35° or higher, it is the responsibility of the Show Committee to monitor the temperature on at least 30 minute intervals.

- 19.1.5.1 These readings should be taken using the official BOM observations for the location at or nearest the show venue on the BOM App. **(02/17)**

- 19.1.5.2 Where the Show Committee does not have access to the BOM App observations, the temperature is to be taken using a thermometer in accordance with the following instruction issued by the BOM NSW Climate Services Centre. **(02/17)**

- 19.1.5.3 “Locate the thermometer in full shade on a southern facing wall or on a southern verandah which has plenty of wind flow. Make sure early morning or late evening sunshine does not hit the thermometer. Full shade and plenty of air flow is recommended.”

- 19.1.5.4 On any occasion where the temperature observation on two successive readings taken in accordance with 19.1.5 exceed 38° Celsius the show is to be immediately cancelled with no further judging to take place after the announcement. **(02/17)**
- 19.1.5.5 If the reading taken at the scheduled commencement time of the show is 38° or above, commencement of the show may be delayed for no longer than two hours, and if by that time the temperature has not fallen below 38°, the show shall be immediately cancelled. **(02/17)**
- 19.1.5.6 Where any show is cancelled before its conclusion, any award made at the show prior to the announcement of the cancellation shall stand. **(02/17)**
- 19.1.6 All show advertisements or schedules are to contain an extreme weather status phone number. The phone numbers are to be maintained by the Show Committee which shall be responsible for ensuring that any cancellations of the show are recorded on the telephone number.
- 19.1.7 Whenever a show or trial is being conducted in hot or humid conditions, such conditions to be determined at the sole discretion of the Show Committee, the following recommendations are made to assist in expediting completion of the event. They are not intended to be exhaustive and affiliates, clubs and members are reminded to consider carefully their individual conditions and circumstances:-

**Clubs conducting events should:-**

- Ensure that fresh water is easily available for exhibitors and dogs, ie, provide the location of taps – there should be several taps available at large shows.
- Ideally, provide some child wading pools pre-filled with water in shady areas so that distressed dogs can be rapidly cooled.
- Provide shade for exhibitors and dogs in the assembly areas.
- Ensure Judges are aware that exhibitors and dogs can be directed to leave the ring for shelter and then come back into the ring for the final selection (ie, large class, Group or General Specials).
- Provide towels or similar covers to be placed on the examination tables.
- Provide regular announcements about the dangers of dogs being left in cars, trailers and closed tents (heat exhaustion).
- Postpone the luncheon break until after the conclusion of the show or trial.
- Postpone or cancel scheduled events which do not form part of the main competition (eg, Junior Handler heats, demonstrations, etc).
- Consider future scheduling of your show as an evening event.

**Exhibitors should:-**

- Obtain advice from their veterinary surgeon as to their dog's fitness/good health to be comfortable and well hydrated throughout the day.
- Bring suitable shade for protection from the sun and sufficient supplies to ensure that their dog is comfortable and well hydrated throughout the day.
- If they cannot keep their dog comfortable at a show or trial, leave the event.

19.1.8 For the purposes of this Regulation, "Extreme Weather" is defined as 35° Celsius or higher.

19.2 Safety Guidelines

The safety of members and their dogs is of paramount importance. All persons concerned with the conduct of shows or trials are required to exercise due care and to ensure that activities are conducted under safe conditions. The following requirements are to be observed:-

a) Exhibitions are not to be conducted under hazardous conditions. The exhibition is to be suspended immediately unsafe circumstances arise, such as, but not limited to:-

- (i) lightning or electrical storm in the local area; or
- (ii) gales or high winds; or
- (iii) heavy rain/hail which renders conditions hazardous

Exhibitions should only resume when conditions are no longer hazardous.

b) Ring surfaces and surrounds are to be inspected before the commencement of the show, and hazards are to be removed promptly or signposted and secured by barriers. **(04/25)**

c) Loose equipment, such as umbrellas, chairs, etc, are to be secured.

d) Covered footwear appropriate to the task being performed, should be worn at all times. Spiked footwear is not to be worn. **(04/25)**

e) Dogs are not to be left without shelter and/or water.

f) Dogs are not to be left unattended for long periods unless in a secure and safe situation which ensures the dogs safety and the safety of exhibitors and other exhibits.

g) All persons concerned with the conduct of any show or trial, of any discipline, whether as a member, voluntary worker, show official, exhibitor or competitor, are required to wear dress appropriate for the task or activity being performed.

- h) Camping should not be provided by an organisation operating a sanctioned activity unless there is valid legal documentation approving such an activity. This activity must be specifically permitted in the terms of the lease and/or local council regulations.

It is the responsibility of any camper to ascertain whether camping is so permitted.

This Regulation does not apply to camping provided by an independent third party not concerned with the running of the activity.

- i) Smoking is not permitted in an area 20 metres from any ring in which an exhibition is taking place or 20 metres from any food vendor located on the showground. (10/13)

### 19.3 *Deleted (04/17)*

### 19.4 Wet Weather (05/22)

Where grounds are open under wet weather conditions it is the exhibitor's decision to participate in any competition, exhibition or training exercise upon them having made a decision about their capacity to remain safe in the conditions. DOGS NSW cannot regulate to absolve any party of that responsibility, however, community expectations regarding the standard and safety of grounds generally has been increasing and having regard to the possibility of litigation in the advent of participant injury, DOGS NSW must meet these expectations.

Members should be provided with a set of guidelines undertaken by DOGS NSW in determining ground closure to facilitate an understanding of decision making processes.

#### **DOGS NSW Discretion:**

- 19.4.1 DOGS NSW "discretion", means that DOGS NSW grounds are open if DOGS NSW determines it is safe to participate in dog events and the potential for damage to ground surfaces is minimal.

This Part of the Regulations is provided to assist members' understanding that exhibiting on wet grounds can result in those grounds being closed for protracted periods of time. Grounds closure ensure grounds preservation, thus, grounds may subsequently be used more, over longer periods. Grounds closure can also negate the possibility of injury brought about by unsafe conditions.

## **Grounds Closure:**

- 19.4.2 If dog grounds are open and heavy rains fall in the lead up to a show or dog related activity, the DOGS NSW Operations Manager and Grounds Supervisor have an obligation to cancel, if they consider that any of the following are present 48 hours prior to the event:-
- a) Conditions that would endanger the safety of participants
  - b) Surface water (running or pooled) present on the dog activity area
  - c) Dog activities would cause serious deterioration of ring surfaces
  - d) Presence of muddy surface/s on the dog activity area/s
  - e) Water rises to the surface when walking across the dog activity area/s
  - f) Surface is slippery to walk on or the grass covering is easily dislodged
  - g) Grounds cannot be prepared/maintained by groundsmen without damage being occasioned to surface areas
  - h) Any ground condition that might expose the organisation/club to a negligence based personal injury action
- 19.4.3 Any decision made on the basis of 19.4.2(a) to (h), must be made available to exhibitors within four (4) hours by:-
- a) recording the decision on the extreme weather status phone number shown in the show advertisement or schedule
  - b) notify all applicants for entry of exhibits of the cancellation of the show via email where an email address has been provided
- 19.4.4 DOGS NSW staff, when available to do, so will:-
- a) upload the information onto the DOGS NSW website and APP
  - b) disseminate information via text message to members
  - c) disseminate information via Weekly Woof special bulletin
  - d) notify Secretaries by telephone of upcoming dog related events that would be affected

- 19.4.5 Upon the DOGS NSW Operations Manager and Grounds Supervisor deciding to reopen grounds, DOGS NSW staff, when available to do so, will undertake the actions of 19.4.4. **(08/25)**
- 19.4.6 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, a Show Committee may make a decision to amend arrangements of a show or cancel the show earlier than 10.00am on the day before the show.
- 19.5 **Lightning Policy:**  
**(05/22)**
- 19.5.1 The Show Manager/Show Secretary will monitor the weather forecast prior to a canine event being conducted to determine the possibility of impending lightning risk. The site to be used is [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au).
- 19.5.2 If skies are threatening on the day of an event then the Show Manager must monitor them visually and utilise the Bureau of Meteorology website to help determine risk.
- 19.5.3 Where lightning or thunder are observed, three (3) seconds between the “flash and bang” is equivalent to one (1) kilometre. Risk increases dramatically where there is less than 30 seconds between the “flash and bang”. At the first signs of:
- a) Visual lightning
  - b) Audible thunder
- The Show Manager will, utilising a PA system, announce to exhibitors that the show is stopped immediately and that they should:-
- Avoid solitary trees
  - Avoid light towers or metallic structures
  - Avoid water
  - Avoid open ground
  - Avoid high ground
  - Avoid use of mobile phones and umbrellas
  - Seek shelter within a solid structure or vehicle and not gazebos which are not safe
- Where possible the Show Manager should suspend activities allowing sufficient time for exhibitors and exhibits to get to safety.

- 19.5.4 The Show Manager will wait a minimum of 30 minutes from the last observed lightning or thunder before resuming activities.
- 19.6 Abandonment of Shows  
**(09/24)**
  - 19.6.1 Should a major incident occur where a Committee is forced to cancel a show before its conclusion, any award made at the show prior to the announcement of the cancellation shall stand. **(09/24)**

## SECTION 20

### LIMITATION OF EXHIBITS FOR JUDGING

20.1A The number of dogs any one Judge may judge on any day (excluding Group and General Specials) is 250 exhibits, except in extenuating circumstances with the prior approval of the judge and DOGS NSW. **(04/18)**

20.1B The Limitations of Exhibits for an Obedience Judge:- **(11/22)**

- (i) 10 exhibits per hour in Community Companion Dog Class with maximum of 40 exhibits per day.
- (ii) 8 exhibits per hour in a Novice Class with a maximum of 40 exhibits per day
- (iii) 6 exhibits per hour in an Open Class with a maximum of 35 exhibits per day
- (iv) 5 exhibits per hour in a Utility Dog Class with a maximum of 30 per day
- (v) 4 exhibits per hour in a Utility Dog Excellent Class with a maximum of 30 per day
- (vi) Where a Judge is contracted to judge multiple classes the maximum number of exhibits is 30 per day
- (vii) Where a Judge is contracted to Judge Rally and Obedience Classes the maximum number of exhibits will be 30 per day.
- (viii) At an evening trial the number of exhibits is to be estimated so that the trial and presentations are concluded prior to midnight.
- (ix) Where a Judge is contracted to Judge Rally and Obedience Classes in a Regional area, the maximum number of exhibits will be 40 per day. **(04/25)**

20.1C The Limitation of Exhibits for a Rally Judge:- **(11/22)**

- (i) The maximum number of exhibits to be judged in any Rally Class, including multiple classes, will be a maximum of 50 per day.
- (ii) Where a Judge is contracted to judge Rally and Obedience Classes, the maximum number of exhibits will be 30 per day.
- (iii) At an evening Trial, the number of exhibits is to be estimated so that the Trial and presentations are concluded prior to midnight.
- (iv) Where a Judge is contracted to judge Rally and Obedience Classes, in a regional area the maximum number of exhibits will be 40 per day. **(04/25)**

20.1D At a Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs (RATG) **(11/13)**

- (i) Novice RATG - maximum 30 entries per Judge

- (ii) Open RATG - maximum 20 entries per Judge
  - (iii) Combination of maximum 25 entries per Judge with there being no more than 15 Open Novice & Open entries
- 20.1E The Limitation of Exhibits for a Trick Dog Judge **(effective 1 July 2025) (05/25):-**
- (i) Where a Judge is contracted to judge the Starter Trick Dog Class, the maximum number of exhibits will be 50 per day.
  - (ii) Where a Judge is contracted to judge the Novice Trick Dog Class, the maximum number of exhibits will be 50 per day.
  - (iii) Where a Judge is contracted to judge the Intermediate Trick Dog Class, the maximum number of exhibits will be 40 per day.
  - (iv) Where a Judge is contracted to judge the Advanced Trick Dog Class, the maximum number of exhibits will be 30 per day.
  - (v) Where a Judge is contracted to judge multiple classes, the maximum number of exhibits will not exceed 40 per day.
  - (vi) Where a Judge is contracted to judge at an evening test, the maximum number of exhibits will not exceed 30.
- 20.2 An Affiliate conducting a Show shall provide a sufficient number of show rings to ensure that not more than the authorised number of dogs are judged in General Classes in any one ring on any day of the Show.
- 20.3 If a sufficient number of Judges has not been appointed in the first instance to enable a Judge to comply with Regulation 20.1, the Show Committee conducting the Show shall appoint, subject to Regulation 20.4, within seven (7) days after the closing date of entries, sufficient additional Judges for that purpose.
- 20.4 If additional Judges are appointed as aforesaid, the Show Committee within fourteen (14) days of the closing date of entries shall notify all applicants for entry of exhibits of the name of the Judges so appointed, and thereupon each such applicant shall be entitled within twenty-one (21) days from the closing date of entries to withdraw his entry and to have his entry fee refunded in full.
- 20.5 If a Show Committee at its discretion shall determine not to appoint additional Judges, it shall accept in the order in which they were received, the first entries received up to the authorised number of applications for entry or such multiple or part thereof as shall enable the Judges already appointed to comply with Regulations 20.1, and shall reject all additional entries and refund to the respective applicants the entry fee received in respect of the applications so rejected.

## **SECTION 21**

### **DE-SEXED DOGS**

- 21.1 The owner with the approval of the Board of Directors may de-sex a registered dog in which event the Board of Directors may allow its registration to remain if the owner certifies in such application that such dog will only be entered in approved Dogs Australia Trials or Competitions for which it is eligible. **(07/23)**
- 21.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Regulations a de-sexed dog as aforesaid shall be eligible to compete in all Trials as provided in Rule 1 (17) and to receive awards in such Trials.

**SECTION 22**  
**(01/90)**

**FACILITIES AT SHOWS**

- 22.1 No exhibitor shall be required by an Affiliate to pay a fee to gain entrance to a Showground.
- 22.2 (a) An Affiliate shall permit each exhibitor to park without charge one vehicle on or within reasonable proximity to a Showground.
- (b) If parking cannot be provided on a Showground, exhibitors are nonetheless entitled to reasonable vehicular access to the Showground for the purpose of loading and unloading of an exhibit.
- 22.3 An Affiliate shall issue each exhibitor with:- **(05/90)**
- (a) one pass for one or two exhibits;
- (b) two passes for three or four exhibits;
- (c) three passes for five or six exhibits;
- (d) four passes for seven or more exhibits; and each such pass shall:-
- (e) permit the bearer to enter and remain on the Showground for the duration of the Show, and
- (f) confer on the bearer the vehicular privileges referred to in Regulation 22.2.

**SECTION 23**

**(11/89); Deleted 11/12**

**SECTION 24**  
**(09/95)**

**USE OF PROHIBITED DRUGS**

- 24.1 A dog to which a prohibited drug has been administered (“a disqualified dog”) shall not be exhibited at a Show.
- 24.2 It is a condition precedent to any dog being exhibited at a Show that, if required by the Veterinary Officer, the dog be swabbed at any time and from time to time during the Show.
- 24.3 Subject to 24.4, the cost of swabbing a dog will be met by DOGS NSW.
- 24.4 If the swab is found to be positive, the registered owner shall
- (a) be liable to forthwith pay to DOGS NSW a minimum of \$500.00, and
  - (b) be suspended from membership of DOGS NSW for a period of 6 months.
- and any prize awarded to the dog at the Show shall be forfeited.
- 24.5 If an owner and/or handler refuses to have a dog swabbed the owner will be suspended for 12 months.

**SECTION 25**  
**(08/97)**

**VANDALISM AT THE COMPLEX**

- 25.1 (a) The following paragraphs of this Regulation shall apply in respect of any Show conducted by an Affiliate, or any other person, at the Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs ('the Complex').
- (b) It is the duty of a member present at a Show to report to the Show Committee any vandalism actually observed by the member.
- (c) In paragraph (b), 'vandalism' means the physical act of a person the consequence of which is that any structure or thing at the Complex is damaged or defaced ('damage').
- (d) The Show Committee must, as soon as practicable, inspect (and, if possible, photograph) the damage and make all reasonable enquiries to ascertain the identity of the person who committed the vandalism and the identity of any witness.
- (e) Within 7 days, the Show Committee must provide a written report to the DOGS NSW Secretary concerning the vandalism which must include:
- (i) the identity and last known address of the member who reported the vandalism to the Show Committee,
  - (ii) the identity and last known address of the person who committed the vandalism,
  - (iii) the identity and last known address of any witness,
  - (iv) if available, a photograph of the damage.
- (f) Vandalism that is committed with intent to cause damage is deemed to be misconduct.