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REGULATIONS

PART 15 - LURE COURSING

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SECTION 15 – LURE COURSING

(15/10/24)

15.1 TRIALS

15.1.1 All Lure Coursing Trials are to be held under the Rules of Dogs Australia for Lure Coursing.

15.2 OFFICIALS AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS

(15/06/26)

15.2.1 If a dog owned or part-owned or leased or part-leased by a Judge or immediate family of such Judge, irrespective of where they are domiciled or any other person normally domiciled with the Judge, is entered in a Sanctioned Event, the Class in which the dog is entered is to be judged by an alternative Judge. The same judging combination shall judge the Open and Field Champion Classes.

15.2.2 All judges and officials and other participants must wear fully enclosed footwear for safety. (15/06/26)

15.2.3 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.

15.3 RESTRICTED TRIALS

15.3.1 Restricted Trials may be held by a breed specific or group specific club, subject to approval by the Lure Coursing Subcommittee.

15.4 SCHEDULES

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

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

15.4.1.2 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.

15.4.1.3 The name of the Affiliate conducting the exhibition.

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

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

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

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

15.4.1.8 The name of each Judge and the class/es allocated to that Judge.

15.4.1.9 Entry fees per class.

15.4.1.10 Time that judging will commence.

15.4.1.11 Advice as to the availability of catering for exhibitors.

15.4.1.12 List of the trophies and sashes to be awarded.

15.5 TRIAL ENTRIES

15.5.1 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.

15.5.2 A dog having been entered by the scheduled closing date of a fixture, and if a title has been gained in Lure Coursing 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.

15.6 CATALOGUES

15.6.1 The Lure Coursing catalogue shall contain:

15.6.1.1 The name of the Affiliate conducting the fixture.

15.6.1.2 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.

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

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

15.6.1.5 List of Judges showing their judging commitments as per the prize schedule.

15.6.1.6 Time at which judging will commence.

15.6.1.7 Notification of any alterations to the prize schedule.

15.6.1.8 Name of Dogs Victoria Representative.

15.6.1.9 List of trophies, sashes and awards including any special breed sashes or trophies.

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

15.6.1.11 The precincts of the Trial.

15.7 PRECINCTS OF THE TRIAL

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

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

15.8 CHECK IN PROCEDURES

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

15.8.2 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 oestrum or showing any coloured discharge are not permitted to compete in a Trial or to remain in the precincts of a Trial.

15.9 EXTREME WEATHER – LURE COURSING

(15/12/25)

15.9.1 DEFINITIONS

Refer to Regulation 3.2

15.9.2 MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to Regulation 3.5.20.3

15.9.3 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.

15.9.4 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 (Dogs Australia Rules for the conduct of Lure Coursing Events, Rule 6.10).

15.9.5 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
- the temperature reaches 32 degrees Celsius during the course of the trial, as measured by two successive readings taken at 15-minute intervals using the BOM Website or BOM Weather app, or if they are unavailable an outdoor thermometer located in an open south facing shaded location with maximum airflow. if at all possible, no more than 10 metres from the course.

  If in the reasonable opinion of the affiliate, using the BOM Website or BOM Weather app, an imminent drop in the temperature is expected, the cancellation may be deferred for 15 minutes at which time a third temperature reading must be taken. If at the time of the third reading, the temperature has not fallen below the applicable temperature limit the event must be cancelled.

15.9.6 'WAIT AND SEE' APPROACH – JUDGING TO BE SUSPENDED

- Judging at a trial will be suspended if the temperature reaches 32 degrees Celsius during the course of the event and will remain suspended until the second (and if applicable) third temperature readings are taken in accordance with Regulation 3.5.20.5.

Refer also to Regulation 3.5.20.6

15.9.7 'WAIT AND SEE' APPROACH – JUDGING MAY CONTINUE

Refer to Regulation 3.5.20.7

15.9.8 POSTPONEMENT, RELOCATION (INCLUDES MOVE INDOORS) AND CHANGE OF COMMENCEMENT TIME

Refer to Regulation 3.5.20.8

15.9.9 LIGHTNING AND THUNDER

Refer to Regulation 3.5.20.9

15.9.10 CLUSTER TRIALS

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.

15.9.11. REFUNDS OF ENTRY FEES FOR EVENTS CANCELLED DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER

Refer to Regulation 3.5.20.10

15.9.12 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. (Refer to Dogs Australia Rule 5.21)

15.10 JUDGES TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT

15.10.1 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.

15.10.2 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 3L.

15.11 EQUIPMENT

15.11.1 Wire muzzles are acceptable for use at Sanctioned events.