



A Guide to Running a DWD Competition

1. The organising committee or Affiliate will be required to contract three DWD judges to form the judging panel for the event.

The judging panel will be qualified to judge both Heelwork to Music and Freestyle categories and all levels within the categories.

A different judging panel may be used for different categories within Dances With Dogs and the judging panel may change for the various levels within each category.

2. The Competition Schedule to be placed in the Journal must include standard information such as

- The name of the affiliate conducting the competition
- The date and venue at which the competition is to be conducted
- Details of the venue - whether the event is to be held indoors, undercover, enclosed area - the surface of the ring (e.g. grass, carpet, concrete etc) -the specific dimensions of the ring (minimum ring size 12m x 15m)
- The closing date of entries
- The address to which entries should be forwarded
- Entry fees
- Divisions and classes offered and the members of the judging panel(s) for each
- Dogs NSW Representative
- Commencing time of vetting and judging
- Time that music must be submitted and times for music checks
- Format that music can be supplied in e.g. (tape, CD or both)
- Such other information specific to the competition as the Affiliate considers appropriate
- Entries to be sent on official DWD entry forms available on Dogs NSW website. A separate entry form is required for each entry.

3. Qualifying certificates available for competitors
4. Copy of ANKC Rules for the Conduct of Dances With Dogs Competitions
5. Representatives Report Form, stamped self addressed envelope
6. Catalogue will include catalogue number, dogs name, handlers name, music chosen and length of music and category

7. The affiliate conducting the trial will require a sound system (ensure that sound will carry in an area of approximately 15m x 20m this will allow spectators, judges and competitors to hear music) Ensure that the sound system is not situated too far away from power outlet. Ensure there is a power outlet available.
8. Table to accommodate the Judging panel. The table would be positioned on the short side of the ring giving all judges an unobstructed view of the ring.
9. Calculators and pens be available for each judge, judging sheet for each competitors routine, one sheet for each judge, per competitor. (judging sheet attached)
10. Spectators are not permitted to sit closer than 1 meter from the ring. The ring is to be cordoned off by using for example, bunting, small picket fencing.
11. The competitor assembly area must be kept free from spectators. The assembly steward ensures smooth flow of competitors as per catalogue order.
12. The sound system must be placed in an area where the audio technician has an unobstructed view of the ring. The audio technician must be familiar with the order of competitors, their music and mode of indicating their readiness to commence their routine. A catalogue is made available to the technician.
13. Collection of judging sheets – and check that
 - a competitor has scored each of the three (3) judging categories.
14. To achieve a qualifying score a competitor requires at least fifteen points in each of the three (3) judging categories, a total of forty-five points or more overall and a qualifying score from at least 2 of the 3 judges.
15. The competitor receives a qualification certificate when they achieve a total of forty-five points or more overall and a qualifying score from at least 2 of the 3 judges.
16. The aggregate score of all three judges counts towards awarding places. A dog that has gained a qualifying certificate will be awarded higher than a non qualifying dog regardless of score.
17. All judges will sign the qualification certificate.

The above is a guide only for the running of a DWD event. The organisers will need to be familiar with the ANKC Rules for DWD and Dogs NSW Regulations for the normal running of an event.

Please refer to Dogs NSW Regulations Part II – Show, Sections 4 and 5.