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**REGULATIONS**

**PART 16 - SPRINTDOG**

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*To be read in conjunction with DOGS AUSTRALIA Regulations, Codes & Policies*

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## **16 – SPRINTDOG**

(15/10/24)

### **16.1 TRIALS**

16.1.1 All SprintDog Trials are to be held under the Rules of Dogs Australia for SprintDog.

### **16.2 OFFICIALS**

16.2.1 All judges and officials must wear fully enclosed footwear. (15/02/26)

16.2.2 Where a contracted Judge does not attend within 30 minutes of the scheduled start time for that judge, the organising affiliate is to appoint a suitably qualified replacement judge.

### **16.3 PARTICIPANTS**

16.3.1 All participants must wear fully enclosed footwear. (15/02/26)

### **16.4 RESTRICTED TRIALS**

16.4.1 Restricted Trials may be held by a breed specific or group specific club, subject to approval by the SprintDog Subcommittee.

### **16.5 SCHEDULES**

16.5.1 Schedules, Judges and Lure Operators Contracts must be submitted to Dogs Victoria Office for approval. The schedule must contain the following information:

16.5.1.1 The date on which the entries close as the first item appearing on the first page of the prize schedule.

16.5.1.2 Notification to the effect that the body is affiliated with Dogs Victoria and that the exhibition is held under the Rules and Regulations of Dogs Victoria and that a copy of them may be perused at the office of the Secretary of the Exhibition.

16.5.1.3 The name of the Affiliate conducting the exhibition.

16.5.1.4 The correct status of the exhibition, whether it is an open or restricted event.

16.5.1.5 The name and address of the venue on which the exhibition is to be held.

16.5.1.6 The date on which the exhibition is to be held.

16.5.1.7 The address and email address to which entries are to be sent and the telephone number of the Club Secretary or Trial Secretary.

16.5.1.8 The name of each Judge and Lure Operator.

16.5.1.9 Entry fees per class.

16.5.1.10 Time that judging will commence.

16.5.1.11 Advice as to the availability of catering for exhibitors.

## **16.6 TRIAL ENTRIES**

- 16.6.1 Acknowledgment of receipt of postal entries will only be given if a stamped self-addressed envelope is included with the entry form. Online entries will be acknowledged via email.
- 16.6.2 A dog having been entered by the scheduled closing date of a fixture, and if a title has been gained in SprintDog prior to the date of the fixture, and if the title application has been lodged with the Member body, is able to upgrade to the next class at the discretion of the affiliate conducting the fixture.

## **16.7 CATALOGUES**

16.7.1 The SprintDog catalogue shall contain:

16.7.1.1 The name of the Affiliate conducting the fixture.

16.7.1.2 A notification to the effect that the body is affiliated with Dogs Victoria and that the fixture is held under the Rules and Regulations of Dogs Victoria and that a copy may be perused at the office of the Secretary of the fixture.

16.7.1.3 The name and address of the venue at which the fixture is being held.

16.7.1.4 The date/s on which the fixture is being held.

16.7.1.5 List of Judges showing their judging commitments as per the prize schedule and the name(s) of the Lure Operator(s).

16.7.1.6 Time at which judging will commence.

16.7.1.7 Notification of any alterations to the prize schedule.

16.7.1.8 Name of Dogs Victoria Representative.

16.7.1.9 Each entry to show name of the exhibitor, name of the exhibit and the exhibit number.

16.7.1.10 The precincts of the Trial.

## **16.8 PRECINCTS OF THE TRIAL**

16.8.1 The trial management committee will determine the precincts of the Trial.

16.8.2 The running of dogs off lead within areas designated as trial precincts is not permitted.

## **16.9 CHECK IN PROCEDURES**

16.9.1 Exhibit cards shall be prepared in advance for all dogs scheduled to compete at the fixture.

16.9.2 All exhibit numbers must be collected, and bitches inspected during the advertised check in time. All bitches must be hygienically examined for traces of blood or any coloured discharge in the vulva. Bitches in oestrus or showing any coloured discharge are not permitted to compete in a trial or to remain in the precincts of a Trial.

## **16.10 EXTREME WEATHER – SPRINTDOG (15/12/25)**

### **16.10.1 DEFINITIONS**

Refer to Regulation 3.2

### **16.10.2 MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES**

Refer to Regulation 3.5.20.3

### **16.10.3 AFFILIATE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Refer to Regulation 3.5.20.4

Where the forecast temperature at the scheduled start time is between 25 and 30 degrees Celsius, the trial management is to adjust the start time of the event so that the temperature falls within the allowable limits.

It is the responsibility of the Affiliate to provide a thermometer and display it at the Trial Secretary desk so that it is visible to all exhibitors.

### **16.10.4 CONDUCT OF A TRIAL IN THE HEAT**

A judge may order removal from competition of any dog suffering signs of heat stress as the dog is unfit to compete.

### **16.10.5 CANCELLATION OF A COMPETITION**

Refer to Regulations 3.5.20.4 and 3.5.20.5, excepting that a trial must be cancelled when:

- The temperature at the trial site at the scheduled start time is forecast to be 32 degrees Celsius or higher

### **16.10.6 'WAIT AND SEE' APPROACH - JUDGING TO BE SUSPENDED**

A trial must not continue past an average temperature of 32 degrees Celsius. The average temperature is calculated by adding the temperature in the Sprint Zone (unshaded) to the temperature in the shade and dividing by two. If the average temperature exceeds 32 degrees Celsius the trial shall either be postponed for 15 minutes or concluded. If after a further 15 minutes the average temperature still exceeds 32 degrees Celsius the trial must be concluded. (source Dogs Australia Rule 2.8)

Refer also to Regulation 3.5.20.6

### **16.10.7 'WAIT AND SEE' APPROACH - JUDGING MAY CONTINUE**

Refer to Regulation 3.5.20.7

### **16.10.8 POSTPONEMENT, RELOCATION (INCLUDES MOVE INDOORS) AND CHANGE OF COMMENCEMENT TIME**

Refer to Regulation 3.5.20.8

### **16.10.9 LIGHTNING AND THUNDER**

Refer to Regulation 3.5.20.9

### **16.10.10 CLUSTER COMPETITIONS**

Where multiple trials are scheduled over a day or a number of days, then a case-by-case (trial-by-trial) decision shall be made.

### **16.10.11 REFUNDS OF ENTRY FEES FOR EVENTS CANCELLED DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER**

Any dog who has not had a chance to compete in Run 1, may be entitled to a refund. (source Dogs Australia Rule 2.8)

#### 16.10.12 STATUS OF AWARDS WHEN AN EVENT IS CANCELLED DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER

Should any run be completed by eligible competitors prior to a trial being suspended or cancelled then the qualifying scores for that stake will still stand. If the trial is concluded due to extreme weather, the dog's run 1 times shall be doubled.

#### 16.11 JUDGES TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT

16.11.1 A person must make application to Dogs Victoria by completing the application for entry into the Judges Training and Assessment Program and lodging it with Dogs Victoria office.

16.11.2 The Judges Training and Assessment Program as adopted by Dogs Victoria, and effective from 1st January each year, must be consistent with Dogs Australia Regulations Part 3P.