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PART 16 - SPRINTDOG

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16 – SPRINTDOG (Amended 15/08/26, 15/10/24)

16.1 TRIALS

- 16.1.1 All SprintDog Trials are to be held under the Rules of Dogs Australia for SprintDog and Dogs Victoria Rules and Regulations. (Amended 15/08/26)

16.2 OFFICIALS

- 16.2.1 All judges and officials must wear fully enclosed footwear. (15/06/26)
- 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.
- 16.2.3 A person must not officiate alone as a Sprint Marshal at any Dogs Victoria SprintDog event unless they have successfully completed the Dogs Victoria SprintDog Subcommittee Sprint Marshal Training Program. (15/08/26)
- 16.2.4 A person enrolled in the Dogs Victoria SprintDog Subcommittee Sprint Marshal Training Program may act as Sprint Marshal only under the direct supervision of an approved Mentor. (15/08/26)
- 16.2.5 Any fees payable to judges and other contracted officials must be paid within the period specified in Regulation 3.5.10. (15/08/26)

16.3 PARTICIPANTS

- 16.3.1 All participants must wear fully enclosed footwear. (15/06/26)

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 the Dogs Victoria Office for approval. The schedule must contain the following information: (Amended 15/08/26)
 - 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 event is held under the Rules and Regulations of Dogs Victoria which are available on the Dogs Victoria website. (Amended 15/08/26)
 - 16.5.1.3 The name of the Affiliate conducting the trial. (Amended 15/08/26)
 - 16.5.1.4 The correct status of the trial, whether it is an open or restricted event. (Amended 15/08/26)
 - 16.5.1.5 The name and address of the venue at which the trial is to be held. (Amended 15/08/26)
 - 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.
- 16.5.1.12 Notification that the event will be subject to Regulations 3.5.20 and 16.10. (15/08/26)

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 trial, and if a title has been gained in SprintDog prior to the date of the trial, 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 trial.
(Amended 15/08/26)
- 16.6.3 Each committee or affiliate conducting a SprintDog event may allocate priority entry to not more than twenty (20) officials/helpers required for the safe and efficient running of the event. The total number of entries by such members shall not exceed forty (40) dogs. Unless otherwise approved by the SprintDog subcommittee, each official/helper may enter no more than two (2) dogs within the total cap of forty (40) dogs. (15/08/26)
- 16.6.4 The Event Secretary or Trial Manager must maintain a record of all official/helper allocations including the person's name, role and number of dogs entered. The SprintDog subcommittee may request these records at any time, and any breach may result in the event being deemed non-compliant with SprintDog regulations. (15/08/26)

16.7 CATALOGUES

- 16.7.1 The SprintDog catalogue shall contain:
 - 16.7.1.1 The name of the Affiliate conducting the trial. (Amended 15/08/26)
 - 16.7.1.2 A notification to the effect that the body is affiliated with Dogs Victoria and that the trial is held under the Rules and Regulations of Dogs Victoria which are available on the Dogs Victoria website. (Amended 15/08/26)
 - 16.7.1.3 The name and address of the venue at which the trial is being held. (Amended 15/08/26)
 - 16.7.1.4 The date/s on which the trial 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.

16.7.1.11 Notification that the event will be subject to Regulations 3.5.20 and 16.10. (15/08/26)

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 trial. (Amended 15/08/26)

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.

16.12 EQUIPMENT

16.12.1 Flat collars with a handle are acceptable for use at sanctioned events. (15/06/26)