

**HUNTER STOCK DOG WORKERS ASSOCIATION RULES AS AMMENDED AT THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 14th JULY 2004**

- 1) The Committee shall set the course.
- 2) The number of competitors and finalists will be at the discretion of the committee.
- 3) If two or more dogs finish on equal points for first place in the final, depending on time and cattle there will be a re- run between these finalists, if however time and cattle do not permit a re-run the winner will be the competitor who has the fastest time. Other place getters will share prize money.
- 4) Time allowed for each run will be decided upon the course and the number of entries for that particular trial.
- 5) Bitches in oestrus are not allowed to compete.
- 6) Competitors will make every effort to ensure that their dogs have had a chance to urinate and defecate elsewhere before competing on the trial arena. Competitors will not take their dogs onto the trial course prior to the trial starting.
- 7) The judge is to be seated, independently from all spectators, competitors and committee members.
- 8) The judge's decision is final unless a disputes committee is formed.
- 9) That marker pegs be placed on the ground in line with the delivery area. When the cattle are past these pegs the bell will ring and the time will start from the bell and the competitor can send his/her dog. The handler cannot cast his/her dog prior to the bell; if a handler does they will be disqualified. A dog may be recalled and allowed to continue its run at the judge's discretion.
- 10) Delivery: cattle must pass through the delivery area; they do not have to be stopped. Delivery area is a free working area.
- 11) The worker's position is to be marked at each obstacle.
- 12) The worker must be at the marked area before the head of the first beast passes through the obstacle. If the cattle have passed through the obstacle before the worker is in position the cattle must be brought back and the obstacle re-negotiated.
- 13) Each obstacle shall be completed in order.
- 14) No delivery - no score.
- 15) The trial must be conducted at walking pace only. Once you leave the marker the handler cannot stop until he/she reaches the next marker. If the judge feels the handler is influencing the cattle or if the handler stops between markers, points will be deducted.
- 16) SCORING : Points will be awarded for negotiating each obstacle.

Delivery 10 points, Gap 5 points, Race 10 points, Pen 15 Points.
- 17) A dog that delivers but does not negotiate any additional obstacle cannot score more than 50 points.
- 18) Any dog crossing on the cast or passing between the competitor and the cattle at any time during the trial will be disqualified in an Open trial. Rule 19 excepted. The dog must cast within or behind the delivery area.

NOVICE Trial - Allowed 1 cross and a loss of 10 points
MAIDEN Trial- As for Novice Trial
ENCOURAGE Trial- Open to handler or dog who hasn't won a trial. Allowed 2 crosses, loss of 10 points per cross.
- 19) If a dog is forcing stock in the correct manner and when one or more of the stock cause a cross a disqualification in this instance will be at the judge's discretion.
- 20) If the dog is out of control and/or putting the stock at undue risk the judge can disqualify the competitor for humane reason.