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To the NSW Working Stock dog Association Committee,

I write to voice my disapproval of a resent rule implementation meaning that apart from round 1 competitors can not miss their allotted run and slot in at the end of the round. This will result in, as it did at Ebor on numerous occasions competitors who are volunteering to run the trial missing their runs if they couldn't leave the yards/ office/ bringing in cattle etc. In my 40 years of involvement with campdrafting, dog trialling & agricultural shows etc I have never known of a volunteer being denied an amendment to their allotted number to ensure the event runs smoothly. As with all such organisations those willing to volunteer are few and far between, the danger of missing a run I feel will result in less people willing to volunteer.

During the Ebor trial a meeting of the association was held whilst the trial was still running meaning anyone who was volunteering wasn't able to attend. When the announcer was asked to advise of the time of the meeting I was timekeeping & recording scores. The person who informed of the planned meeting stated that the meeting would be delayed if "A person of importance was competing at the time," When I stated that I was working and unable to attend no response was given whatsoever. It is my belief that every member, be they executive committee, committee or financial member should have the opportunity to attend if they wish & those giving of their time to conduct the trial were not offered this opportunity. I do appreciate due to the huge numbers of entries that it would have been very difficult finding a time when all were able to attend.

I have been a member of the NSW Working Stock Dog Association since its inception & served 3 years as the association's treasurer. During my many years of membership I have never felt so strongly about any issue as this & feel obliged to have my feelings heard. I have never attended a trial where I have not offered to assist those running the event in some way & feel saddened that some of those now involved place more importance on 'chasing a yearly point score' then the enjoyment of competing with your dogs, helping raise funds for local communities or groups or simply enjoying the sport for what it is.

I wish the above communication be tabled at the next meeting of the NSW Working Stock Dog Association & look forward to your response to these concerns.

Thank you for your time

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