

## **Safety at Shows - Insurance**

All Clubs are reminded that it is the Committees responsibility to ensure that Shows/Trials are conducted in a safe environment for both the exhibitors and the public. Clubs need to be familiar with Dogs NSW Regulations Part II, Section 9 - Extreme Weather & Safety Guidelines. It is very important for Clubs to conduct a site assessment of the area on which the Show/Trial is being conducted prior to event commencement to ensure that there are no risks evident, such but not limited to, uneven ground in pedestrian traffic areas or exhibition areas, lengthy or wet grass, ring ropes or uncovered electrical cords on the grounds, as these are a trip hazard which may result in an injury to a person attending the Show/Trial.

The increase of claims being received from incidents occurring at Shows/Trials, which have resulted in injury, will have an impact on the Dogs NSW Public Liability Insurance policy premium being considerably increased. This policy is due for renewal 1 March 2017 and in turn any increase will impact on all Affiliates as the insurance component of the Affiliation Fee will be increased.

Clubs are reminded that if an incident occurs at their event and the injured party submits a claim against Dogs NSW Public Liability Policy, should the Insurer approve payment on any part of the claim, the Club is required to pay the \$2,500 excess payable under the policy.

For information and guidelines which may assist your Club visit the NSW Government Communities Sport & Recreation website

[http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/sportsclubs/ryc\\_risk.asp](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/sportsclubs/ryc_risk.asp)