



# NSW Working Stock Dog Association

To the Organising Committee,

On behalf of the NSW Working Stock Dog Association Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for contacting the Association regarding your trial.

The following document is information required for running a cattle dog trial under the NSW Working Stock Dog Association (NSWWSDA) banner.

## Expectations

- The trial should be run to a high standard, and should always adhere to the Association's Code of Conduct
- Animal welfare of all livestock and dogs is to be observed and practised for all aspects of the trial.

## Entries

- Trial Committee must take all entries up to a nominated closing date. The closing date is to be published on the Events page of the NSWWSDA website.
- If at that time (nominated closing date) too many entries have been received, the numbers of dogs per competitor can be reduced.

## Draw

- The draw is to be carried out in rounds and can be blended, eg more than one dog in each round if a competitor has many dogs.
- Each competitor must have at least one dog in each round until they run out of dogs.
- All rounds must follow the same draw order as in the 1<sup>st</sup> round.
- A full copy is to be made available for each competitor by means of a printed or electronic copy
- Judges and volunteers can run their dogs at the end of any round at all trials.
- Handlers competing in another dog trialling event at the same venue as a cattle dog trial are allowed to go to the end of the round in which they were due to compete if they miss their run.
- Competitors with only one dog in an event, have the choice of going in either the first or last round of the draw for that event.

*Please note: No campdraft draws permitted.*

## Affiliation Insurance

- If Affiliation Insurance is required, a one-time payment of \$200.00 is applicable.
- If a Trial Committee is running under the Association's insurance, the Trial Committee must undertake a risk assessment before the trial (see attached form) and complete an incident report (see attached) and return the completed form to the Association in the event of incident.
- Insurance covers Public Liability only. All Handlers (including bush trial or juniors) compete at their own risk.
- A Certificate of Currency listing registered parties is available upon request by contacting the Association's Treasurer.
- All workers (eg volunteers) must pay a \$2 membership fee to be covered by the Association's Public Liability Insurance.
- All volunteers must sign an attendance sheet.

*NOTE: All dog trial organising committees should be aware that the drinking of alcohol by volunteers working in the yards could impact their insurance cover and that the NSWWSDA accepts no liability in the event there is an accident involving someone found to drinking.*

## Advertisement

- For a trial to be affiliated, eg points from the trial go toward the end of year NSWWSDA year awards, the trial should be open to all interested in entering and be advertised in advance on the Association's social media platforms.

- Supporting information must include date, location, rules to be used, contact details, a closing date and if facilities are available (eg camping, power, amenities).

### **Sponsorship**

- The sum of up to \$500.00 per trial is available to purchase Cobber dog food for place getters.
- A copy of the original purchase invoice must be sent to the Association Treasurer for reimbursement. Please see website for contact details.
- To honour the sponsorship commitments, Cobber product and banners must be displayed at the trial. The banners can be obtained through the Association.
- As Cobber is the major sponsor of the NSWWSDA, no opposing product or brands should be displayed.

### **Rules**

- All NSW Working Stock Dog trials must be run under one of the approved sets of rules, these being NSW or HUNTER rules both of which can be found on the website.
- Any variation of these rules must be approved by the NSWWSDA Committee.
- A list of general association rules and motions affecting trials can be found on the website.

### **Judges**

- It is the responsibility of the organising committee to ensure that all judges are full current members of the Association.
- All first-time judges must have an experienced judge officiate with them. The 2 scores will be added together and halved for a final score.
- Judges must not sit together and not to be able to hear each other's score. The Association recommends a two-way radio system be implemented.
- A current judges list can be found under the General Information page on the NSWWSDA website.

### **Membership**

- All competitors must be current members whether the association insurance is utilised or not.
- A list of members will be included in this information pack or available on the website.
- Anyone not on the list who can't provide proof of payment must pay on the day.
- A one-off day membership is available per financial year.

*Please note: All current financial QLD and VIC members are eligible to compete as affiliated members.*

### **Results**

- In a reasonable timeframe after your trial the Association requires the following information to be forwarded to the Point Score Secretary, see the website for contact details.
  - The number of dogs in each Maiden, Novice and Open events
  - Placings down to 6<sup>th</sup> in each event, including handler and dog's name
  - Name of each judge
  - A copy of the score sheets for each event
- A template is available to download from the website.
- The results will be used to tally yearly awards at a state and national level.
- The awarded points are dependent on the number of dogs per event. Whereby more points are given to the 6 placegetters if there are many dogs competing and less points for fewer dogs. It is vital that the Association receives this information.

The organising committee will not receive the reimbursement for purchased Cobber product until all the above requests has been received, and all the Association's rules and motions are adhered to at the trial.

If you require any further information or assistance in organising your trial, please contact any of the committee members listed on the contact page on the website, [www.nswworkingstockdogs.org.au](http://www.nswworkingstockdogs.org.au)

Kind regards,

*Lew Molloy*

President

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