



NSW Working Stock Dog Association

Motions

(As at November 2024)

1. Merv Nicholson/Jim Marshall moved that SOO point score selection be based on the financial year – end of June one year to the start of July the following year.
2. Joy Kirby/Geoff McLennan moved that NSW Association buy the keepsake trophies to be given to winners of perpetual trophies annually.
3. Jim Marshall/Steve Murray moved that if a trial is open to all comers, then dogs competing in the event are eligible to break status.
4. Trish Thomas/Steve Murray moved that winners of Jackpot trials (limited entry events) don't break their status and don't get points towards annual awards.
5. Sean Copper/Lew Molloy that NSWWSDAI recognise all life memberships of North Coast Working Dog Trial Association and Hunter Working Stock Dog Association.
6. Trish Thomas/Danny Rapmund moved that NSWWSDA constitution be altered to accept nominations for positions on NSWWSDAI from the floor at the AGM.
7. Geoff McLennan/Steve Murray moved that any committee tendering for the right to hold a NSW Championship or other major event such as a national championship be prepared to run the event over three days if nominations require it
8. Steve Murray/Jonathon Randle moved that winners and placegetters in ladies' trials do not receive points towards the end of year awards and do not break their status.
9. Steve Murray/Dick Chapman moved that the NSW Association adopt the Queensland mirror course as part of its accepted rules/courses.
10. Allan Fletcher/Ross Fletcher moved that all date changes for dog trial events, including last minute changes, must be either advertised in the newsletter or on the website, to remain eligible for dog of the year points.
11. Dick Chapman/Jamie Shipman moved that from this point on only dog trials advertised in the NSWWSDA newsletter and/or NSWWSDA website be eligible to earn Dog of the Year points.
12. Lew Mollow/Geoff McLennan moved that NSWWSDA introduce as a rule that no competitor is allowed to approach the judge, unless requested by the judge, at any time during a trial.
13. Lew Molloy/Jamie Shipman moved that the Dungowan Sheep and Cattle Dog Triallers Club be approved as an affiliated subbranch of the NSW Association.
14. Jamie Shipman/Robert Johnston moved that NSW Association present SOO competitors with a shirt, tie, and cap and that the competitors be allowed to keep the shirt and cap as a reward for gaining selection.



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15. Jim Marshall/Darcy Martin moved that the updated code of conducted (see below) be adopted and expanded to ban the use of all dummy electric training collars and that anyone found at a dog trial with or using a dummy electric training collar be banned from being a member of the association for 12 months.

Code of Conduct

- a. Competitors must take all reasonable measures to ensure their dog is fit to compete (organising committees reserve the right to prohibit dogs judged to be hurt and or injured from competing).
 - b. Competitors are prohibited from bringing sick or diseased dogs to a trial (organising committees reserve the right to prohibit dogs judged to be sick or diseased entering the trial grounds/and or from competing).
 - c. The use of physical force against any dog – whether it's working or not- is prohibited.
 - d. The use of training collars on any dog – whether it's working or not - is prohibited.
- All competitors must ensure the comfort of their dogs while at a trial – ie they must ensure dogs have sufficient food, water, shelter and toileting arrangements.
 - All competitors are required to show sportsmanship and conduct themselves with honour, integrity and decorum while in the trial arena.
 - Competitors are prohibited from using foul language while competing – anyone using foul language while on the course will be penalized through the loss of points (at judge's discretion) and given an official warning.
 - All competitors must treat the judge with respect.
 - All competitors to acknowledge that the judge's decision is final and that it is not subject to appeal.
16. Jim Marshall/Steve Murray moved NSWWSDA introduce a policy allowing dog trial organisers to question the health of dogs brought to an event and that it be included in the code of conduct that members have a responsibility to keep their dogs in good health.
17. Jim Marshall/Steve Flatley moved that the NSWWSDA introduce a policy requiring judges of NSWWSDA affiliated events be members of the NSW Association (or affiliates) and that the NSWWSDA look at developing a list of judges.
18. Allan Fletcher/Jim Marshall moved NSWWSDA introduce a policy requiring all dog trial committees advise competitors via the newsletter/website what rules their event will be run under.



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19. Jonathan Randle/Lew Molloy moved that the NSWWSDA not give a handler a re-run if one of their own dogs escape and enters the dog trialing arena when they are working another dog.
20. Dick Chapman/Steve Murray moved that the NSWWSDA adopt as a matter of policy that re-runs are held at the end of the round.
21. Dick Chapman/Steve Flatley moved that NSWWSDA adopt the NSW Mirror Course (based on North Coast rules) with the free work area a delivery not a hold, 60 points for general work and 40 points for obstacles, and five-minute time frame (the course allows committees the option to use re-run cattle more successfully).
22. Lew Molloy/Nikki Collison moved that NSWWSDA include in all its adopted rules that judging begins from the time the handler and dog enter the dog trialing arena until the time they leave the arena and those five points be deducted from the score of any dog which urinates or defecates in the arena within this time frame.
23. Steve Murray/Dave Bennett moved that the awards pointscore be brought into line with the State of Origin (both to run from July 1 to June 30 each year) and that the new time frame be introduced this year – meaning awards point scores for 2010 would run from only six months.
24. Scott Amon/Jim Marshall moved that NSWWSDA introduce a protocol for limiting entries to runs per dog trial, ie each handler can have a set maximum number of runs ie two, three, or four (or more or less up to the organising committee to decide) runs per dog trial with handlers to determine in which event they want those runs to be in, ie three in the maiden/novice and one in the open or perhaps none in the maiden/novice and three in the open. The combination is up to the handler to decide as long as runs are limited to the set number decided by the committee. Also, handlers be asked to nominate their dogs in order of weakest to strongest – ie list the dogs they prefer to have scratched first and dogs they prefer to run listed last in ascending order – so that dog numbers can be fairly limited. Also, handlers be advised when nominating that dogs may be limited.
25. Greg Wright/Kate Usmar moved that Jamie Shipman arrange to have a downloadable results sheet added to the website which committee members could download, fill in and email back to the pointscore co-ordinator; and that the NSW association send a results sheet (to be filled out and sent back) to show society's holding dog trials.
26. Steve Flatley/Lew Molloy moved that members be charged a small fee for advertising in the newsletter and nonmembers be charged a more considerable fee and that the advertising rate be set by the executive.
27. Lew Molloy/Jock Adams moved because the association covers all of NSW and not every member can attend every meeting, that postal voting be accepted for AGMs.
28. Richard Stokes/John Really moved that any committee that runs a championship trial – NSW Championship, State of Origin event, of Australian Championships -- must allow members to work the cattle before the event, and that the executive liaise to establish the



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full criteria.

29. Steve Flatley/Robert Johnston moved that dog trial organising committees must set a closing date for nominations.
30. Steve Flatley/Robert Johnston moved that all NSW judges wear NSW ties if judging at Australian Championships, NSW Championships and State of Origin.
31. Steve Murray/Peter Travers moved that committees holding championship trials must offer a prizemoney pool of at least \$1000 and the NSWWSDA give championship organising committees a further \$500 if it has available funds.
32. Championship criteria to date
 - a. Organising committees of NSW Championship, State of Origin or Australian Championships have to allow members to work the cattle before the event..
 - b. Committees running championship trials must be prepared to run over three days if the entries require it.
 - c. That Committees offer minimum prize money of \$1000.
 - d. Two judges required for open event at championship dog trials.
 - o Finals must be held for novice and open events and if possible, the maiden and there must be a minimum of six entries in each final.
33. Steve Flatley/Geoff McLennan moved that trial dogs which are excessively rough on stock on three separate occasions, as reported by trial judges, be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the association's executive and which could include the dog being banned from competition.
34. Alan Fletcher/Richard Stokes moved that the NSW secretary send (by mail or email) dog trial organisers an event pack which includes a result sheet (which they must fill out and return and which features 1st-6th place getters in all events, the names of the judges of all events, and number of dogs competing in each of the events) and a current membership list.
35. Jamie Shipman/Geoff McLennan moved that dog trail organisers must lodge a full set of results including placings down to 6th place, the number of dogs in each event, and the names of judges, with the NSWWSDA before they can be reimbursed for Cobber product purchased as prizes for their trial.
36. Kate Usmar/Jim Marshall moved that handlers who scratch a dog on the day of the trial, before the start of the event, be given the opportunity to substitute another dog for the one that was scratched, alternatively they forfeit their entry fee for the scratched dog.
37. Ryan Usmar/Richard Stokes moved that organising committees hosting Australian Championships in NSW be advised that a condition of winning the right to host the event is that they allow Wendy Moxon to run a raffle at the championships to raise funds for the Dog of the Year trophy.



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38. Geoff McLennan/Kate Usmar moved that the draw for every trial must be conducted in rounds (blended or otherwise) and every competitor taking part in a trial must be given a copy of the draw.
39. Lew Molloy/Geoff McLennan moved that a current membership list be published in the second newsletter of every year and a current list be published on the website and updates every quarter. As a result, the NSWSDA membership card can be discontinued.
40. Murray Wilkinson/Daniel Matthews moved that the judge for the State of Origin be selected by majority vote of the team on the day.
41. Ben Clark/ Dick Chapman moved that first time judges, judge their first event with an experienced judge and that the average of the two scores be the contestant's score.
42. Lew Molloy/Rob Sutherland moved that: A dispute must be brought to the attention of an executive member or the trial organiser before the end of the trial to be valid. Any complaints after a trial will not be considered.
43. Ben Gould/Nick Hovey moved that all competitors must wear covered in sturdy footwear.
44. Kate Usmar/Jim Marshall moved that the NSWSDA financial year be changed to 1 July-30 June.
45. Kate Usmar/Kevin Bell moved that a trial draw must have competitors spread evenly throughout all rounds, also that the draw order must follow the first-round order.
46. Lew Molloy/Geoff McLennan moved that first time judges should not judge a one-day trial with maiden, novice and open events run in conjunction.
47. Kevin Bell/Ian Cox moved that fees be increased and that from 1 July 2016 fees be increased to:
 - Full membership \$40
 - Associate membership \$20
 - Junior membership \$15
 - Day membership \$10
48. Murray Wilkinson/Dick Chapman moved that if volunteer workers must be members the fee should be \$2.
49. Kevin Bell/Andrew McIntyre moved that: if a dog starts the point score year as a maiden or novice dog and breaks status to become an open dog, open points earned after that date will count towards the Maiden/Novice Dog of the Year.
50. Steve Flatley/Glen McKey moved that Open points earned after breaking status do not count until the 2016-point score season starts.



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51. Tammy Woods/Ben Gould moved that a breach of the disciplinary code a committee made up of the executive committee has the right/authority to decide a punishment of 0–6-month ban, for a trial period of 12 months.
52. Ben Gould/Brooke Anderson moved that key motions are to be placed in the newsletter.
53. Dick Chapman/Kevin Bell moved that points are to be allocated to the handler and dog in all points systems.
54. Ben Gould/Kevin Bell moved that all points earned in an Open event whether the dog is a maiden, novice, or open count towards the State of Origin.
55. Kevin Bell/Glen McKey moved that NSW adopt the Australian point score system in 2017.
56. Richard Stokes/Jim Marshall moved that the NSWWSA adopt North Coast rules and NSW rules and the Hunter rules remain in place as the only other rules to be used.
57. Kevin Bell/Victor Moar moved that any state titles or Australian titles held in NSW all events are to have two judges.
58. Janelle McLennan/Kevin Bell moved that the NSW association encourage committees to refund entry fees to judges or cover travel and catering for the weekend.
59. Glen McKey/Andrew McIntyre moved that all correspondence sent to the association must have a name attached to be tabled at a meeting.
60. Lew Molloy/Dick Chapman moved that all association items held by executive members must be returned to the AGM in case other members take on a position.
61. Janelle McLennan/Matt Bogie moved that the executive be the judges panel, revise the rules and come back to the members with suggestions.
62. Matt Bogie/Geoff McLennan moved that with the approval of the NSW executive a committee may vary the course and the number of stock used at a trial.
63. Stephen Flatley/Ian Cox moved that a judges training day be held at Robert Johnston's property on a date to be fixed and that the training day feature a video and discussion session.
64. Lew Molloy/Christine Chapman moved that the only time a Queensland judge is to be asked to judge for NSW in the State of Origin is when there is no qualified open judge from NSW available.
65. Lew Molloy/ Jim Marshall moved that Victorian cattle dog trailers be given reciprocal rights with the NSWWSA.



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66. Geoff McLennan/Ben Gould moved that the points achieved at a trial spanning two point score years be allocated to the year on the day that the trial started.
67. Lew Molloy/Dick Chapman moved that the association make it clear to trailers that the current rule that says “competitors arriving late can go to the end of the round” only applies to the first round of an event.
68. Robert Johnston/Richard Stokes formally moved (a motion put forward at the Glencoe meeting in March 2018) that competitors not giving committees at least 48 hours’ notice of a scratching will forfeit all entry fees (except in the case of extenuating circumstances) and will not be allowed to compete in NSWWSDA events until all forfeited entry fees have been paid to the committee.
69. Ben Gould/Geoff McLennan moved that the unwritten rule that the State of Origin event be judged according to the rules of whichever state is hosting the event be formalized.
70. Ben Gould/Dick Chapman moved that the State of Origin rules require the score of each judge is recorded.
71. Steve Flatley/Mitchum Davis moved that the scores of individual judges at championship trials be recorded for each run together with the final score.
72. Geoff McLennan/Robert Johnston moved that the executive investigate the “lightning policies” of other sporting bodies and come back to the next meeting with a proposal for a lightning policy for the NSWWSDA.
73. Richard Stokes/Jeremy Cummins moved that day memberships be reduced to \$10 once per year before they must become a full member.
74. Janelle McLennan/Ty Eason moved that judges and volunteers can run their dogs at the end of any round in a trial venue where there are two events being held on the one weekend.
75. Janelle McLennan/Dick Chapman moved that the association accept any business from the floor at any meeting not just agenda items.
76. Ben Gould/Ty Eason moved Eligibility criteria motion moved that a competitors first State of Origin be their allegiance for life.
77. Mandy Anderson/Janelle McLennan moved that nominations for Life Membership be forwarded to Executive Committee for decision making. Criteria must include contribution towards the sport. Voting to take place at AGM meeting.
78. Ken Gibson/Dick Chapman moved that Executive term be extended past 3-year term for Secretary & Treasurer. President terms remain as 3 years.



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79. Zac Ede/Brent Pakalniskis moved that the Association continue the trial where competitors competing in another livestock event at the same venue as a dog trial be allowed to go the end of the round in which they were due to compete.
80. Zac Ede/Lew Molloy moved that for bush dog trials to be covered by insurance, an affiliated event must be held at the venue as well.
81. Nathan Brown/Nick Hovey that competitors at any time during their run inform the judge that they do not feel safe with the stock they are working, with the judge having the final say on whether to terminate the run and give the competitor a re-run.
82. Andrew McIntyre/Janelle Wooldridge moved that the NSWWSDA run practice days/dog trialling schools with members allowed to attend for free and/or with the association providing free day membership for people wanting to have a go.
83. Lew Molloy/Andrew McIntyre moved that to be eligible for selection in the NSW State of Origin team, dog triallers must be full members of the NSWWSDA.
84. Lew Molloy/Phil Brown moved that all Championship trials (Australian and NSW) run in NSW must at a minimum pay prizemoney down to sixth place in all events.
85. Lew Molloy/Darren Tabone moved that Vice Presidents be able to serve for an unlimited term.
86. Lew Molloy/Darren Tabone moved that contestants with only one dog in an event (Maiden/Novice or Open) be allowed to nominate whether they want to run the dog in either the first or last round, and that this be trialled for 12 months or until the next annual general meeting.
87. Wayne Wayte/Nathan moved that if a competitor scratches a dog from a trial, that competitor's other dogs be brought forward in the draw
88. Wayne Wayte/Trevor Leslight moved that the above by-law be trialed for 12 months
89. Janelle Wooldridge/Trevor Leslight moved that the rule be re-written to clearly show that that the minimum of 20 runs in the second round relates to the open event only at Championship trials
90. If a competitor is not there to take their run, they will miss (forfeit) their run, no matter what round of the draw it is (unless there are extenuating circumstances as decided by the executive of the NSWWSDA). (This is to apply to stand-alone trials only – not trials run in conjunction with sheep dog events).
91. Andrew McIntyre/Robbie Sutherland That committee's running dog trials wanting to be affiliated with the NSWWSDA must give at least one month's notice of the trial being held.



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92. Geoff McLennan/Andrew McIntyre Competitors taking part in any championship trial run in NSW, must be full members of the NSWWSDA.
93. Lew Molloy/Andrew McIntyre That a dog can only be run once in a State of Origin team.
94. Lew Molloy/Geoff McLennan That when two judges are being used in a trial, the judges be seated independently of each other and that they provide their scores to the score keeper on separate two-way channels to prevent them for hearing each other's score.
95. That the NSW Working Stock Dog Association trial each of the two new draw systems as presented by Ben Gould and Gracie Halstead at two events each and that the results of the trial be brought back to the next annual general meeting of the association.

Draw system as proposed by Gracie Halstead and Zac Ede

Assuming there will be multiple rotations in the draw, a percentage of each round scores will progress to the second round. This percentage will be based on the number of entries received. The reason for this system is because we believe this offers a level playing field amongst the rounds. It rewards dogs across the varying conditions. The second round will be a clean slate.

Draw system as proposed by Ben Gould

*That the association implements a system to run only two trials using a camp draft draw method, ensuring completely random nominations. This system will include a minimum of four rounds, with an algorithm set to prevent handlers from having consecutive runs and allowing time for competitors to warm up their dogs between runs. The four rounds allow committee members and volunteers an opportunity to have their run at the end of a round if they have missed their run due to commitments. * This system should not be used for a championship trial during the trial period and Ben and the NSWWSDA executive to chose the two trials the system is to be trialled at.*