

To State Secretary's, Delegates, and relevant members

Re: ABC - TV Sheep Dog Series

In order to maintain uniformity in all states involving the selection criteria previously advised for this competition, the following guidelines are forwarded:

Could all States implement the scoring system on the following basis.

1. Only State resident handlers will attract points at their respective trials and these will be allocated from 6 points down to 1 point. That is, from the highest result gained down to the 6th highest result. In a trial nominated for a selection trial, where a dog and handler not resident in that state fills any of the first 6 placings, that dog is not to be awarded any points towards the selection for the ABC event.

Points in this and all selection events to be allocated on the 6,5,4,3,2,1 basis. This is to the highest placed followed by highest scoring State based dogs, in order of placings, to 6 positions in that event.

(This may require some one to keep these details from the selection trials as in some cases points will be awarded to dogs not filling official places in the trial.)

2. It has also been brought to attention that in some instances, especially in smaller States, people who wish to compete in this competition may need to judge one of the nominated trials.

So as not to disadvantage a competitor who judges one of these events in his own State, could you please implement the following procedure -

Where a competitor judges one of the selection trials in his State and so unable to work his dogs in the five trials, at the end of the 5 trial selection series, points for each of his individual dogs be added and divided by 4 to give him an average score per trial for each dog, this will be added to the points scored by that dog.

eg. Bill Smith's 'Toby' works in only 4 or less of the selection trials. Let's say 'Toby' has accumulated 10 points. Due to Bill judging one of the selection trials, the 10 points is divided $4 = 2\frac{1}{2}$, which then becomes his 'score' for the trial he judged and therefore couldn't compete in. (When added to the 10 points his total final score equals $12\frac{1}{2}$ points awarded for the competition.)

Please note this action is only in the case of a competitor judging one of the selection trials, and even if the competitor works in less than four of the selection events the score must still be divided by 4. In the event of the top placed dogs being on equal points at the end of the selection trials, the placings are to be decided by using a count back, ie. The dog with the most high placings will be the selected dog.

If you require any clarification or have any queries about the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

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