

Dogs A.C.T.

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Dogs A.C.T. Regulations – Part 15 - Inclement Weather.

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Part A - Hot and Inclement Weather Policy – Obedience, Rally and Agility Trials

15.1 Affiliate may cancel; suspend etc Obedience, Rally or Agility trial:

An affiliate may, in respect of an Obedience, Rally or Agility trial:

- a. Before the day of the trial, or on the day of the trial but before judging commences - cancel the trial or postpone the trial to another date to be advised by the affiliate;
- b. Before the day of the trial - change the time of commencement of judging at the trial to a time to be advised by the affiliate;
- c. On the day of the trial - delay the commencement of judging of all or any of the classes at the trial;
- d. After judging has commenced - cancel or postpone all or any of the classes at the trial to another date to be advised by the affiliate; or
- e. After judging has commenced - suspend the judging of all or any of the classes at the trial;

Where, having regard to:

- a. Weather conditions, existing or forecast, including, but not restricted to, air temperature, rain, thunder, lightning, snow, ice; or
- b. The state of the trial grounds,

It will be unsafe or dangerous to the safety, health or well-being of competitors, their dogs, judges or trial officials for the trial to be run or to be run on the date or time advertised or for judging to commence at the time advertised or to continue once commenced.

15.2 Judge may delay or suspend judging an Obedience, Rally or Agility trial:

A judge may, in respect of a class at an Obedience, Rally or Agility trial which he or she has been contracted to judge:

- a. On the day of the trial but before judging has commenced- delay the commencement of judging of the class; or

- b. After judging has commenced - suspend the judging of the class,

Where, having regard to:

- a. Weather conditions, existing or forecast, including, but not restricted to, air temperature, rain, thunder, lightning, snow, ice; or
- b. The state of the trial grounds,

The Judge believes that it will be unsafe or dangerous to the safety, health or well-being of competitors, their dogs, the Judge or trial officials for judging to commence at the time advertised or to continue once commenced.

15.3 Resumption of suspended trial:

Where judging in a class at a trial has been suspended by either the affiliate or the Judge, judging may resume if the affiliate and judge agree that the conditions for suspension cease to exist or have not occurred.

15.4 Affiliate and Judge to respect decisions to cancel, suspend etc:

- a) Where an affiliate delays the commencement of the judging of a class at a trial or suspends the judging of a class, the Judge shall not commence to judge the class until the time notified by the affiliate or continue to judge the class.
- b) Where a Judge delays the commencement of the judging of a class at a trial, the affiliate shall not require the Judge to commence to judge the class until the Judge is satisfied that the conditions for the delay cease to exist or have not occurred.

15.5 Notification of cancellation etc to Dogs A.C.T. by Trial Manager:

Where a trial is cancelled or postponed or the commencement of the judging of a class at a trial is delayed or the judging of a class is suspended, the Trial Manager shall, within seven (7) days of the trial, advise Dogs A.C.T. Administrator in writing of the cancellation, postponement, delay or suspension and provide reasons therefore.

Part B - Hot and Inclement Weather Policy – Conformation Shows.

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15.6 Cancellation of a show or exhibition:

- a) Conformation shows must be cancelled when the Bureau of Meteorology forecasts a temperature above 38 degrees Celsius or higher at 10.00 am (on the eve) one day prior to an affiliate's advertised event. **(Feb 2013)**
- b) Conformation shows must be cancelled when the Bureau of Meteorology forecasts possible (life threatening or property damaging) inclement weather at 10.00 am (on the eve) one day prior to an affiliate's advertised event.
- c) Where the show or exhibition is a twilight or evening event, the show or exhibition may be delayed or postponed until the temperature or inclement weather condition is deemed suitable/or passed before the event can commence.
- d) It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to check the Bureau of Meteorology's web site <http://www.bom.gov.au> at the time specified (10.00 am on the eve of the affiliate's advertised event) for the forecasted weather condition for the day of that event.
- e) All show schedules must state that where a show or exhibition is cancelled in accordance with the Dogs ACT Inclement Weather Policy, no entry fees will be refunded.

15.7 Notification of cancellation etc to Dogs A.C.T. by Show Secretary:

- a) The Affiliate Member must notify the Dogs ACT office and its officials of its decision to cancel an exhibition immediately.

- b) Where an Affiliate Member has cancelled an exhibition, the Secretary or Show Manager must submit a copy of the catalogue to the Dogs ACT Executive officer as soon as possible but within 14 days of the date of cancellation.

15.8 Affiliates Responsibilities:

- a) All contracted judges, stewards and Dogs ACT representative fees must be paid.
- c) An Affiliate Member upon cancelling a show or exhibition may deduct its expenses (and must show the Dogs A.C.T Council that the deduction is reasonable) from the entry fees collected with the balance to be paid to Dogs ACT.
- d) Permitted exceptions to these rules are in the case of an event being held in air conditioned facilities; or where the exhibition is scheduled to commence after 5.00 pm.

15.9 Responsibilities after commencement of Show/Exhibition:

- a) Where the temperature on the day of an exhibition reach 30 degrees Celsius or higher, all affiliate members must provide:
 - 1. Adequate shade in each ring for judges and in the assembly areas for stewards and exhibits;
 - 2. A seat for all stewards;
 - 3. Cool refreshments at ringside for judges and stewards;
 - 4. Hourly announcements to notify exhibitors to be alert to the conditions:
 - i. Advising that dogs must not be left in cars;
 - ii. That conditions for dogs in trailers must be monitored regularly; and
 - iii. That water and shade must be provided for all exhibits at all times when not in the show ring.
- b) Affiliates should consider judging through morning tea/lunch breaks in consultation with judge/s. Where there is no lunchbreak, Junior Handler classes will not be conducted unless scheduled prior to the commencement of the exhibition.
- c) Affiliates should also consider the welfare of judges, stewards and exhibits in circumstances of gale force (destructive) wind. In the case of severe electrical storms in the vicinity of the exhibition, all judging should cease until the extreme weather has passed.