

Dogs A.C.T.

A.C.T Canine Association inc.

Dogs A.C.T Regulations - Part 7 - Entries Show & Trial.

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7.1 Application for entry of an exhibit.

- a) A dog shall not be exhibited at an approved show or trial unless an application for its entry in such show or trial has been accepted by the Event Secretary conducting such show.
- b) Written entries for Shows and Trials may only be received on official ANKC entry forms or facsimiles and shall not be photo copy of such form and all particulars required shall be furnished in print, type ink or indelible pencil (carbon copies shall not be permitted). These entries shall be signed by the exhibitor or by his agent duly authorised in writing in that behalf.
- c) Electronic entries for show and trials shall be permitted to be entered on-line.
- d) All entries shall be lodged with the event secretary on or before the closing date advertised as the closing date for entries, as determined by the body conducting the event, which must not be less than three (3) weeks prior to the dates of the events.
- e) A dog shall be entered and exhibited under its full name including:
 1. Prefix;
 2. Name (words, letters or symbols);
 3. Registered number; and
 4. Date of birth.
 5. Name of the bona fide owner.
- f) An application shall not be made for entry in and a dog shall not be entered or exhibited in a class for which it is not eligible.

7.2 Exhibitor Membership.

- a) Residents of the ACT must record their current Dogs A.C.T membership number on all entry forms submitted for Shows and Trials conducted in the ACT. Entry forms received from interstate persons must also include their membership number with their relevant controlling body.
- b) In the event of an entry form being received without membership number shown thereon the Affiliated Club must return such entry form to the sender within 24 hours of receipt with an explanation of the reason for the rejection. If such entry form is satisfactorily completed before the closing date of the event, it may then be accepted.
- c) No person disqualified, suspended or expelled by Dogs A.C.T or another Controlling Body may participate in any way in any event approved by Dogs A.C.T and no dog owned by such person may be entered in any event approved by Dogs A.C.T.

- d) Dogs A.C.T will maintain a list of persons under disqualification in Australia and advise affiliates of additions and deletions to this list as they occur.
- e) Any award or challenge point earned during the period of the unfinancial membership will not be recognised by Dogs A.C.T; and shall not be accepted towards any Title or Championship.
- f) All handlers at all competitions/show/trial must be financial members of the Controlling Body in the State or Territory in which they reside.

7.3 Registration.

- a) All dogs entered in Shows, Trials or Parades must be registered on the register. (Refer to Dogs A.C.T Regulations Part 4 The Register and Registration and Section 3.7 Part 3 Memberships.)
- b) This registration must be in effect on the day entries close or the entry must be refused.
- c) No entries with registration pending are to be accepted.

7.4 Loss or Liability.

By submitting an entry, the owner acknowledges that the Affiliate will be held exempt from any liability in the event of any loss from any cause whatsoever.

7.5 Illness & Infectious Disease.

No exhibit shall enter or remain in the Show/Trial or Parade, if such dog has been in kennels affected with Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, or any other infectious disease during the period of three (3) months immediately prior to the commencement of the event.

7.6 Judges. (Amended 14.12.2022)

- a) No person shall be permitted to enter, exhibit or handle a dog at any Show, Parade, Obedience, Rally, Field or Retrieving Trial in the ACT at which he or she is officiating as a judge.
- b) Any person judging at any championship conformation show in the ACT is not permitted to enter, show or handle any exhibit at any other championship conformation show held on the same weekend also within the ACT following their judging appointment if the judging panel or portion thereof is the same.
- c) No member of the judge's family shall enter or exhibit a dog at a Show, Parade or Gundog Trial at which he or she is officiating as a judge except in respect of child handler classes.
- d) No member of a Judge's family shall be permitted to handle a dog in an Obedience, Rally, Agility, Field or Retrieving rings in which he or she is officiating as a Judge, but may enter or handle in other Obedience, Rally, Agility, Field or Retrieving rings at the same time. No person shall enter or exhibit a dog under a judge who has previously owned that dog within the preceding six (6) months.
- f) A contracted Agility Judge may compete in Agility and other competitions at the same trial in which they are contracted, providing they are not the classes they have been contracted to judge. The judge is not permitted to suspend or interrupt their judging in order to compete. Presentations and additional activities are considered as activities separate to the judging contract for this purpose. Agility includes Jumping and all games.

7.7 Neutered & Desexed Dogs. (Amended 14.12.2022)

- a) A dog six months and over shall not be accepted as physically entire unless two (2) apparently normal testicles have descended and are in the scrotum.
 - 1. A judge shall notify any cases where the animal is not entire or is improperly prepared for exhibition to the Show Secretary on the day of the show.
 - 2. Within seven (7) days of the date of the Show or Parade, the Show Secretary shall furnish Dogs A.C.T with full particulars in writing of any dog reported by the Judge to be not entire, suffering from any defect referred to in these Regulations or to have been improperly prepared for exhibition.
- b) Any dog over six (6) months of age which is not entire shall be ineligible to take part in Shows or Parades unless entered in a Neuter class.
- c) A dog which has been desexed or sterilised shall be eligible to enter official Obedience, Rally, Agility, Tracking, Endurance, and Gundog Trials.
- d) Desexed or sterilised dogs aged seven (7) years and over may be entered in veteran Sweepstakes and Neutered Classes only.

7.8 Dogs Improperly Prepared.

A dog is considered to be improperly prepared if:

- 1. The natural colour or shade of natural colour or the natural markings of the dog have been altered or changed by the use of any substance whatsoever;

2. Any substance, preparation, powder or fluid used for cleaning has been applied to and remains on the dog during exhibition to such an extent as to deceive or be likely to deceive a judge whether it was applied with intent to deceive or not;
3. Any cutting, piercing, breaking by force, or any kind of operation or act which destroys the tissues of the ears or alters their natural formation or carriage, or shortens the tail or alters the carriage of the tail, has been practiced, provided however, that shortening the tail shall be allowable in the case of breeds accepted by.
4. At no time may a Non-Registrable Docked Dog be exhibited or shown at an exhibition or show.

Note: A docked dog is Non-Registrable Docked Dog where the docking of the tail does not conform to Dogs ACT Regulation Part 4 - The Register & Registrations - Sections 4.15.a or 4.15.b. (Amend 22.9.2009)

- a) Dogs ACT Regulation Part 4, the Register & Registrations, Section 4.15.a - Any docked dog registered in the ACT, the purpose for the docking of the tail whether by surgical or other means must be in accordance with the regulations of Dogs A.C.T and any rule, condition or legislation of the ACT Government. ACT Government link - http://www.tams.act.gov.au/live/pets/Dog_Policy#tail_docking
- b) Dogs ACT Regulation Part 4, The Register & Registrations, Section 4.15.b. - Any docked dog registered with another State Canine Control, it will be taken that the purpose for the docking of the tail whether by surgical or other means had been done in accordance with the regulations of that State Canine Control and the laws of that state in which the surgical procedure was carried out.
5. Excepting that a dog with ears where the cropping of ears is permitted may only be entered for 'exhibition purposes only' and then only if such a class is provided in the schedule of the body holding the exhibition;
6. Any cutting, piercing, breaking by force, or any kind of operation or act of like kind which otherwise alters the natural formation of the dog or any part thereof, has been practiced, or anything has been done which is calculated to deceive, excepting the cutting or trimming of coats or hair, cases of necessary certified operations or the removal of dewclaws;
7. The lining membrane of the mouth has been cut or mutilated in any way.

7.9 Parades.

Dogs which have attained their championship points are debarred from exhibition in ordinary classes at Parades.

7.10 Bitches in Oestrus.

- a) Bitches in oestrus may be exhibited at Shows and Parades at the discretion of the affiliates concerned, but they may not compete in Trials.
- b) An officer shall be appointed by an affiliate conducting a Trial to examine bitches in accordance with this Rule.
- c) Clubs shall have the power to order the removal of any bitch in oestrus from the precincts of the Show or Trial.

7.11 Interference by exhibitors. (Amended 01.12.2010 & 14.12.2022)

No exhibit shall be handled in the show ring in such a manner that causes interference or nuisance to another exhibitor.

SEE – Regulation Part 6.9 (show) - Disabled Handlers are allowed assistance where necessary within the Ring. This assistance can include but not be limited to: assistance with handling, stacking, gaiting or placing a dog on or off the table in the show ring, or heel work in the Obedience or Rally Ring. Any assistance given must not disadvantage other exhibitors in any way.

SEE - Regulation Part 14 – “Use of motorised vehicles by exhibitors”.

Exhibitors who use motorise vehicles to exhibit their dogs must seek and be granted permission in writing from Dogs ACT Council to use these vehicles on the Dogs ACT grounds.

The exhibitor must advise the Affiliate holding the show or event, on entry to the show or event, that they are restricted to a wheel chair so that provisions can be made not to inconvenience other exhibitors.

7.12 Minimum Age of Exhibits. (Amended 09.07.2014)

1. The minimum age a dog can be exhibited is three (3) months for a show, trial or parade.
2. No dogs under the minimum age of three (3) months are permitted to attend the dog show or event areas during a show, trial or parade.

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7.13 Clubs Right to Reject Entries.

- a) The entry of exhibit/exhibitors may be rejected by the Show Committee without assigning any reason there for provided that the person making such application shall be notified of such rejection within a reasonable time thereafter.
- b) At the same time, the Affiliate shall notify the Dogs A.C.T Council in writing of each such rejection and shall state the reasons therefore.
- c) The Dogs A.C.T Council at its sole discretion may review each such rejection on appeal and if it so sees fit may direct the acceptance of such an application with or without amendment or reject the entry.